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I. Letters from the President of the Council addressed to the permanent representatives of the Security Council concerning its working methods

Date	Symbol	Title	Presidency
5 January 2021	S/2021/18	Letter dated 5 January 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council	Tunisia
3 February 2021	S/2021/106	Letter dated 3 February 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council	United Kingdom
9 March 2021	S/2021/245	Letter dated 9 March 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council	United States
1 April 2021	S/2021/326	Letter dated 1 April 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council	Viet Nam
3 May 2021	S/2021/428	Letter dated 3 May 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council	China
1 June 2021	S/2021/524	Letter dated 1 June 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council	Estonia
3 August 2021	S/2021/703	Letter dated 3 August 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council	India
3 September 2021	S/2021/776	Letter dated 2 November 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council	Ireland
5 October 2021	S/2021/848	Letter dated 5 October 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council	Kenya
10 November 2021	S/2021/939	Letter dated 10 November 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council	Mexico
6 December 2021	S/2021/1013	Letter dated 6 December 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council	Niger

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II. High-level meetings and videoconferences in 2021

Agenda Item	Date	Meeting/ VTC record	High-level participation
1 Maintenance of international peace and security	6 January 2021	S/2021/24	<p>Head of State and Government Level: Kenya (President), Niger (President), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs), Tunisia (President).</p> <p>Ministerial Level: France (Minister of State for Tourism), India (Foreign Secretary), Ireland (Minister of State for the Department of the Taoiseach and the Department of Foreign Affairs), Mexico (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Norway (Minister for Foreign Affairs), United Kingdom (Minister of State for the Middle East and North Africa), Viet Nam (Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs)</p>
2 Threats to international peace and security	12 January 2021	S/2021/48	<p>Ministerial Level: Estonia (Minister of Defence), India (Minister for External Affairs), Ireland (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence), Kenya (Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs), Norway (Minister of Justice and Public Security), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Minister of State with responsibility for Foreign Affairs), Tunisia (Minister for Foreign Affairs), United Kingdom (Minister of State for the Middle East and North Africa)</p>
3 The situation in the Middle East	26 January 2021	S/2021/91	<p>Head of State or Government Level: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs).</p> <p>Ministerial Level: Estonia (Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs), Ireland (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence), Mexico (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Norway (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Russian Federation (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Tunisia (Minister of State for Foreign Affairs)</p>
4 Maintenance of international peace and security	17 February 2021	S/2021/157	<p>Head of State or Government Level: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Prime Minister).</p> <p>Ministerial Level: China (State Councillor and Minister for Foreign Affairs), Estonia (Minister for Foreign Affairs), France (Minister Delegate for Foreign Trade and Economic Attractiveness), India (Minister for External Affairs), Ireland (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence), Kenya (Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs), Mexico (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Norway (Minister for foreign Affairs), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Prime Minister), Tunisia (Minister for Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians Abroad), United Kingdom (Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs), United States (Secretary of State), Viet Nam (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs)</p>
5 Maintenance of international peace and security	23 February 2021	S/2021/198	<p>Head of State or Government Level: Estonia (Prime Minister), France (President), Kenya (President), Niger (Prime Minister), Norway (Prime Minister), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs), Tunisia (President), United Kingdom (Prime Minister), Viet Nam (Prime Minister).</p> <p>Ministerial Level: China (Special Envoy for Climate Change), India (Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change), Ireland (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence), Mexico (Minister for Foreign Affairs), United States (Special Presidential Envoy for Climate)</p>

