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July 2022 at a Glance



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Under the **Presidency of Brazil**, the Security Council held **two signature** events:

• A high-level open debate on **United Nations peacekeeping operations** (12 July), focused on the key role of strategic communications for efficient peacekeeping. The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brazil presided over the meeting, and the Secretary-General delivered introductory remarks.

• An open debate on **Children and armed conflict** (19 July), presided by the Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brazil.

Key Topics

The **Middle East** (7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 20, 21 and 28 July) was the most frequently considered country- or region-specific item discussed in open and closed discussions, followed by **Cyprus** (13, 18 and 28 July), **Libya** (13, 25 and 28 July) and **Haiti** (13 and 15 July).

Other country or region-specific items considered by the Council included: **Central African Republic, Colombia, Iraq, Middle East including the Palestinian question, Peace consolidation in West Africa, Ukraine,** and **UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA).** The Council also discussed under other matters (AOB) the situation in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** and **working methods.**

In addition to the signature events, the Council held a thematic meeting on **Peacebuilding and sustaining peace** (27 July) in which the Council considered the annual report of the Peacebuilding Commission for 2021.

Procedural notes

On 15 July, the Council submitted the second special report (A/76/905) pursuant to General Assembly resolution 76/262 following the veto cast by the Russian Federation on 8 July in connection with a draft resolution (S/2022/538) concerning the item **The situation in the Middle East.** The special report was discussed in the General Assembly on 21 July (see A/76/PV.96).

On 22 July, the Informal Working Group on Documentation and other Procedural Questions held its third meeting of the year, chaired by Albania.

Decisions and press statements

The Council adopted one presidential statement (S/PRST/2022/5) on 12 July, underscoring the importance of strategic communications to the implementation of **United Nations peacekeeping operations**' mandates and to the safety and security of peacekeepers.

The Council also adopted seven resolutions, four of which were adopted unanimously, as follows: on 13 July, the Council adopted resolution 2643 (2022), extending the mandate of the United Nations Mission to support the Hodeidah Agreement (UNMHA) until 14 July 2023; on the same day, the Council adopted, under Chapter VII of the Charter, resolution 2644 (2022), extending until 30 October 2023 the authorizations and measures concerning the prevention of illicit exports of petroleum, including crude oil and refined petroleum products from Libya, and renewing the mandate of the Panel of Experts until 15 November 2023; on 15 July, the Council adopted resolution 2645 (2022) renewing the mandate of the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH) until 15 July 2023; and on 28 July, the Council adopted resolution 2646 (2022) extending the mandate of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) through 31 January 2023. The remaining three resolutions were adopted non-unanimously, as follows: on 12 July, the Council adopted resolution 2642 (2022), with three abstentions, renewing the cross-border humanitarian aid mechanism in Syria for six months (see S/PV.9089); on 28 July, also with three abstentions, the Council adopted resolution 2647 (2022) extending the mandate of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) until 31 October 2022 (see S/PV.9103); and on 29 July, with five abstentions, the Council adopted resolution 2648 (2022), under Chapter VII of the Charter, renewing for one year the sanctions measures related to the Central African Republic and extending the mandate of the Panel of Experts until 31 August 2023 (see S/PV.9105).

The Council issued **seven press statements** on the following topics: the attack on 5 July against the **United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA)** (SC/14958), government formation in Lebanon (SC/14961), the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (SC/14967), the peace process in Colombia (SC/14978), the attack in Dohuk province of Iraq (SC/14980), recent attacks on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) in North Kivu (SC/14985), and the situation in Myanmar (SC/14986).

Other activities

In July, Council members convened four **Arria-formula meetings** on the following topics: "**Neo-Nazism and radical nationalism: exploring root causes of the crisis in Ukraine**" convened by the Russian Federation (11 July), "**A milestone year for a peaceful future: transitional justice in Colombia**" convened by Ireland (14 July), "**The destruction of cultural heritage as a consequence of the Russian aggression against Ukraine**" convened by Albania and Poland in cooperation with Ukraine (15 July), and "**Collective Security through equitable burden sharing: strengthening regional arrangements for the maintenance of international peace and security**", convened by Ghana (27 July).

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