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# September 2024 at a Glance



Under the **Presidency of Slovenia**, the Security Council held **one signature event:** 

• A high-level open debate on Maintenance of international peace and security (25 and 26 September), focused on leadership for peace: united in respect of the UN Charter, in search of a secure future (8/2024/662). The Prime Minister of Slovenia presided over the meeting and the Secretary-General provided a briefing.

• On 24 September, the Prime Minister of Slovenia presided over a briefing on Ukraine, in which the Secretary-General briefed the Council. On 25 and 27 September, the Deputy Prime Minister and Prime Minister of Slovenia respectively presided over highlevel briefings under the agenda item, "**The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question**", in which the Secretary-General briefed the Council.

## **Key Topics**

The Middle East, including the Palestinian question (4, 16, 19, 20 and 27 September) was the most frequently discussed country- or region-specific item in open and closed discussions followed by Sudan and South Sudan (5, twice on 11, 18 and 19 September), the Middle East (5, 12, 20 and 25 September) and Ukraine (10, 13 and 24 September). Other country or region-specific items considered by the Council included: Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti and Myanmar. The Council also addressed the situation in Venezuela (5 September ) under other matters (AOB).

In addition to the signature event, the Council held an open debate on 9 September on **United Nations peacekeeping operations**, which focused on **strengthening UN peacekeeping: reflections for the future** (S/2024/638). The Council also held a briefing on 30 September under the item entitled

"Maintenance of international peace and security" on the implementation of **resolution 2240 (2015)**, by which the Council authorized Member States to **inspect on vessels on the high seas off the coast of Libya** 

suspected of migrant smuggling or human trafficking. The Council also discussed its working methods in closed consultations (12 and 20 September) under other matters (AOB).

On 26 September, Council members held a high-level **informal interactive dialogue** on **cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States**, with the representatives of the **Arab Summit Troika** (Bahrain, Iraq and Saudi Arabia) and the Secretary-General of the **League of Arab States**. This was the Security Council's third 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**

On 6 September, the **Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions** held its third meeting of the year chaired by Japan.

The high-level open debate on **Maintenance of international peace and security**, held on 25 and 26 September, featured the participation of 62 Member States, invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure. A total of 56 delegations, including 14 Council members, were represented at the Head of Government or Head of State or ministerial levels at the meeting.

## Decisions and press statements

In September, the Council adopted two resolutions and issued one presidential statement.

On 11 September, under the agenda item entitled "Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan", the Council unanimously adopted resolution 2750(2024), under Chapter VII of the Charter, renewing the sanctions regime (assets freezes, travel ban, and an arms embargo) established pursuant to resolutions 1556(2004), 1591(2005) and 2035(2012), until 12 September 2025.

On 30 September, under the agenda item entitled "The question concerning Haiti", the Council unanimously adopted resolution 2751(2024), under Chapter VII of the Charter, renewing for one year the authorization for the Multinational Security Support Mission in Haiti.

On 25 September, at the outset of the high-level debate on leadership for peace, the Council issued a presidential statement (S/PRST/2024/5), recognizing the need for universal adherence to and implementation of international law obligations, including obligations arising from relevant Security Council resolutions.

On 5 and 20 September, the Council issued two **press statements** respectively on **Afghanistan**, condemning the terrorist attack that occurred in Kabul on 2 September, which was claimed by ISIL (Da'esh)-K and resulted in multiple people killed and many wounded (SC/15812), and on **Mali**, condemning the terrorist attacks in Bamako on 17 September, which was claimed by Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal Muslimin (JNIM), an Al Qaida-linked militant group. (SC/15829).

In a letter dated 30 September addressed to the Secretary-General (\$/2024/706), the members of the Security Council requested that the Senior Humanitarian and Reconstruction Coordinator continue reporting to the Council on the implementation of her mandate as stipulated in resolution 2720 (2023), for an additional six months, through 31 March 2025).

# Other activities

On 4 September, the Council Presidency hosted informal "sofa talks" with Council members with a view to gauge members' views toward Slovenia's signature event on "Leadership for Peace" (25-26 September).

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