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6	Maintenance of international peace and security	11 March 2021	S/2021/250	Ministerial Level: Estonia (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Ireland (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence), Kenya (Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs), Norway (Minister for International Development), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Minister for Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry and Labour), United Kingdom (Minister of State for the Commonwealth, the United Nations and South Asia), United States (Permanent Representative and Member of President's Cabinet)
7	The situation in the Middle East	29 March 2021	S/2021/315	Ministerial Level: Estonia (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Ireland (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence), Norway (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Russian Federation (Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs), Tunisia (Minister for Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians Abroad), United States (Secretary of State)
8	Maintenance of international peace and security	8 April 2021	S/2021/346	Ministerial Level: Estonia (Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs), India (Vice-Minister and Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs), Ireland (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence), Kenya (Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs), Norway (Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade), Tunisia (Minister for Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians Abroad), United States (Permanent Representative and Member of President's Cabinet), Viet Nam (Minister of Foreign Affairs)
9	Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security	19 April 2021	S/2021/394	Head of State or Government Level: Estonia (President), Kenya (President), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs), Viet Nam (President). Ministerial Level: China (Special Representative of the President, State Councillor and Minister for Foreign Affairs), India (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Ireland (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence), Mexico (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Norway (Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs), Tunisia (Minister for Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians Abroad), United Kingdom (Minister of State for the Commonwealth, the United Nations and South Asia), United States (Permanent Representative and Member of President's Cabinet)
10	Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict	27 April 2021	S/2021/415	Ministerial Level: Estonia (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Ireland (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence), Norway (Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs), Russian Federation (Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Minister of State with responsibility for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade), United States (Permanent Representative and Member of President's Cabinet), Viet Nam (Minister of Foreign Affairs)

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11 Maintenance of international peace and security	7 May 2021	S/2021/456	Head of State or Government Level: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs), Ministerial Level: China (State Councillor and Minister for Foreign Affairs), Estonia (Minister for Foreign Affairs), France (Minister of State for Tourism, French Nationals Abroad and Francophonie), India (Foreign Secretary), Ireland (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence), Kenya (Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs), Mexico (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Niger (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation), Norway (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Russian Federation (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Tunisia (Minister for Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians Abroad), United Kingdom (Minister of State for the Commonwealth, the United Nations and South Asia), United States (Secretary of State), Viet Nam (Minister for Foreign Affairs)
12 The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question	16 May 2021	S/2021/480	Ministerial Level: China (State Councilor and Minister for Foreign Affairs), Ireland (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence), Norway (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Russian Federation (Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs), Tunisia (Minister for Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians Abroad), United States (Permanent Representative and Member of the President's Cabinet)
13 Peace and security in Africa	19 May 2021	S/2021/490	Ministerial Level: China (State Councillor and Minister for Foreign Affairs), Estonia (Minister for Foreign Affairs), France (Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs), India (Minister for External Affairs), Ireland (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence), Kenya (Cabinet Secretary for Health), Norway (Minister of International Development), Tunisia (Minister for Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians Abroad), United Kingdom (Minister for Africa at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office), United States (Permanent Representative and Member of the President's Cabinet), Viet Nam (Minister for Foreign Affairs)
14 The situation in Afghanistan	22 June 2021	S/2021/601	Ministerial Level: Estonia (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Ireland (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence), India (Minister for External Affairs), Norway (Deputy Foreign Minister for Foreign Affairs), United Kingdom (Minister of State for the Commonwealth, the United Nations and South Asia), United States (Permanent Representative and Member of the President's Cabinet)
15 Children and Armed Conflict	28 June 2021	S/2021/617	Head of State or Government Level: Estonia (President), Niger (President), Ireland (President). Ministerial Level: Norway (Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Minister of State with responsibility for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade), India (Foreign Secretary), United Kingdom (Minister of State at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office), United States (Permanent Representative and Member of the President's Cabinet), Viet Nam (Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs)

