

## 5. The situation in Sierra Leone

During the period under review, the Security Council held one meeting and issued one presidential statement in connection with the situation in Sierra Leone. It received a briefing by the Executive Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone (UNIPSIL) on the final report of the Secretary-General on UNIPSIL. The Council was also briefed by the Chairperson of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission.

At its 7148th meeting, on 26 March 2014, the Council highlighted the success achieved in Sierra

Leone in the areas of peacebuilding and post-conflict stabilization, and stressed the importance of continued international support. Several Council members recognized the crucial role of the Special Court for Sierra Leone in providing criminal justice and fostering reconciliation in the country.<sup>16</sup> The Council adopted a presidential statement on the completion of the mandate of UNIPSIL and commended the remarkable achievements made by Sierra Leone.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>16</sup> [S/PV.7148](#), p. 6 (Jordan); p. 8 (United States); and p. 15 (Rwanda).

<sup>17</sup> [S/PRST/2014/6](#).

### Meetings: the situation in Sierra Leone

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<a href="#">S/PV.7148</a> 26 March 2014	Final report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone (UNIPSIL) ( <a href="#">S/2014/192</a> )		Sierra Leone	Executive Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNIPSIL, Chair of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission	All Council members, all invitees	<a href="#">S/PRST/2014/6</a>

## 6. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

During the period under review, the Security Council held 17 meetings, including two closed meetings with troop- and police-contributing countries, adopted four resolutions and issued three presidential statements in relation to the situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The deliberations of the Council focused on, inter alia, the importance of holding timely elections in 2016, the neutralization of all armed groups, in particular the military defeat of the March 23 Movement (M23) and its disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, the promotion of human rights and the fight against impunity, as well as the problem of the illegal exploitation and smuggling of natural resources. Towards the end of 2015, the Council also considered the exit strategy of the United Nations

Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO).<sup>18</sup>

During the period under review, by resolutions [2147 \(2014\)](#) and [2211 \(2015\)](#), the Council twice extended the mandate of MONUSCO for periods of one year each, the last of which was until 31 March 2016.<sup>19</sup> Without altering the authorized troop ceiling, the Council, by resolution [2211 \(2015\)](#), reduced the number of troops by 2,000 and expressed its intention to make the reduction permanent. In 2014 and 2015, the Council met twice in closed meetings with the countries contributing troops and police to MONUSCO pursuant to resolution [1353 \(2001\)](#).

<sup>18</sup> See the annual reports of the Security Council to the General Assembly ([A/69/2](#), introduction, paras. 57–63; and [A/70/2](#), introduction, paras. 29–36); and [S/PV.7237](#).

<sup>19</sup> For more information on the mandate of MONUSCO, see part X, sect. I, “Peacekeeping operations”.

The sanctions measures against armed groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo established pursuant to resolution [1533 \(2004\)](#) were extended by resolutions [2136 \(2014\)](#) and [2198 \(2015\)](#), until 1 February 2015 and 1 July 2016, respectively.<sup>20</sup> By those resolutions the Council also extended the mandate of the Group of Experts until 1 February 2015 and 1 August 2016, respectively.<sup>21</sup>

<sup>20</sup> For more information on the sanctions measures concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo, see part VII, sect. III, “Measures not involving the use of armed force in accordance with Article 41 of the Charter”.

<sup>21</sup> For more information on the Committee established pursuant to resolution [1533 \(2004\)](#) and the mandate of the Group of Experts established pursuant to that resolution, see part IX, sect. I.B.

### Meetings: the situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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<a href="#">S/PV.7094</a> 13 January 2014	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) ( <a href="#">S/2013/757</a> )  Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region ( <a href="#">S/2013/773</a> )			Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Head of MONUSCO, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region of Africa <sup>a</sup>	Special Representative, Special Envoy	
<a href="#">S/PV.7107</a> 30 January 2014	Letter dated 22 January 2014 from the Coordinator of the Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo extended pursuant to	Draft resolution submitted by France ( <a href="#">S/2014/55</a> )	Democratic Republic of the Congo		One Council member (Rwanda), Democratic Republic of the Congo	Resolution <a href="#">2136 (2014)</a> 15-0-0

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	Security Council resolution 2078 (2012) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/42)					
S/PV.7133 (closed) 12 March 2014				Special Representative of the Secretary-General		
S/PV.7137 14 March 2014	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region (S/2014/153)		Democratic Republic of the Congo	Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region of Africa <sup>a</sup>	One Council member (Rwanda), all invitees	
	Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO (S/2014/157)					
S/PV.7150 28 March 2014	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region (S/2014/153)	Draft resolution submitted by Australia, France, Luxembourg, United States (S/2014/222)	Democratic Republic of the Congo		One Council member (Rwanda), Democratic Republic of the Congo	Resolution 2147 (2014) 15-0-0
	Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO (S/2014/157)					
S/PV.7237 7 August 2014	Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO (S/2014/450)		Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Africa, Uganda	Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region of Africa	All Council members, all invitees <sup>b</sup>	

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<a href="#">S/PV.7288</a> 27 October 2014	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region <a href="#">(S/2014/697)</a>  Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO <a href="#">(S/2014/698)</a>		Democratic Republic of the Congo	Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region of Africa	One Council member (Rwanda), all invitees	
<a href="#">S/PV.7296</a> 5 November 2014						<a href="#">S/PRST/2014/22</a>
<a href="#">S/PV.7356</a> 8 January 2015						<a href="#">S/PRST/2015/1</a>
<a href="#">S/PV.7367</a> 22 January 2015	Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO <a href="#">(S/2014/956)</a>  Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO submitted pursuant to paragraph 39 of Security Council resolution <a href="#">2147 (2014)</a> <a href="#">(S/2014/957)</a>  Letter dated 12 January 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution <a href="#">1533 (2004)</a> concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo addressed to the President of the Security Council <a href="#">(S/2015/19)</a>		Democratic Republic of the Congo	Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations	Jordan (as Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution <a href="#">1533 (2004)</a> ), Democratic Republic of the Congo, Under-Secretary-General	

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<a href="#">S/PV.7371</a> 29 January 2015	Letter dated 12 January 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution <a href="#">1533 (2004)</a> concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo addressed to the President of the Security Council ( <a href="#">S/2015/19</a> )	Draft resolution submitted by France ( <a href="#">S/2015/66</a> )				Resolution <a href="#">2198 (2015)</a> 15-0-0
<a href="#">S/PV.7406</a> (closed) 17 March 2015				Special Representative of the Secretary-General		
<a href="#">S/PV.7410</a> 19 March 2015	Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO ( <a href="#">S/2015/172</a> )  Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region ( <a href="#">S/2015/173</a> )		Democratic Republic of the Congo	Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region of Africa	All invitees <sup>c</sup>	
<a href="#">S/PV.7415</a> 26 March 2015	Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO ( <a href="#">S/2015/172</a> )  Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region ( <a href="#">S/2015/173</a> )	Draft resolution submitted by France ( <a href="#">S/2015/209</a> )	Democratic Republic of the Congo		One Council member (New Zealand), Democratic Republic of the Congo	Resolution <a href="#">2211 (2015)</a> 15-0-0