Meeting record and date	Sub item	Other documents	Rule 37 invitations	Rule 39 and other invitations	Speakers	Decision and vote (for-against- abstaining)
S/PV.8189 26 February 2018	Report of the Secretary- General on the situation in Burundi (S/2018/89)		Burundi	Special Envoy of the Secretary- General for Burundi, Chair of the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission	Six Council members <sup><i>a</i></sup> , all invitees	
<mark>S/PV.8223</mark> 5 April 2018						S/PRST/2018/7
S/PV.8268 24 May 2018			Burundi	Special Envoy of the Secretary- General for Burundi, Chair of the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.8325 9 August 2018			Burundi	Special Envoy of the Secretary- General for Burundi	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.8408 21 November 2018	Report of the Secretary- General on the situation in Burundi (S/2018/1028)		Burundi	Special Envoy of the Secretary- General for Burundi, Chair of the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission	All Council members, all invitees	

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<sup>a</sup> Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan and Peru.

## 5. The situation in the Great Lakes region

During the period under review, the Security Council held one meeting in connection with the situation in the Great Lakes region, which took the form of a briefing.<sup>51</sup> The Council did not adopt any decision on this item in 2018. More information about the meeting, including invitees and speakers, is given in the table below.

On 10 April 2018, further to the most recent report of the Secretary-General,<sup>52</sup> the Council heard a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> For more information on the format of meetings, see part II, sect. I.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> S/2018/209.

briefing by the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region on the activities of his office in support of the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region. The Special Envoy indicated that his office had focused on several critical areas, namely, inter alia, addressing the activities of armed groups in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, supporting the peaceful dialogue and electoral processes in Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, tackling the root causes of conflict, including the continued illicit exploitation and trade in natural resources from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the human rights violations, and the humanitarian situation in the region. The Special Envoy also informed the Council about the efforts to dispel mistrust among the countries of the region and to find sustainable and regional solutions to the ongoing humanitarian crisis.<sup>53</sup>

The representative of the Republic of the Congo also briefed the Council on behalf of the Chair of the Regional Oversight Mechanism of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework on the conclusions of the most recent summit of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region and high-level meeting of the Regional Oversight Mechanism, held in Brazzaville on 19 October 2017. In that regard, he informed the Council on the priorities identified. He emphasized the need to help to stabilize the Democratic Republic of the Congo so that it could serve as a vector for peace in the region and called upon the international community to mobilize around the efforts of the countries of the region – for the implementation of the Framework – with strengthened and coordinated cooperation.<sup>54</sup>

During the discussion that ensued, Council members reflected on the status of the implementation of the Framework on the fifth anniversary of its signing and emphasized its importance for peace and stability in the region. Council members also discussed the upcoming elections in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the lack of progress in the inter-Burundian dialogue and the constitutional reform process in Burundi, the challenges posed by armed groups, in particular in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the humanitarian situation in the region and the illicit trafficking in natural resources.

<sup>53</sup> S/PV.8227, pp. 2–4.

<sup>54</sup> Ibid., pp. 4–7.

Meeting record and date	Sub item	Other documents	Rule 37 invitations	Rule 39 and other invitations	Speakers	Decision and vot (for-against- abstaining)
S/PV.8227 10 April 2018	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/2018/209)		Republic of the Congo	Special Envoy of the Secretary- General for the Great Lakes Region	All Council members, all invitees	

## Meeting: the situation in the Great Lakes region

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

During the period under review, the Security Council held nine meetings and adopted two resolutions under Chapter VII of the Charter in relation to the situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Two meetings were convened to adopt the decisions of the Council; all others were briefings.<sup>55</sup> The Council also met once with countries contributing troops and police to the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> For more information on the format of meetings, see part II, sect. I.