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16 The situation in Libya	15 July 2021	8820	Ministerial Level: France (Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs), Kenya (Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs), India (Foreign Secretary), Tunisia (Minister for Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians Abroad), United States (Permanent Representative of the United States and Member of the President's Cabinet)
17 Protection of civilians in armed conflict	16 July 2021	8822	Ministerial Level: France (Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs), Kenya (Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs), India (Foreign Secretary), Mexico (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Tunisia (Minister for Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians Abroad), United States (Permanent Representative of the United States and Member of the President's Cabinet)
18 Maintenance of international peace and security	9 August 2021	S/2021/722	Head of State or Government Level: India (Prime Minister), Russian Federation (President), Kenya (President), Viet Nam (Prime Minister), Niger (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation). Ministerial Level: United States (Secretary of State), France (Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs), Estonia (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Norway (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mexico ((Minister for Foreign Affairs), United Kingdom (Secretary of State for Defence), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Minister of Finance and Economic Planning), Ireland (Minister for Transport and Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications)
19 United Nations peacekeeping operations	18 August 2021	8838	Ministerial Level: Estonia (Minister for Foreign Affairs), India (Minister for External Affairs), United States (Permanent Representative of the United States and Member of the President's Cabinet)
20 Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts	19 August 2021	8839	Ministerial Level: India (Minister for External Affairs), United States (Permanent Representative of the United States and Member of the President's Cabinet)
21 Maintenance of international peace and security: climate security	23 September 2021	8864	Head of State or Government Level: Ireland (Minister of State for the Department of the Taoiseach and the Department of Foreign Affairs), Viet Nam (President), Estonia (President). Ministerial Level: Niger (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation), United States (Secretary of State), France (Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs), Mexico (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Norway (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Kenya (Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs), Tunisia (Minister for Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians Abroad), United Kingdom (Minister of State for the Commonwealth and Development, the United Nations and South Asia), India (Vice Minister, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs)
22 Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction	27 September 2021	8865	Ministerial Level: Ireland (Minister of State for European Affairs), Estonia (Deputy Foreign Minister), India (Foreign Secretary)

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23 Peacebuilding and sustaining peace	12 October 2021	8877	Head of State or Government Level: Kenya (President). Ministerial Level: United States (Permanent Representative and Member of the President's Cabinet), India (Minister of State for External Affairs and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs)
24 The situation in the Great Lakes region	20 October 2021	8884	Ministerial Level: Kenya (Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Kenya), Ireland (Minister of State for Overseas Development Aid and Diaspora)
25 Women and peace and security	21 October 2021	8886	Ministerial Level: Kenya (Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Kenya), United States (Permanent Representative and Member of the President's Cabinet), United Kingdom (Minister of State at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and the Prime Minister's Special Representative for Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Ireland (Minister of State for Overseas Development Aid and Diaspora)
26 Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security: African Union	28 October 2021	S/2021/941	Head of State or Government Level: Kenya (President), Tunisia (President), Viet Nam (President), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, National Security, Legal Affairs and Information), Norway (Prime Minister). Ministerial Level: India (Minister for External Affairs), Ireland (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence), United Kingdom (Minister for Africa at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office), Estonia (Deputy Foreign Minister)
27 Maintenance of international peace and security	9 November 2021	8900	Head of State or Government Level: Mexico (President). Ministerial Level: Estonia (Minister for Foreign Affairs), United States (Permanent Representative of the United States and Member of President Biden's Cabinet), India (Minister of State for External Affairs)
28 Small Arms	22 November 2021	8909	Ministerial Level: Mexico (Secretary of Foreign Affairs); India (Minister of State for External Affairs Secretary)
29 Maintenance of international peace and security	9 December 2021	8923	Head of State or Government Level: Niger (President), Estonia (President) Ministerial Level: United States (Permanent Representative and Member of President's Cabinet)

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III. Informal interactive dialogues in 2021

	Topic	Date	Called by	President
1	The situation in Somalia - Electoral developments in Somalia (VTC)	20 January 2021	United Kingdom	Tunisia
2	Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan - Darfur (VTC)	14 April 2021	United Kingdom	Viet Nam
3	The situation in Somalia - UNSOM (VTC)	20 April 2021	United Kingdom	Viet Nam
4	The situation in Libya (in-person)	29 April 2021	A3+1 (Kenya, Niger, Tunisia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)	Viet Nam
5	The situation in Libya (Operation Irini) (VTC)	28 May 2021		China
6	Peace and security in Africa - Ethiopia/Tigray (in-person)	15 June 2021	Ireland	Estonia
7	Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security - First annual high-level meeting with LAS Troika (Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia) as mandated in S/PRST/2021/2 (in-person)	22 September 2021	Tunisia	Ireland

