

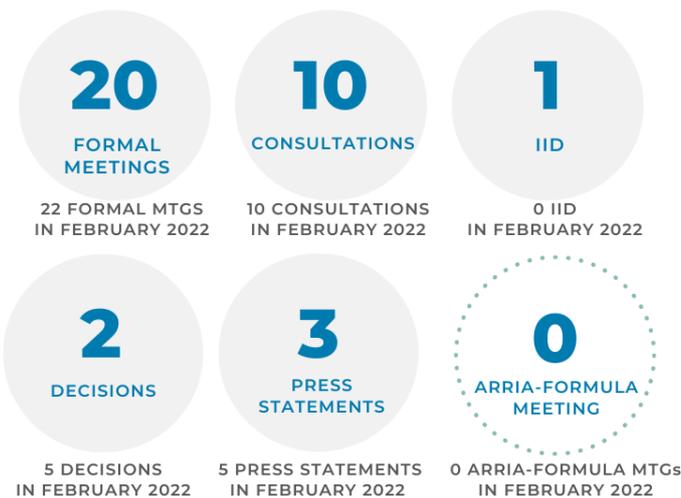
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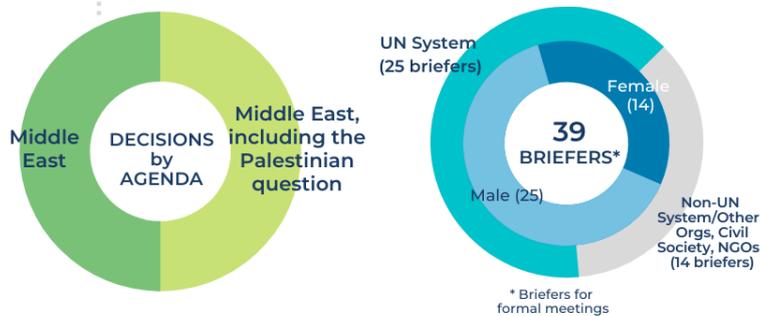
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February 2023 at a Glance

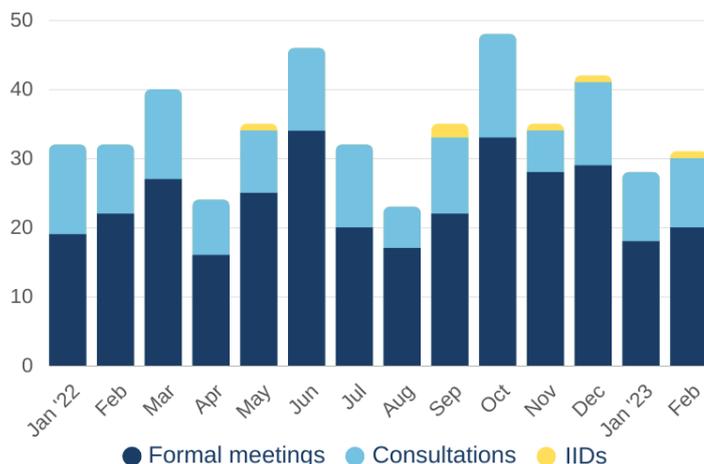


Most frequently discussed topics (open & closed)

Middle East, incl. the Palestinian question
Non-proliferation/DPRK
Ukraine Middle East
 Somalia



JANUARY 2021 - FEBRUARY 2023



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

- A briefing on **Children and armed conflict** (13 February), focused on prevention of grave violations (S/2023/80).
- A high-level open debate on **Threats to international peace and security** (14 February), focused on the sea-level rise and its implications for international peace and security (S/2023/79). The Minister for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of Malta presided over the meeting. The Council heard briefings by the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly.

Key Topics

Ukraine (6, 8, 17, 21 and 24 February) was the most frequently considered country- or region-specific item in open and closed discussions, followed by the **Middle East** (7, 13, 15 and 28 February), **Non-proliferation/DPRK** (16, 20 and 27 February), **Somalia** (22 and 27 February) and the **Middle East, including the Palestinian question** (20 and 28 February). On 24 February, the Council convened a high-level debate under the item **Maintenance of peace and security of Ukraine** at which the Council heard a briefing by the Secretary-General.

Other country- or region-specific items considered by the Council included: **Central African Republic, Iraq and Libya**. Under other matters (AOB), the Council discussed **Mali** once and the **humanitarian situation in Syria** twice.

In addition to the signature events mentioned above, Council members also held meetings under thematic items on **Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts** and **Cooperation between the**

United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security, specifically with the **European Union**.

Procedural notes

On 13 February, for the first time since 2013 (S/PV.6957), the Council held a private meeting under the item “**The situation in the Middle East**”. The **Syrian Arab Republic** and **Türkiye** participated in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council’s provisional rules of procedure (S/PV.9259).

On 16 February, the Council convened the first **informal interactive dialogue** further to paragraph 6 of resolution 2672 (2023) concerning the humanitarian situation in **Syria**. This was the fourth **informal interactive dialogue** since resolution 2642 (2022), which introduced this format for the first time.

On 22 February, the Council signatories (Albania, Brazil, Ecuador, France, Gabon, Japan, Malta, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom) of the Statement of Shared Commitments for the principles of **Women and Peace, and Security (WPS)** held a press stakeout ahead of a briefing on the situation in Somalia.

On 24 February, the **Informal Working Group on Documentation and other Procedural Questions** (IWG) held its first meeting of the year, chaired by Albania.

Decisions and press statements

In February 2023, the Council unanimously adopted one **resolution** and issued one **presidential statement**.

On 15 February, the Council adopted resolution 2675 (2023), under Chapter VII of the Charter, renewing the 2140 sanctions regime on **Yemen** until 15 November 2023 and extending the mandate of its **Panel of Experts** until 15 December 2023. On 20 February, in connection with the item entitled “**The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question**”, the Council issued a presidential statement (S/PRST/2023/1), reaffirming its unwavering commitment to the vision of a two-State solution and expressing deep concern and dismay with Israel’s announcement of further construction and expansion of settlements. This was the first presidential statement in connection with this item since 2014 (S/PRST/2014/13).

The Council issued three press statements on the following topics: the situation in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (SC/15191), the **attack against MONUSCO** (SC/15193) and the **attack against MINUSMA** (SC/15207).

Other activities

On 8 February, former members of the Security Council for the 2021-22 term, India, Ireland, Kenya, Norway and Mexico participated in the **2023 Exit Briefing** with the wider UN membership and civil society organizations.

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