

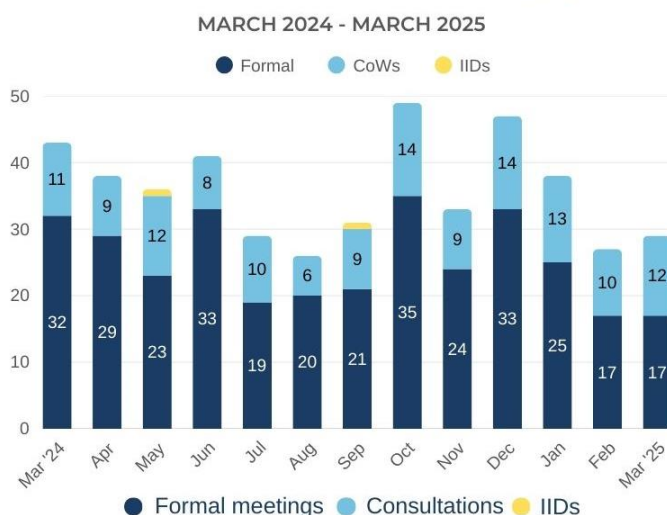
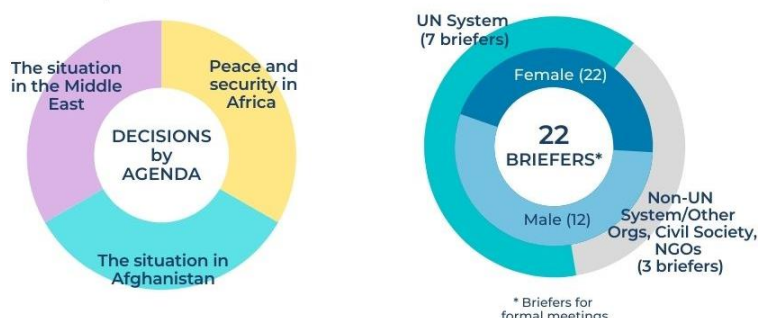
UN Security Council in Review

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March 2025 at a Glance



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

- A high-level open debate on Maintenance of international peace and security: **Advancing adaptability in UN Peace Operations – Responding to new realities** (24-25 March) (S/2025/141). The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark presided over the meeting and the Secretary-General briefed.

Key Topics

The Middle East (6, 7, 10, 14, 17, 19 and 25 March) and **the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question** (5, 18, 20, 21 and 28 March) were the most frequently considered country- or region-specific items in open and closed discussions, followed by **Afghanistan** (10 and 17 March), **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (6 and 21 March) and the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (11 and 27 March). Other country- or region-specific issues considered by the Council included **Peace and security in Africa**, **Sudan and South Sudan**, and **Ukraine**.

Under **thematic items**, the Council held meetings on the **Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations** in maintaining international peace and security (11 March), **Nonproliferation** (12 March), and the **Maintenance of international peace and security** (24-25 March).

Under **other matters** (AOB), Council members discussed the situation in **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (21 March) and **Moldova** (27 March).

Procedural notes

As of March 2025, the Council completed its annual review of the summary statement by the Secretary-General of **matters of which the Council is seized** ([S/2025/10/Add.9](#)).

The draft resolution ([S/2025/161](#)) of 17 March 2025 extending the mandate of the **United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA)** was submitted as a presidential text and co-sponsored by all Council members – the first time since 2021. See below for more information.

On 17 March, the Council issued two **Notes by the President** on the **Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan** ([S/2025/163](#) and [S/2025/164](#)) regarding amendments to the reporting period pertaining to resolutions [1591 \(2005\)](#) and [2046 \(2012\)](#).

Decisions and press statements

In March, the Council adopted **2 resolutions and 1 presidential statement** and issued **7 press statements**.

On 3 March, acting under Chapter VII of the Charter, the Council unanimously adopted **resolution 2776 (2025)** on the **Al-Shabaab sanctions regime** – specifically, the maritime interdiction authorization was extended until 13 December 2025 and the mandate of the **Panel of Experts** was renewed until 13 January 2026. The sanctions regime also comprises of an arms embargo, travel ban and assets freeze. The Council also requested the Secretary-General to submit by 1 November 2025, a technical assessment regarding the arms embargo targeting Al-Shabaab.

On 17 March, the Council unanimously adopted **resolution 2777 (2025)**, extending the mandate of the **United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA)** until 17 March 2026. The Council also requested that the Secretary-General report every three months on the situation in Afghanistan and on the implementation of UNAMA's mandate.

The Council adopted one **presidential statement** on 14 March regarding **“The situation in the Middle East (Syria)”** ([S/PRST/2025/4](#)) which strongly condemned the widespread violence perpetrated in the Syrian provinces of Latakia and Tartus since 6 March, the mass killings of civilians among the Alawite community, and attacks targeting civilian infrastructure. The Council called on all parties to immediately cease all violence and inflammatory activities, for the interim authorities to protect all Syrians, and for the implementation of an inclusive, Syrian-led and -owned political process, facilitated by the United Nations and based on the key principles listed in resolution [2254 \(2015\)](#).

The Council also issued seven **press statements** on: **Sudan** ([SC/16012](#)), the terrorist attack in **Pakistan** ([SC/16019](#)), the **UN Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA)** Detention, Abduction and Looting by Rapid Support Forces ([SC/16022](#)), the attack against the **United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)** ([SC/16026](#)), the terrorist attack in **Niger** ([SC/16032](#)), recent developments in **Bosnia and Herzegovina** ([SC/16033](#)) and the attack against United Nations **Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Central African Republic (MINUSCA)** ([SC/16034](#)).

Other activities

On 18 March, Denmark, Pakistan and the Republic of Korea held an informal roundtable on “Evolving Thinking Around the Future of **UN Peace Operations**” as part of their “Peacekeeping Trio Initiative”, an initiative in which each Council member would convene meetings focused on UN peacekeeping during their respective Council presidencies in July and September of this year. This was also announced during the high-level open debate ([S/PV.9884](#)) of 24 March by Denmark.

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