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IV. Arria-formula meetings in 2021

	Topic	Date	Organizer(s)	Webcast link
1	Belarus - Media Freedom in Belarus (VTC)	22 January 2021	Estonia, France, Ireland, Norway, United Kingdom, United States	YouTube Live Stream
2	Children and armed conflict - Repatriation of children from conflict zones: from camps to homes (VTC)	29 January 2021	Russian Federation	YouTube Live Stream
3	Maintenance of international peace and security - Upholding the collective security system of the UN Charter (VTC)	24 February 2021	Mexico	Webcast
4	Women and Peace and security - Call to lead by example: ensuring the full, equal and meaningful participation of women in UN-led peace process (VTC)	8 March 2021	Ireland, Estonia, Ireland, Kenya, Niger, Norway, Mexico, Tunisia, United States	Webcast
5	The situation in Crimea (VTC)	12 March 2021	Belgium, Dominican Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Niger, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia, United Kingdom, Vietnam	Webcast
6	The situation in Crimea - Follow-up to the Arria-formula discussion of March 12, 2021 on the Situation in Crimea (VTC)	17 March 2021	Russian Federation	Webcast
7	Protection of civilians in armed conflict - Religion, Belief and Conflict: the protection of members of religious and belief groups in conflict and religious actors in conflict resolution (VTC)	19 March 2021	Estonia, Norway, United States, United Kingdom	Webcast
8	United Nations peacekeeping operations - Protecting the peacekeeper: suppressing the deployment of improvised explosive devices against peace operations (VTC)	26 March 2021	China, Estonia, France, Ireland, Kenya, Niger, Norway, Mexico, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia, United Kingdom, United States, Viet Nam	Webcast
9	The situation in Myanmar - Military crackdown on protests against the coup (VTC)	9 April 2021	United Kingdom	Webcast

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Topic	Date	Organizer(s)	Webcast link
10 Protection of Developing Nations Against Political Pressure: Upholding the Integrity of International Non-Proliferation Regimes (VTC)	16 April 2021	Russian Federation	Webcast
11 Odessa 7 years after: neo-Nazism and violent nationalism as drivers of conflict in Ukraine (VTC)	5 May 2021	Russian Federation	Webcast
12 Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on violations against children in situations of armed conflict (VTC)	7 May 2021	Estonia, France, Ireland, Kenya, Niger, Norway, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia, United Kingdom, United States, and Viet Nam, and Belgium, Canada, Germany, and Sweden, Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict	Webcast
13 Delivering Accountability through Innovation and Partnership: Harnessing Technology to deliver justice for war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide (in-person)	12 May 2021	United Kingdom, United States, Iraq, Netherlands, United Arab Emirates	Webcast
14 Impact of Emerging Technologies on International Peace and Security (VTC)	17 May 2021	China, Kenya, Mexico, Egypt, South Africa, United Arab Emirates	Webcast
15 The circumstances of Maidan and its aftereffects in Donbass (VTC)	2 June 2021	Russian Federation	Webcast
16 The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on international efforts to prevent and counter terrorism and violent extremism (VTC)	2 June 2021	Niger, Estonia, France, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico, Norway, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia, the UK, the US, Viet Nam, Chad, Mauritania, the AU and the EU	Webcast
17 The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on international efforts to prevent and counter terrorism and violent extremism (VTC)	16 June 2021	Tunisia	Not available
18 Addressing the impact of the departure of foreign fighters and mercenaries from Libya on the Sahel region (VTC)	18 June 2021	A3+1 (Kenya, Niger, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Tunisia), African Union, Chad (as Chair of G5 Sahel), Libya and Sudan	Webcast

