## **UN Security Council in Review**

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# September 2022 at a Glance





Under the **Presidency of France**, the Security Council held **one signature** event:

• A high-level briefing on **Maintenance** of peace and security of Ukraine (22 September), chaired by the **Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France**, on the fight against impunity in Ukraine. The Council heard briefings by the Secretary-General and the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.

# **Key Topics**

Items relating to **Ukraine** were the most frequently considered country- or regionspecific items discussed in open and closed discussions (6, 7, 8, 22, 27 and 30 September), followed by the **Middle East** (8, 14 and 29 September), and **Sudan and South Sudan** (13 and 16 September).

Other country or region-specific items considered by the Council included: Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Libya, Middle East, including the Palestinian question, Myanmar, and Somalia as well as the Letter dated 13 September 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2022/688). The Council discussed under other matters (AOB) the heavy fighting on the international border between Armenia and Azerbaijan. On 28 September, Council members held an informal interactive dialogue to discuss the humanitarian situation in Ethiopia's Tigray region

and heard a briefing from the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Horn of Africa.

The Council also held thematic meetings on **United Nations peacekeeping operations** (6 September), **Protection of civilians in armed conflict** (15 September) and **Threats to international peace and security** (15 and 30 September).

### **Procedural notes**

In September 2022, a new agenda item entitled "Letter dated 13 September 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (\$/2022/688)" was introduced. A first emergency meeting under the item was held on 15 September.

On 26 September, the Council convened the first informal interactive dialogue further to paragraph 6 of resolution 2642 (2022) to regularly review and follow-up on the implementation of that resolution with the participation of donors, interested regional parties and representatives of the international humanitarian agencies operating in Syria.

On 30 September, at a meeting held under the item Maintenance of peace and security of Ukraine, a draft resolution was submitted by Albania and the United States (S/2022/720). With four abstentions, the draft resolution was not adopted due to the veto cast by the Russian Federation (see S/PV.9143).

### Decisions and press statements

In September 2022, the Council adopted two resolutions and issued no presidential statements.

The Council unanimously adopted two resolutions. On 15 September, the Council adopted resolution 2651 (2022), extending until 17 September 2023 the mandate of the Special Adviser and the Investigative Team to promote accountability for the crimes committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant. On 29 September, the Council adopted resolution 2652 (2022), under Chapter VII of the Charter, renewing the authorization to intercept vessels off the Libyan coast suspected of migrant smuggling and human trafficking.

The Council issued **six press statements** on the following topics: the violent clashes perpetrated by armed groups in Tripoli on 27 August (SC/15015), the violence throughout Iraq on 29 and 30 August (SC/15016) the continued terrorist attacks targeting civilians in Afghanistan, including the attack against the Guzargah mosque in Herat on 2 September (SC/15018), the terrorist attack outside the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Kabul on 5 September (SC/15021), the truce in Yemen (SC/15025), the terrorist attack against the Kaaj Educational Centre in the Dasht-e-Barchi area of Kabul, Afghanistan (SC/15048).

#### Other activities

In September 2022, Council members did not convene any Arria-formula meeting.

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