

## 22. Items relating to the situation in the former Yugoslavia

### A. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

During 2016 and 2017, the Security Council held four meetings concerning the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. More information on the meetings, including on participants, speakers and outcomes, is given in the table below. Under Chapter VII of the Charter, the Council twice renewed the authorization of the multinational stabilization force, EUFOR-Althea, and the continued presence of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in the country, for periods of 12 months each, until 8 November 2017 and 7 November 2018, respectively.<sup>248</sup>

The Council heard semi-annual briefings on the item by the High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and

Herzegovina, who updated the Council on the developments covered in his most recent reports. While noting the progress achieved since the end of the conflict in 1995, the High Representative highlighted the significant challenges ahead, including the general elections scheduled for October 2018. In that connection, the Council reiterated its calls to all political leaders to advance reconciliation and mutual understanding and urged the parties to step up the implementation of comprehensive reforms and avoid polarization.<sup>249</sup> The Council also reiterated its calls to the competent authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina to take the steps required to complete the 5 plus 2 agenda, which was necessary for the closure of the Office of the High Representative.<sup>250</sup>

<sup>248</sup> Resolutions [2315 \(2016\)](#) and [2384 \(2017\)](#), paras. 3 and 4. For more information on the mandate of EUFOR-Althea, see part VIII, sect. III, “Peacekeeping operations led by regional arrangements”.

<sup>249</sup> Resolution [2384 \(2017\)](#), thirteenth preambular paragraph and para. 8.

<sup>250</sup> Resolutions [2315 \(2016\)](#) and [2384 \(2017\)](#), tenth preambular paragraph.

### Meetings: the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

<i>Meeting record and date</i>	<i>Sub-item</i>	<i>Other documents</i>	<i>Rule 37 invitations</i>	<i>Rule 39 and other invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Decision and vote (for-against-abstaining)</i>
<a href="#">S/PV.7688</a> 5 May 2016	Letter dated 26 April 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council ( <a href="#">S/2016/395</a> )		Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia	High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, representative of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations	All Council members, all invitees	
<a href="#">S/PV.7803</a> 8 November 2016	Letter dated 28 October 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council ( <a href="#">S/2016/911</a> )	Draft resolution submitted by United Kingdom ( <a href="#">S/2016/935</a> )	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia	High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Head of the Delegation of the European Union	All Council members, all invitees	Resolution <a href="#">2315 (2016)</a> 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII)
<a href="#">S/PV.7943</a> 18 May 2017	Letter dated 28 April 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council ( <a href="#">S/2017/379</a> )		Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia	High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Head of the Delegation of the European Union	All Council members, all invitees	

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<a href="#">S/PV.8089</a> 7 November 2017	Letter dated 1 November 2017 from the Secretary- General addressed to the President of the Security Council ( <a href="#">S/2017/922</a> )	Draft resolution submitted by Italy ( <a href="#">S/2017/928</a> )	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia	High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union	All Council members, all invitees	Resolution <a href="#">2384 (2017)</a> 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII)

## **B. Security Council resolutions [1160 \(1998\)](#), [1199 \(1998\)](#), [1203 \(1998\)](#), [1239 \(1999\)](#) and [1244 \(1999\)](#)**

During the period under review, the Security Council held eight meetings in connection with the item entitled “Security Council resolutions [1160 \(1998\)](#), [1199 \(1998\)](#), [1203 \(1998\)](#), [1239 \(1999\)](#) and [1244 \(1999\)](#)”. No decisions were adopted by the Council under the item in 2016 and 2017. More information on the meetings, including on participants and speakers, is given in the table below.

The Council considered the reports of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to resolution [1244 \(1999\)](#)<sup>251</sup> and was briefed on a quarterly basis by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Kosovo and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK). At a number of meetings during the reporting period, members of the Council raised the question of whether to maintain the quarterly briefing cycle for the item or extend it to a half-year cycle.<sup>252</sup>

The meetings were focused on the political developments in Kosovo, including the normalization of relations between Pristina and Belgrade through the European Union-facilitated dialogue, the European Union stabilization and association agreement for Kosovo and the establishment of the Association/Community of Kosovo Serb municipalities. Reference was also made to the polarization of the political landscape, including the use of political violence, the conduct of general and municipal elections in Kosovo and the beginning of operations of the Specialist Chambers and the Specialist Prosecutor’s Office in The Hague. Council members also discussed the question of missing persons, the promotion of human rights in Kosovo and the need to address radicalization and extremism, terrorist training and financing, and trafficking in persons, human organs and weapons.

The Council focused on the work of UNMIK,<sup>253</sup> the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Kosovo Force.

<sup>253</sup> For more information on the mandate of UNMIK, see part X, sect. I, “Peacekeeping operations”.

<sup>251</sup> [S/2016/99](#), [S/2016/407](#), [S/2016/666](#), [S/2016/901](#), [S/2017/95/Rev.1](#), [S/2017/387](#), [S/2017/640](#) and [S/2017/911](#).

<sup>252</sup> See, for example, [S/PV.7940](#), p. 5 (Serbia); p. 13 (Russian Federation); and p. 22 (France).

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<a href="#">S/PV.7637</a> 29 February 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) ( <a href="#">S/2016/99</a> )		Serbia <sup>a</sup>	Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Kosovo and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, <sup>b</sup> Ms. Vlora Çitaku	All Council members, all invitees	