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Topic	Date	Organizer(s)	Webcast link
19 Preventing terrorism and violent extremism through tackling gender stereotypes, masculinities, and structural gender inequality (VTC)	28 June 2021	Mexico, Estonia, Norway, United Kingdom, United States	Webcast
20 Myanmar: Crisis, conflict and COVID – where are we now? (VTC)	29 July 2021	United Kingdom	Webcast
21 Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts Overcoming challenges in situations of armed conflict and counter-terrorism operations (VTC)	11 August 2021	Kenya	Webcast
22 Small arms: The threat to international peace and security posed by the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons (VTC)	16 September 2021	Mexico	Webcast
23 The situation in Belarus (VTC)	11 August 2021	Estonia and France, Ireland, Norway, United Kingdom, United States, with additional co-sponsors Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine	Webcast
24 Beyond the inconvenient truths about underdevelopment in Haiti: seeking pan-African solutions/pathways and supporting national dialogue and reconciliation (VTC)	15 October 2021	A3 + 1 (Kenya, Niger, Tunisia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)	Webcast
25 Sea-level rise and implications for international peace and security (in-person)	18 October 2021	Viet Nam, co-hosted by Estonia, France, Ireland, Kenya, Niger, Norway, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Tunisia, United Kingdom and United States, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Germany, Guyana, Malta, Mauritius, Netherlands, Romania, Saint Lucia and Tuvalu	Webcast

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Topic	Date	Organizer(s)	Webcast link
26 Addressing and Countering Hate Speech and Preventing Incitement to Discrimination, Hostility, and Violence on Social Media (VTC)	28 October 2021	Kenya and the UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect	Closed
27 Closing the Protection Gap for Widows in Conflict and Post-Conflict Settings (VTC)	15 November 2021	Niger, the African Union, and European Union, as co-Chairs of the Group of Friends of Women of the Sahel, jointly with Estonia, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico, Norway, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia and Vietnam	Webcast
28 Accountability in the Syrian Arab Republic (in-person)	29 November 2021	Estonia, France, the United Kingdom, and the United States, jointly with non-Council members Belgium, Canada, Germany, Georgia, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, Qatar, Sweden, and Turkey	Webcast
29 Addressing challenges of children without parental care in conflict settings	3 December 2021	Viet Nam, Niger, Norway, Russia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the United States and Malta	Webcast
30 Protection of education in conflict (in-person)	6 December 2021	Niger, Norway	Webcast
31 Preventing Civilian Impact of Malicious Cyber Activities (VTC)	20 December 2021	Estonia, the United Kingdom	Closed
32 Situation with National Minorities and Glorification of Nazism in Baltic and Black Sea Regions (VTC)	22 December 2021	Russian Federation	Webcast

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V. Agenda items discussed at Council meetings (public and private) in 2021

Country-specific/regional agenda items

Formal agenda item	Short description
1 The situation in Afghanistan	Afghanistan
2 The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bosnia and Herzegovina
3 Central African region	Central African region
4 The situation in the Central African Republic	Central African Republic
5 Identical letters dated 19 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (S/2016/53)	Colombia
6 The situation in Cyprus	Cyprus
7 The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of Congo	Democratic Republic of the Congo
8 The situation in the Great Lakes region	Great Lakes
9 The question concerning Haiti	Haiti
10 The situation concerning Iraq	Iraq
11 Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998) , 1199 (1998) , 1203 (1998) , 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)	Kosovo ¹
12 The situation in Libya	Libya
13 The situation in Mali	Mali
14 The situation in the Middle East	Middle East
15 The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question	Middle East, incl. Palestinian question
16 The situation in Myanmar	Myanmar
17 Peace and security in Africa	Peace and security in Africa

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Formal agenda item	Short description
18 Peace consolidation in West Africa	Peace consolidation in West Africa
19 The situation in Somalia	Somalia
20 Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan/South Sudan	Sudan/South Sudan
21 The situation concerning Western Sahara	Western Sahara

¹ Under Security Council resolution [1244 \(1999\)](#).

