

<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>
S/PV.8658 5 November 2019	Letter dated 25 October 2019 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2019/843)	Draft resolution submitted by Germany (S/2019/859)	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia	High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Head of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Programme of TRIAL International, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union	All Council members, all invitees ^b	Resolution 2496 (2019) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII)

^a The Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union spoke on behalf of the European Union and its member States, as well as Albania, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine.

^b The Head of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Programme of TRIAL International participated in the meeting by videoconference from Sarajevo. The Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union spoke on behalf of the European Union and its member States, as well as Albania, Montenegro, Turkey and Ukraine.

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

During the period under review, the Council held three meetings in connection with the item entitled “Security Council resolutions [1160 \(1998\)](#), [1199 \(1998\)](#), [1203 \(1998\)](#), [1239 \(1999\)](#) and [1244 \(1999\)](#)”. All meetings took the form of briefings,³⁷⁹ and no decisions were adopted by the Council under the item in 2019. More information on the meetings, including on participants and speakers, is given in the table below.

In a note by the President of the Council dated 7 February 2019,³⁸⁰ the Council expressed its intent to hold briefings on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) three times in 2019 and, as from 2020, to hold briefings twice a year, in April and October. Consistent with the note, in 2019, the Council heard three briefings by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNMIK, in February, June and October,³⁸¹ in connection with the reports of the Secretary-General pursuant to resolution [1244 \(1999\)](#). In 2019, the Council

also heard a briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel.³⁸²

The briefings of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General were focused on the continued tensions and impediments to the resumption of the European Union-facilitated dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina,³⁸³ the changes in Kosovo’s political landscape following the conduct of elections in Serbia-majority municipalities and early general elections³⁸⁴ and the security incident of 28 May 2019, which resulted in the arrest of UNMIK personnel.³⁸⁵ In his briefing, on 10 June 2019,³⁸⁶ the United Nations Legal Counsel focused on the legal regime of immunity for United Nations staff members in Kosovo as an element of the response to the events of 28 May and the follow-up to those events. He explained that the Department of Safety and Security had undertaken an internal investigation to gather all available information regarding the circumstances surrounding the arrest and detention of two UNMIK staff members in order to look into the allegations made by the Kosovo authorities regarding their conduct.

In 2019, Council members addressed the agreement reached on reducing the cycle of meetings and reporting on the item.³⁸⁷ While some Council

³⁷⁹ For more information on the format of meetings, see part II, sect. I.

³⁸⁰ [S/2019/120](#).

³⁸¹ See [S/PV.8459](#), [S/PV.8541](#) and [S/PV.8655](#).

³⁸² See [S/PV.8541](#).

³⁸³ See [S/PV.8459](#), [S/PV.8541](#) and [S/PV.8655](#).

³⁸⁴ See [S/PV.8541](#) and [S/PV.8655](#).

³⁸⁵ *Ibid.*

³⁸⁶ See [S/PV.8541](#).

³⁸⁷ See [S/2019/120](#).

members expressed support for the agreement,³⁸⁸ the representative of the Russian Federation expressed a different view, affirming that the situation in Kosovo was unstable and that it must remain firmly under the Council's control and be considered on the basis of the established practice of holding open briefings.³⁸⁹

Some Council members welcomed the successful holding of legislative elections in Kosovo on 6 October 2019 and expressed the hope that it would be an opportunity to encourage dialogue and reform.³⁹⁰ Council members expressed concern at the rising tensions between Belgrade and Pristina, called on both Serbia and Kosovo to tone down the confrontational rhetoric and discussed options to facilitate the resumption of dialogue between the parties.³⁹¹ The representative of China stated that the parties concerned should reach a mutually acceptable solution on the issue of Kosovo through dialogue within the framework of relevant Council resolutions.³⁹² Other Council members urged the resumption of the dialogue facilitated by the European Union³⁹³ and, in that context, called for the lifting of tariffs imposed by the Government of Kosovo on goods imported from Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina and the cessation of the call by the Government of Serbia for other countries to withdraw their recognition of Kosovo.³⁹⁴ The representative of the Russian Federation reminded the Council that it had been, and continued to be, the main platform for international dialogue on Kosovo, in accordance with resolution 1244 (1999).³⁹⁵ He also said that the dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina under the auspices of the

European Union seemed to be “comatose”, with nothing having been done in that format for a very long time.³⁹⁶

On the question of Kosovo's independence, the representative of the Russian Federation highlighted the attempts by Kosovo authorities, with the support of a number of States, to join various international organizations and averred that Pristina could participate in multilateral structures only through UNMIK and that anything else would be a serious contravention of the provisions of resolution 1244 (1999).³⁹⁷ Other Council members held a different view, recognizing the independence of Kosovo.³⁹⁸

