UN Security Council in Review

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June 2022 at a Glance



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

• A high-level open debate on **Maintenance of international peace and security** (2 June), focused on strengthening accountability and justice for serious violations of international law, presided by the Prime Minister of Albania.

• An open debate on **Women and peace** and security (15 June), focused on the role of regional organizations in implementing the women and peace and security agenda in the face of political turmoil and seizures of power by force. The Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania presided over the meeting and the Secretary-General gave introductory remarks.

Key Topics

The **Middle East** (9, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 29 June) was the most frequently considered country- or region-specific item discussed in open and closed discussions, followed by **Libya** (3 and 27 June), **Sudan and South Sudan** (3, 20 and 21 June), **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (3, 29 and 30 June), **Ukraine** (6, 21 and 28 June) and **Mali** (7, 13 and 29 June).

Other country or region-specific items considered by the Council included: Afghanistan, Central African region, Central African Republic, Haiti, Middle East including the Palestinian question and Somalia. The Council also discussed under other matters (AOB) Libya, the violent death of African migrants seeking to enter Melilla and working methods.

In addition to the signature events, the Council held thematic meetings on **threats to international peace and security** and **Non-**

proliferation and the annual meetings on cooperation with the European Union and on its working methods.

Procedural notes

On 2 June, the Council submitted the first special report (A/76/853) pursuant to General Assembly resolution 76/262 following the vetoes cast by China and the Russian Federation on 26 May in connection with a draft resolution (S/2022/431) concerning the item **Non-proliferation/DPRK.** The special report was discussed in the General Assembly on 8 June (see A/76/PV.77).

On 9 June, **Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique** and **Switzerland** were elected by the General Assembly to serve on the Council for a two-year term, starting in January 2023. Also on 9 June, the General Assembly held a **debate on the Annual Report of the Security Council** (A/76/2), presented by the President of the Council (see A/76/PV.79).

On 28 June, the Council held its **annual open debate on working methods** with the participation of 35 Members States invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure (see S/PV.9079 and S/PV/9079/Resumption 1).

Decisions and press statements

The Council adopted one presidential statement (S/PRST/2022/4) on 3 June, welcoming recent positive developments in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** and the region and expressing concern over the increase of armed group activities in the eastern provinces of the country.

The Council adopted a total of seven resolutions. Of the seven, two were adopted unanimously, as follows: on 3 June, resolution 2636 (2022), extending the mandate of **UNITAMS** for one year; and on 27 June, resolution 2639 (2022), renewing the mandate of **UNDOF** until 31 December 2022. The Council also adopted resolution 2638 (2022) by consensus, deciding to hold the **election to fill a vacancy in the International Court of Justice** on 4 November 2022. The remaining four resolutions, under Chapter VII of the Charter, were adopted non-unanimously, as follows: on 3 June, with one abstention, resolution 2635 (2022), extending for 12 months the **authorizations related to the Libya arms embargo** (see S/PV.9053); on 22 June, with one abstention, resolution 2637 (2022), appointing the Prosecutor of the **International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals** (see S/PV.9072); on 29 June, with two abstentions, resolution 2640 (2022), extending the mandate of **MINUSMA** until 30 June 2023 (see S/PV.9082); and on 30 June, with five abstentions, resolution 2641 (2022), renewing for one year the **sanctions measures related to the Democratic Republic of the Congo** and extending the mandate of the Group of Experts until 1 August 2023 (see S/PV.9084).

The Council issued **four press statements:** three concerning the **attacks against MINUSMA** (SC/14918, SC/14925 and SC/14938) and one on the extension of the truce in **Yemen** (SC/14923).

Other activities

In June, Council members convened two **Arria-formula meetings** on the following topics: "**Syrian Women's Voices on Detainees and the Disappeared in Syria**" convened by the United States, together with Albania, France and the United Kingdom (3 June), and "**Reflections on the relationship between the International Criminal Court and the Security Council**" convened by Ireland (24 June).

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