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Thematic and other agenda items

Formal agenda item	Short description
1 Briefings by Chairs of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council	Briefing by Chairs of subsidiary bodies
2 Briefing by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	Briefing by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
3 Children and armed conflict	Children and armed conflict
4 Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security	Cooperation with regional/subregional organizations
5 Implementation of the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2010/507)	Working methods of the Security Council
6 Election of a member of the International Court of Justice	Election of a member of the ICJ
7 International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals	International Residual Mechanism
8 Maintenance of international peace and security	Maintenance of international peace and security
9 Non-proliferation	Non-proliferation
10 Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-and police-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001) , annex II, sections A and B	P/TCC meetings
11 Peacebuilding and sustaining peace	Peacebuilding and sustaining peace
12 Protection of civilians in armed conflict	Protection of civilians in armed conflict
13 Recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations	Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations
14 Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly	Security Council report to the GA
15 Security Council mission	Security Council mission
16 Small arms	Small arms
17 Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts	Terrorist acts
18 Threats to international peace and security	Threats to international peace and security
19 Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction	Weapons of mass destruction
20 United Nations peacekeeping operations	United Nations peacekeeping operations
21 Women and peace and security	Women and peace and security

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V. Agenda items discussed at open videoconferences (VTCs) in 2021

Country-specific/regional agenda items

Formal agenda item	Short description
1 The situation in Afghanistan	Afghanistan
2 The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bosnia and Herzegovina
3 The situation in the Central African Republic	Central African Republic
4 Identical letters dated 19 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (S/2016/53)	Colombia
5 The situation in Cyprus	Cyprus
6 The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo	Democratic Republic of the Congo
7 The situation in the Great Lakes region	Great Lakes
8 The question concerning Haiti	Haiti
9 The situation concerning Iraq	Iraq
10 Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998) , 1199 (1998) , 1203 (1998) , 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)	Kosovo ¹
11 The situation in Libya	Libya
12 The situation in Mali	Mali
13 The situation in the Middle East	Middle East
14 The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question	Middle East, incl. Palestinian question
15 The situation in Myanmar	Myanmar
16 Non-proliferation/DPRK	Non-proliferation/DPRK
17 Peace and security in Africa	Peace and security in Africa
18 Peace consolidation in West Africa	Peace consolidation in West Africa
19 The situation in Somalia	Somalia

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Formal agenda item	Short description
20 Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan/South Sudan	Sudan/South Sudan
21 Letter dated 13 April 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/264)	Ukraine

¹ Under Security Council resolution [1244 \(1999\)](#).

Thematic and other agenda items

Formal agenda item	Short description
1 Briefing by the Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe	Briefing by the Chairperson-in-Office of OSCE
2 Children and armed conflict	Children and armed conflict
3 Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security	Cooperation with regional/subregional organizations
4 Maintenance of international peace and security	Maintenance of international peace and security
5 Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction	Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction
6 Protection of civilians in armed conflict	Protection of civilians in armed conflict
7 Threats to international peace and security	Threats to international peace and security
8 Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts	Terrorist acts
9 United Nations peacekeeping operations	United Nations peacekeeping operations
10 Women and peace and security	Women and peace and security

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VI. Draft resolutions not adopted in 2021

Agenda	Draft resolution	Meeting/VTC announcement	Date	Votes in favour	Votes against	Abstention
The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina	S/2021/667	8823	22 July 2021	2 (China, Russian Federation)	None	13 (Estonia, France, India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico, Niger, Norway, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia, United Kingdom, United States, Viet Nam)
Maintenance of international peace and security	S/2021/990	8926	13 December 2021	12 (Estonia, France, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico, Niger, Norway, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Viet Nam)	2 (India, Russian Federation)	1 (China)