In relation to the work of UNMIK, Council members considered the possibility of conducting a strategic review of the Mission's mandate. Some members held the view that it was necessary to conduct a review of the Mission given the drastic change of conditions in Kosovo since the beginning of its mandate and the need to assess the Mission's withdrawal.³⁹⁹ The representative of the Russian Federation did not support the proposed review, contending that the problems in Kosovo were not yet resolved, and called on the Secretariat to carefully monitor the situation.⁴⁰⁰

Regarding the incident of 28 May, Council members expressed concern about the detention of UNMIK personnel in the course of a police operation conducted by authorities in northern Kosovo.⁴⁰¹ In that connection, the representative of the Russian Federation demanded that those responsible be prosecuted and punished.⁴⁰² They welcomed the report on the Mission's internal investigation into the matter and reaffirmed that the privileges, immunities, safety and security of United Nations personnel should be fully respected.⁴⁰³

³⁸⁸ See [S/PV.8459](#) (United Kingdom, Germany, United States, Belgium and Poland); and [S/PV.8541](#) (United States).

³⁸⁹ See [S/PV.8459](#) and [S/PV.8541](#).

³⁹⁰ See [S/PV.8655](#) (United Kingdom, France, Poland, Kuwait, Côte d'Ivoire and Peru).

³⁹¹ See [S/PV.8459](#) (Germany, United States, Russian Federation, China and Indonesia); [S/PV.8541](#) (United States, Germany, Indonesia and Poland); and [S/PV.8655](#) (United Kingdom, Germany, United States, China, Côte d'Ivoire and Peru).

³⁹² See [S/PV.8459](#), [S/PV.8541](#) and [S/PV.8655](#).

³⁹³ See [S/PV.8459](#) (United Kingdom, Germany, United States, France, Belgium, Peru, Indonesia, Kuwait, South Africa and Equatorial Guinea); [S/PV.8541](#) (South Africa, United Kingdom, Germany, France, Indonesia, Côte d'Ivoire, Belgium, Poland, Peru and Kuwait); and [S/PV.8655](#) (France, Germany, Poland, Indonesia, Kuwait, Côte d'Ivoire, Belgium, Equatorial Guinea and Peru).

³⁹⁴ See [S/PV.8459](#) (Germany, United States and Indonesia); [S/PV.8541](#) (Côte d'Ivoire and Poland); and [S/PV.8655](#) (Germany, Côte d'Ivoire and Peru).

³⁹⁵ [S/PV.8459](#).

³⁹⁶ [S/PV.8655](#).

³⁹⁷ See [S/PV.8459](#).

³⁹⁸ See [S/PV.8459](#) (United Kingdom and Germany); [S/PV.8541](#) (United States); and [S/PV.8655](#) (United States).

³⁹⁹ See [S/PV.8459](#) (United Kingdom, United States and Poland); [S/PV.8541](#) (United States, United Kingdom, Germany and Poland); and [S/PV.8655](#) (United States and Poland). For more information on the mandate of UNMIK, see part X, sect. I.

⁴⁰⁰ See [S/PV.8655](#).

⁴⁰¹ See [S/PV.8541](#) (China, South Africa, United States, Equatorial Guinea, Peru, Russian Federation and Kuwait); and [S/PV.8655](#) (United Kingdom, Russian Federation, Dominican Republic, United States, China, Indonesia, Peru and South Africa).

⁴⁰² See [S/PV.8655](#).

⁴⁰³ *Ibid.*, (United Kingdom, Russian Federation, United States, China, Indonesia, Belgium and Peru).

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S/PV.8459 7 February 2019	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) (S/2019/102)		Serbia	Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Kosovo and Head UNMIK, Vlora Çitaku	All Council members, all invitees ^{a,b}	
S/PV.8541 10 June 2019	Report of the Secretary-General on UNMIK (S/2019/461)		Serbia	Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel, Vlora Çitaku	All Council members, all invitees ^{a,b}	
S/PV.8655 31 October 2019	Report of the Secretary-General on UNMIK (S/2019/797)		Serbia	Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Vlora Çitaku	All Council members, all invitees ^a	

^a Serbia was represented by its First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs.

^b The Special Representative participated in the meeting by videoconference from Pristina.

21. Items relating to Ukraine

A. Letter dated 28 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council ([S/2014/136](#))

During the period under review, the Council held one meeting, in the form of a briefing,⁴⁰⁴ in connection with the item entitled “Letter dated 28 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council ([S/2014/136](#))”. More information on

the meeting, including on participants and speakers, is given in the table below.

On 25 April 2019,⁴⁰⁵ the Council heard briefings under the item by the Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, the Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, the Chief Monitor of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine and the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group. Against the backdrop of presidential elections held on 21 April 2019 in Ukraine

⁴⁰⁴ For more information on the format of meetings, see part II, sect. I.

⁴⁰⁵ See [S/PV.8516](#).