## **Chapter VIII**

Consideration of questions under the responsibility of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security

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## **Introductory note**

Chapter VIII of the *Repertoire* focuses on the substance of each of the questions included in the agenda of the Security Council that relate to its responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. Examining the entire chain of proceedings of the Council on each agenda item gives an overall sense of their political context.<sup>1</sup> The range of agenda items covers broadly those that may be deemed to fall under Chapters VI and VII of the Charter.

The overview of the proceedings of the Council provided in chapter VIII of the *Repertoire* constitutes a framework within which the procedural developments recorded in chapters I to VII and legal and constitutional discussions recorded in chapters X to XII may be considered. Chapter VIII also examines the substantive aspects of the Council's practice that are not covered in other chapters of the *Repertoire*.

The agenda items are grouped by region, for ease of reference, with an additional category of thematic issues. Within each region, items are listed in the order in which they were first included in the agenda of the Council.

Generally, individual sections cover all proceedings relating to a specific agenda item. In exceptional cases, in order to improve the coherence of the text, related agenda items have been grouped together, under a heading reading "Items relating to …". When the Council includes a new item in its agenda, the section covering its first consideration bears the heading "Initial proceedings".

Each section is organized around the decisions taken by the Council on each agenda item. All of the meetings leading up to a decision are included under the heading for that decision. Decisions relating to the subject matter of chapters I to VII of the *Repertoire* are, with certain exceptions, omitted as not relevant to the purpose of this chapter. Affirmative decisions are included under a heading that indicates the form of the decision: a resolution, presidential statement or letter from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General. Proposals not adopted are entered under a heading indicative of the origin of the proposal or draft resolution. Affirmative decisions have been reproduced in full, while proposals not adopted are indicated in summarized form. If there has been a discussion concerning the application of the relevant parts of the draft resolution will in most instances be found in chapters X to XII.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* covers formal meetings and documents of the Security Council. Some of the questions considered in this chapter have also been discussed in informal consultations among the members of the Council.