VII. Resolutions adopted under Chapter VII in 2021

	Resolution and vote (for-against-abstaining)	Date	Agenda (short description)
1	S/RES/2562 (2021) (15-0-0)	11 February 2021	Sudan/South Sudan
2	S/RES/2563 (2021) (15-0-0)	25 February 2021	Somalia
3	S/RES/2564 (2021) (14-0-1)	25 February 2021	Middle East
4	S/RES/2566 (2021) (14-0-1)	12 March 2021	Central African Republic
5	S/RES/2567 (2021) (15-0-0)	12 March 2021	Sudan/South Sudan

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	Resolution and vote (for-against-abstaining)	Date	Agenda (short description)
6	S/RES/2568 (2021) (15-0-0)	12 March 2021	Somalia
7	S/RES/2569 (2021) (15-0-0)	26 March 2021	Non-proliferation/DPRK
8	S/RES/2571 (2021) (15-0-0)	16 April /2021	Libya
9	S/RES/2572 (2021) (15-0-0)	22 April 2021	Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction
10	S/RES/2575 (2021) (12-0-3)	11 May 2021	Sudan/South Sudan
11	S/RES/2577 (2021) (13-0-2)	28 May 2021	Sudan/South Sudan
12	S/RES/2578 (2021) (13-0-2)	3 June 2021	Libya
13	S/RES/2582 (2021) (15-0-0)	29 June 2021	Democratic Republic of the Congo
14	S/RES/2584 (2021) (15-0-0)	29 June 2021	Mali
15	S/RES/2588 (2021) (14-0-1)	29 July 2021	Central African Republic
16	S/RES/2590 (2021) (15-0-0)	30 August 2021	Mali
17	S/RES/2598 (2021) (15-0-0)	29 September 2021	Maintenance of international peace and security
18	S/RES/2604 (2021) (13-0-2)	3 November 2021	Bosnia and Herzegovina
19	S/RES/2605 (2021) (15-0-0)	12 November 2021	Central African Republic
20	S/RES/2607 (2021) (13-0-2)	15 November 2021	Somalia
21	S/RES/2608 (2021) (15-0-0)	3 December 2021	Somalia
22	S/RES/2609 (2021) (15-0-0)	15 December 2021	Sudan and South Sudan
23	S/RES/2610 (2021) (15-0-0)	17 December 2021	Terrorist acts
24	S/RES/2611 (2021) (15-0-0)	17 December 2021	Terrorist acts
25	S/RES/2612 (2021) (15-0-0)	20 December 2021	Democratic Republic of the Congo
26	S/RES/2614 (2021) (15-0-0)	21 December 2021	Somalia
27	S/RES/2615 (2021) (15-0-0)	22 December 2021	Terrorist acts

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VIII. Revisions in authorized uniformed personnel strength in peacekeeping missions in 2021

Mission	Authorized Uniformed Personnel	Resolution
United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA)	"Decides to increase the authorized size of MINUSCA's military component by 2,750 and to increase the authorized size of MINUSCA's police component by 940, from the current levels authorized in paragraph 27 of resolution 2552 (2020)" (para. 1)	Resolution 2566 (2021)
United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA)	"Decides to reduce the authorized troop ceiling to 3,250 until 15 May 2022 and expresses its intention to keep under review the recommendations in the 17 September 2021 letter of the Secretary-General (S/2021/805)" (para. 4)	Resolution 2609 (2021)
United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO)	"Decides that MONUSCO's authorised troop ceiling will comprise 13,500 military personnel, 660 military observers and staff officers, 591 police personnel, and 1,050 personnel of formed police units, and continues to agree to a temporary deployment of up to 360 personnel of formed police units provided they are deployed in replacement of military personnel, as proposed by the Secretary-General in his report S/2019/905, and invites the Secretariat to consider further reduction of MONUSCO's level of military deployment and area of operations based on the positive evolution of the situation on the ground, in particular in the regions where the threat posed by armed groups is no longer significant, in line with the joint strategy on the progressive and phased drawdown of MONUSCO (S/2020/1041)" (para. 23)	Resolution 2612 (2021)

