

**Meetings: briefings by the Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe**

<i>Meeting record and date</i>	<i>Sub-item</i>	<i>Other documents</i>	<i>Rule 37 invitations</i>	<i>Rule 39 and other invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Decisions and vote (for-against-abstaining)</i>
<a href="#">S/PV.8200</a> 8 March 2018					Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy	All Council Members, <sup>a</sup> Chairperson-in-Office of OSCE

<sup>a</sup> Sweden was represented by its Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs.

**Meetings: briefings by the President of the International Court of Justice**

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<a href="#">S/PV.8380</a> 24 October 2018 (closed)					President of the International Court of Justice	Council members, President of the International Court of Justice

### 33. Security Council mission

During the period under review, the Security Council dispatched the following three missions to the field: (a) Afghanistan; (b) Bangladesh and Myanmar; and (c) the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The missions were composed of representatives of all members of the Council. Further to the missions, the Council held three meetings under the item entitled “Security Council mission”, at which it heard briefings by the representatives of the Council members leading or co-leading the missions. More information on the meetings, including on participants and speakers, is given in the table below.<sup>522</sup>

During the missions, as reported during the briefings, Council members met with Government officials,<sup>523</sup> members of Parliament,<sup>524</sup> representatives of

political parties including, in some cases, the political opposition,<sup>525</sup> and civil society organizations,<sup>526</sup> including women’s non-governmental organizations.<sup>527</sup>

In Afghanistan and in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Council members had meetings with the leadership of the United Nations field missions, namely, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan<sup>528</sup> and the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.<sup>529</sup> In Afghanistan, Council members met also with the Chair of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission and representatives of electoral management bodies and the leadership of the Resolute Support Mission of the North Atlantic Treaty

<sup>522</sup> For more information on the composition and reports of the missions, see part VI, sect. II.A, “Security Council missions”.

<sup>523</sup> [S/PV.8158](#) (Afghanistan); [S/PV.8255](#) (Bangladesh and Myanmar); and [S/PV.8369](#) (Democratic Republic of the Congo).

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Organization.<sup>530</sup> In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Council members met with representatives of the Majorité présidentielle and the opposition, as well as with a group of women candidates and representatives of the Independent National Electoral Commission and the Episcopal Conference of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.<sup>531</sup> In Bangladesh, Council members travelled to Cox's Bazar, where they met with the United Nations country team and representatives of the Government and visited two refugee camps, including the Kutupalong refugee camp, the largest refugee camp in the world.<sup>532</sup> In Myanmar, Council members met with State

Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi, the Commander-in-Chief of the Myanmar Armed Forces, and the members of the Committee for the Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State.<sup>533</sup>

At the briefing on the mission to Bangladesh and Myanmar, held on 14 May 2018, in addition to the representatives of the Council members who led or co-led the mission, other members of the Council, as well as the representatives of Bangladesh and Myanmar, made statements.<sup>534</sup>

<sup>530</sup> [S/PV.8158](#). See also letter dated 6 August 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council ([S/2018/575](#)).

<sup>531</sup> [S/PV.8369](#).

<sup>532</sup> [S/PV.8255](#).

<sup>533</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>534</sup> *Ibid.*, pp. 2–3 (Kuwait), pp. 3–5 (Peru), p. 5–6 (United Kingdom), pp. 6–7 (China), pp. 7–8 (United States), pp. 8–10 (Sweden), pp. 10–11 (France), pp. 11–12 (Kazakhstan), pp. 12–13 (Equatorial Guinea), pp. 13–15 (Russian Federation), pp. 15–16 (Netherlands), p. 16 (Poland), pp. 16–19 (Myanmar) and pp. 19–20 (Bangladesh).

