

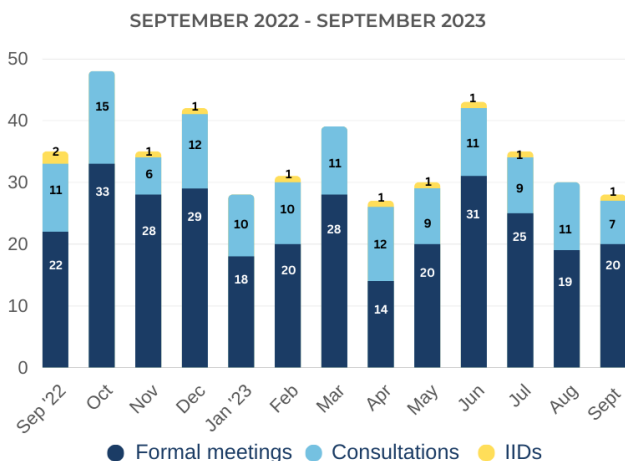
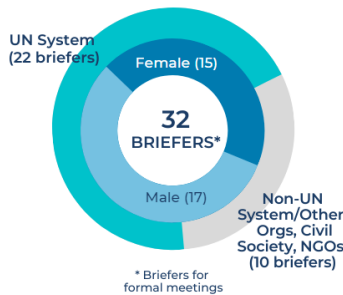
UN Security Council in Review

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September 2023 at a Glance



Under the **Presidency of Albania**, the Security Council held **two signature events**:

- An open debate on **Maintenance of international peace and security** (14 September), focused on **advancing public-private humanitarian partnership** (S/2023/631). The Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania presided over the meeting.
- A high-level open debate under the same item (20 and 21 September), focused on **upholding the purposes and principles of the UN Charter through effective multilateralism: maintenance of peace and security of Ukraine** (S/2023/653). The Prime Minister of Albania presided over the meeting and the Secretary-General provided a briefing.

Key Topics

Ukraine (8, 12, 20 and 26 September) was the most frequently discussed country- or region-specific item in open and closed discussions followed by the **Middle East** (7, 11 and 27 September) and **Sudan and South Sudan** (twice on 13, and on 15 September). Other country or region-specific items considered by the Council included: **Afghanistan, Armenia-Azerbaijan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Libya, Middle East including the Palestinian question** and **Somalia**. The Council also addressed the situation in **Somalia** under other matters (AOB).

In addition to the above, the Council held thematic meetings on **United Nations peacekeeping operations** (7 September), **Threats to international peace and security** (15 September), and **Maintenance of international peace and security** (28 September), focused on the situation of migrants in the Mediterranean Sea.

The Council also held closed consultations on **Non-proliferation/DPRK** (29 September).

On 21 September, Council members held a high-level **informal interactive dialogue** with the representatives of the **Arab Summit Troika** (Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Bahrain) and the Secretary-General of the **League of Arab States**. This was the second IID with the League of Arab States (the first one took place on 22 September 2021) further to presidential statement [S/PRST/2021/2](#).

Procedural notes

In September, for the second consecutive month, Council members did not agree on the adoption of the provisional programme of work at the beginning of the month, instead of which the President of the Council circulated an informal **“plan of work”** (see [previous monthly programmes](#)).

On 5 September, the Council held the annual open debate on its **working methods** (see [S/PV.9410](#) and [S/PV.9410 \(Resumption1\)](#)) under the item entitled “Implementation of the note by the President [S/2017/507](#)” ([S/2023/630](#)). During the meeting, the Council was briefed by the Permanent Representative of Albania in his capacity as **Chair of the Informal Working Group on Documentation and other Procedural Questions**.

On 5 September, the President of the Council submitted a **special report to the General Assembly** ([A/78/341](#)) further to **resolution 76/262 on the use of the veto** at the Council’s meeting held on 30 August (see [S/PV.9408](#)) in relation to the situation in **Mali**. The General Assembly discussed the special report on 11 September (see [A/78/PV.3](#)).

Decisions and press statements

In September, the Council adopted **three resolutions** and issued no **presidential statement**.

On 7 September, the Council unanimously adopted resolution [2696 \(2023\)](#), **authorizing the Federal Government of Somalia** to implement its proposal submitted to the Committee established pursuant to resolution [751 \(1992\)](#) for a **one-off exemption to the ban on the import and export of charcoal from Somalia**.

On 15 September, the Council unanimously adopted resolution [2697 \(2023\)](#), which taking into account the request from the Government of Iraq ([S/2023/654](#)), extended for one year only (until 17 September 2024) the mandate of the **Special Adviser and the Investigative Team to promote accountability for the crimes committed by Da’esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (UNITAD)**. On 29 September, the Council adopted, with one abstention, resolution [2698 \(2023\)](#), renewing the **authorization to intercept vessels off the Libyan coast suspected of migrant smuggling and human trafficking** (see [S/PV.9429](#)).

On 29 September, the Council issued **press statements** on **Yemen**, condemning the drone attack attributed to the Houthis at the southern border of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia ([SC/15430](#)), and **Pakistan**, condemning the terrorist attacks in Mastung, Balochistan province, and Hangu, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province ([SC/15431](#)).

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