IX. UN peacekeeping operations, political missions, peacebuilding offices, and panel/group of experts mandate cycle extensions, new establishment and termination in 2021

Month	Organ	Type	Resolution
January			
1	UNFICYP (Cyprus)	Peacekeeping operation	2561 (2021) – 6 months (extension)

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Month	Organ	Type	Resolution
February			
1	Panel of Experts on the Sudan	Panel/group of experts	2562 (2021) – 13 months (extension)
2	Panel of Experts on Yemen	Panel/group of experts	2564 (2021) – 13 months (extension)
March			
1	UNMISS (South Sudan)	Peacekeeping operation	2567 (2021) – 12 months (extension)
2	Panel of Experts on Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Panel/group of experts	2569 (2021) – 13 months (extension)
April			
1	Panel of Experts on Libya	Panel/group of experts	2571 (2021) – 15 months (extension)
May			
1	Verification mission in Colombia	Special political mission	2574 (2021) – 6 months (extension)
2	UNISFA (Abyei)	Peacekeeping operation	2575 (2021) – 6 months (extension)
3	UNAMI (Iraq)	Special political mission	2576 (2021) – 12 months (extension)
4	Panel of Experts on South Sudan	Panel/group of experts	2577 (2021) – 13 months (extension)
June			
1	UNITAMS (Sudan)	Special political mission	2579 (2021) – 12 months (extension)
2	UNDOF (Golan Heights)	Peacekeeping operation	2581 (2021) – 6 months (extension)
3	Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	Panel/group of experts	2582 (2021) – 13 months (extension)
4	MINUSMA (Mali)	Peacekeeping operation	2584 (2021) – 12 months (extension)
July			
1	UNMHA (Hodeidah)	Special political mission	2586 (2021) – 12 months (extension)
2	UNFICYP (Cyprus)	Peacekeeping operation	2587 (2021) – 6 months (extension)
3	Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic	Panel/group of experts	2588 (2021) – 12 months (extension)
August			
1	UNOCA (Central Africa)	Special political mission	S/2021/719 – 3 years (extension)
2	Panel of Experts on Mali	Panel/group of experts	2590 (2021) – 12 months (extension)
3	UNIFIL (Lebanon)	Peacekeeping operation	2591 (2021) – 12 months (extension)
4	UNSOM (Somalia)	Special political mission	2592 (2021) – 12 months (extension)

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Month	Organ	Type	Resolution
September			
1	UNSMIL (Libya)	Special political mission	2595 (2021) – 15 months (extension)
2	UNAMA (Afghanistan)	Special political mission	2596 (2021) – 6 months (extension)
3	Investigative Team for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)	Panel/group of experts	2597 (2021) – 12 months (extension)
4	UNSMIL (Libya)	Special political mission	2599 (2021) – 4 months (extension)
October			
1	BINUH (Haiti)	Special political mission	2600 (2021) – 9 months (extension)
2	MINURSO (Western Sahara)	Peacekeeping operation	2602 (2021) – 12 months (extension)
3	Verification mission in Colombia	Special political mission	2603 (2021) – 12 months (extension)
November			
1	MINUSCA (CAR)	Peacekeeping operation	2605 (2021) – 12 months (extension)
2	UNSIFA (Abyei)	Peacekeeping operation	2606 (2021) – 1 month (extension)
3	Panel of Experts (Somalia)	Panel/group of experts	2607 (2021) – 13 months (extension)
December			
1	UNISFA (Abyei)	Peacekeeping operation	2609 (2021) – 5 months (extension)
2	Office of the Ombudsperson	Office of the Ombudsperson	2610 (2021) – 30 months (extension)
3	Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban	Monitoring Team	2611 (2021) – 12 months (extension)
4	MONUSCO (Democratic Republic of the Congo)	Peacekeeping operation	2612 (2021) – 12 months (extension)
5	UNDOF (Golan Heights)	Peacekeeping operation	2613 (2021) – 6 months (extension)
6	CTED (Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate)	Special political mission	2617 (2021) – 4 years (extension)