

## Introduction

The present publication constitutes the nineteenth supplement to the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council, 1946–1951*, which was issued in 1954. It covers the proceedings of the Security Council from the 7092nd meeting, on 6 January 2014, to the 7599th meeting, on 31 December 2015. The original *Repertoire* and previous supplements may be consulted at [www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire](http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire).

The *Repertoire* was mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 686 (VII) of 5 December 1952, entitled “Ways and means for making the evidence of customary international law more readily available”. It is a guide to the proceedings of the Council and sets forth in a readily accessible form the practices and procedures to which the Council has had recourse. The *Repertoire* is not intended as a substitute for the records of the Council, which constitute the only comprehensive and authoritative account of its deliberations.

The categories employed to arrange the material are not intended to suggest the existence of procedures or practices that have not been clearly or demonstrably established by the Council itself. The Council is at all times, within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations, its own provisional rules of procedure, and practice established through notes by the President of the Security Council, master of its own procedure. For ease of reference, this introduction contains a table indicating the membership of the Security Council during the period under review.

In recording the Council’s practice, the headings under which the practices and procedures of the Council were presented in the original volume issued in 1954 have been largely retained. Where necessary adjustments have been made to better reflect the Council’s practice. For example, the studies contained in part I of the present publication are organized according to region or thematic issue.

*The Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* covers four primary areas, namely, the application of the provisional rules of procedure, the application of Articles of the Charter of the United Nations, the subsidiary organs of the Security Council, including peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions as well as sanctions committees and the associated panels and groups of experts, and an overview of Council activities for each item on its agenda. From 1946 to 2007, each Supplement to the *Repertoire*, generally covering a period of two to four years, comprised 12 chapters. Since 2008, each Supplement to the *Repertoire*, covering a period of two years, has been organized in 10 parts.

From 1946 to 2007, the 12 chapters of each Supplement cover the following topics:

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| Chapter I    | Provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council (Articles 28, 30, 98; rules 1–5, 13–36, 40–67 of the rules of procedure)                               |
| Chapter II   | Agenda (rules 6–12 of the rules of procedure)   |
| Chapter III  | Participation in the proceedings of the Security Council (Articles 31, 32, 35 (1); rules 37–39 of the rules of procedure)                                     |
| Chapter IV   | Voting (Article 27; rule 40 of the rules of procedure)  |
| Chapter V    | Subsidiary organs of the Security Council   |
| Chapter VI   | Relations with other United Nations organs  |
| Chapter VII  | Practice relative to recommendations to the General Assembly regarding membership in the United Nations   |
| Chapter VIII | Consideration of questions under the responsibility of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security (overview by agenda item) |

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| Chapter IX  | Decisions taken by the Security Council in the exercise of its other functions and powers                               |
| Chapter X   | Consideration of the provisions of Chapter VI of the Charter  |
| Chapter XI  | Consideration of the provisions of Chapter VII of the Charter   |
| Chapter XII | Consideration of the provisions of other Articles (Articles 1 (2), 2 (4), 2 (5), 2 (6), 2 (7), 24, 25, 52-54, 102, 103) |

From 2008 onwards, the 10 parts of each Supplement cover the following topics:

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| Part I    | Consideration of questions under the responsibility of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security (by agenda item) |
| Part II   | Provisional rules of procedure and related procedural developments   |
| Part III  | Purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations (Chapter I of the Charter)  |
| Part IV   | Relations with other United Nations organs   |
| Part V    | Functions and powers of the Security Council (Chapter V of the Charter)  |
| Part VI   | Consideration of the provisions of Chapter VI of the Charter   |
| Part VII  | Action with respect to threats to the peace, breaches of the peace, and acts of aggression (Chapter VII of the Charter)                              |
| Part VIII | Regional arrangements (Chapter VIII of the Charter)  |
| Part IX   | Subsidiary organs of the Security Council: committees, tribunals and other bodies  |
| Part X    | Subsidiary organs of the Security Council: peacekeeping operations and political and peacebuilding missions  |

The *Repertoire* is based on published documents of the Security Council. Symbols of United Nations documents are composed of letters combined with figures. Security Council documents are indicated by a symbol that includes the year and a sequential number (for example, [S/2014/10](#)). References to the verbatim records of meetings of the Council are given in the form [S/PV.7092](#), meetings being numbered consecutively, starting with the first meeting in 1946. As in previous recent supplements, reference is made in this Supplement only to the provisional verbatim records of Security Council meetings, as the practice of publishing the meeting records in the *Official Records* has been discontinued.

The resolutions and other decisions adopted by the Security Council, including statements and notes issued by the President of the Council and relevant exchanges of letters between the President and the Secretary-General, are published in the yearly volumes of *Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council*. Resolutions are identified by a number followed by the year of adoption in parentheses, for example, resolution [2133 \(2014\)](#). Until 1993, the statements by the President on behalf of the Council were circulated, like other Council documents, under a symbol in the sequential series. Since 1994 references to presidential statements are given in the form [S/PRST/2014/1](#), for example.

Readers who wish to consult the full record of a meeting or the text of a Security Council document referred to in the *Repertoire* may do so on the official United Nations Documentation Centre website, [www.un.org/en/documents/](http://www.un.org/en/documents/). Security Council documents can be accessed on the website by selecting “Official Document System (ODS)” or one of the direct links to specific categories of documents. The volumes of *Resolutions and Decisions* may be accessed by symbol ([S/INF/69](#) for 2013/14, [S/INF/70](#) for 2014/15 and [S/INF/71](#) for 2015/16).

## **Membership of the Security Council, 2014–2015**

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| <b>2014</b> | Argentina   | <b>2015</b> | Angola  |
|             | Australia   |             | Chad  |
|             | Chad  |             | Chile   |
|             | Chile   |             | China   |
|             | China   |             | France  |
|             | France  |             | Jordan  |
|             | Jordan  |             | Lithuania   |
|             | Lithuania   |             | Malaysia  |
|             | Luxembourg  |             | New Zealand   |
|             | Nigeria   |             | Nigeria   |
|             | Republic of Korea                                       |             | Russian Federation                                      |
|             | Russian Federation                                      |             | Spain   |
|             | Rwanda  |             | United Kingdom of Great Britain<br>and Northern Ireland |
|             | United Kingdom of Great<br>Britain and Northern Ireland |             | United States of America                                |
|             | United States of America                                |             | Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)                      |