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<a href="#">S/PV.8158</a> 17 January 2018	Briefing by Security Council mission to Afghanistan (12 to 15 January 2018)	Letter dated 11 January 2018 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General ( <a href="#">S/2018/37</a> )  Report of the Security Council mission to Afghanistan ( <a href="#">S/2018/419</a> )		One Council member (Kazakhstan)
<a href="#">S/PV.8255</a> 14 May 2018	Briefing by Security Council mission to Bangladesh and Myanmar (28 April to 2 May 2018)	Letter dated 26 April 2018 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General ( <a href="#">S/2018/391</a> )  (Report not yet issued)	Bangladesh, Myanmar	Twelve Council members, <sup>a</sup> all invitees
<a href="#">S/PV.8369</a> 11 October 2018	Briefing by Security Council mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (5 to 7 October 2018)	Letter dated 3 October 2018 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General ( <a href="#">S/2018/890</a> )  Report of the Security Council mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo ( <a href="#">S/2018/1030</a> )		Three Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Equatorial Guinea, France)

<sup>a</sup> China, Equatorial Guinea, France, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Russian Federation, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States.

## 34. Items relating to non-proliferation

### A. Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction

During the period under review, the Security Council held two meetings, including one high-level meeting, in relation to the item entitled “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction”. Both meetings took the form of briefings.<sup>535</sup> More information on the meetings, including on participants, speakers and outcomes, is given in the table below.

On 18 January 2018, the Council held a high-level meeting under the sub-item entitled “Confidence-building measures”, further to a concept note circulated by Kazakhstan.<sup>536</sup> At that meeting, the Secretary-General noted that the threats posed by weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery were taking place in an environment of increasing military budgets and the over-accumulation of weapons, coupled with a serious growth in regional tensions. He added that, in such a geopolitical context, confidence-building measures that supported arms control, non-proliferation and the elimination of weapons of mass destruction were extremely important. In that context, he expressed his belief that the United Nations could play a central role in assisting Member States in developing, augmenting and supporting confidence-building measures. He added that such measures were not an end in themselves and that preventing, mitigating and resolving conflict required comprehensive political solutions, including verifiable disarmament and non-proliferation. He expressed his intention to explore opportunities to generate new direction and impetus for the global disarmament agenda. He further stressed that, going forward, the Security Council in particular could provide leadership by demonstrating unity and continuing to highlight the importance of dialogue and diplomacy as essential means for building confidence.<sup>537</sup> Following the Secretary-General’s briefing, speakers focused, among

other issues, on the strengthening of the non-proliferation regime, including the implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, as well as the recently adopted Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.<sup>538</sup>

On 12 April 2018, the Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) gave a briefing to the Council, focusing on the progress made by Member States in implementing the resolution, including the outcome of the 2016 comprehensive review, and in implementing resolution 2325 (2016), which had been subsequently adopted by the Council. He noted that a report on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) from all Member States remained one of the highest priorities for the Committee, together with the voluntary national action plans. He also provided an overview of the outreach activities undertaken by the Committee and of events that had been attended by members of the Committee and of the Group of Experts.<sup>539</sup> Speakers stressed the need for States to fully implement resolution 1540 (2004) and subsequent relevant resolutions, including the recently adopted resolution 2325 (2016). Also on 12 April 2018, the Chair of the Committee transmitted to the President of the Security Council its seventeenth programme of work for the period from 1 February 2018 to 31 January 2019, in accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution 2325 (2016).<sup>540</sup>

In 2018, the Council heard a briefing by the Chair of the Committee under a separate item of the agenda entitled “Briefings by Chairs of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council”.<sup>541</sup>

<sup>535</sup> For more information on the format of meetings, see part II, sect. I.

<sup>536</sup> S/2018/4, annex.

<sup>537</sup> S/PV.8160, pp. 3–4.

<sup>538</sup> The Treaty was adopted on 7 July 2017 and was opened for signature by the Secretary-General on 20 September 2017 (A/CONF.229/2017/8).

<sup>539</sup> S/PV.8230, pp. 2–4.

<sup>540</sup> S/2018/340.

<sup>541</sup> S/PV.8364 and S/PV.8428. For more details, see part I, sect. 32.