

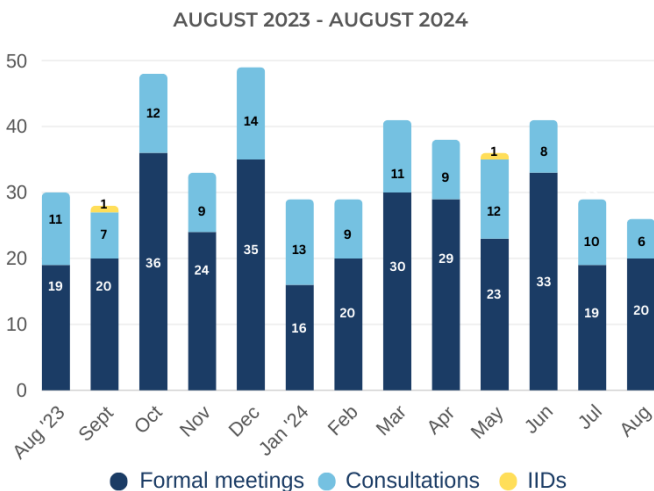
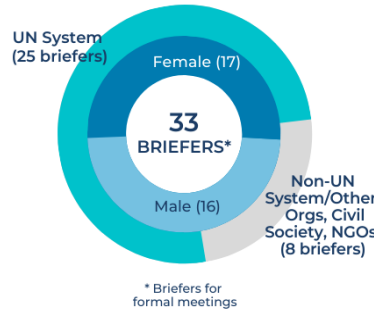
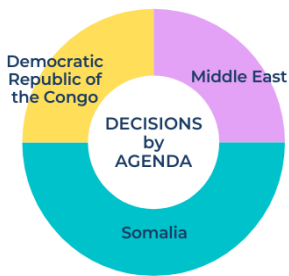
UN Security Council in Review

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August 2024 at a Glance



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

- A high-level open debate on **Maintenance of international peace and security** (12 August), focused on addressing the historical injustice and enhancing Africa’s effective representation in the UN Security Council (S/2024/574). The President of Sierra Leone presided over the meeting. The Council heard briefings by the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General.
- An open debate on **Peacebuilding and sustaining peace** (21 and 22 August), focused on the New Agenda for Peace – addressing global, regional and national aspects of conflict prevention (S/2024/581). The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Sierra Leone presided over the meeting.

Key Topics

The **Middle East** was the most frequently considered country- or region-specific item in open and closed discussions (14, 15, 19 and 28 August), followed by **the Middle East, including the Palestinian question** (13, 22 and 29 August) and **Sudan and South Sudan** (5, 6 and 14 August). **Somalia** (12 and 15 August) and **Ukraine** (28 and 30 August) were also discussed more than once.

Other country- or region-specific items included: **Democratic Republic of the Congo**, **Libya** and **Non-proliferation/Democratic People’s Republic of Korea**. Under other matters (AOB), Council members discussed the **16th anniversary of the Russia-Georgia war**, the **situation of humanitarian personnel worldwide**, **Nord Stream** and a **joint letter from Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso addressed to the President of the Security Council** (S/2024/623).

In addition to the signature events, the Council held a thematic meeting on **Women and peace and security** and considered the Secretary-

General's periodic report on countering threats from ISIL/Da'esh under the item **Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts**.

Procedural notes

On 20 August, the Security Council **Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations** and the **Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa** held a **joint meeting** to draw lessons from recent transitions of UN peacekeeping operations on the African continent and to facilitate a joint discussion about the role the Security Council could play in setting the conditions for successful UN transitions and sustaining peace, including exploring the role of Troop-and-Police Contributors (T/PCCs).

On 21 August, Sierra Leone, Slovenia and Switzerland launched the Presidency Trio for Conflict Prevention committing to follow a proactive and comprehensive joint action during their respective Security Council presidencies in support of the UN Secretary-General's New Agenda for Peace.

Decisions and press statements

In August, the Council unanimously adopted **four resolutions** and issued **two press statements**.

On 6 August, the Council adopted resolution [2746 \(2024\)](#), authorizing the **United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO)** to support the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (SAMIDRC).

On 12 August, acting under Chapter VII of the Charter, the Council adopted resolution [2747 \(2024\)](#), extending by three days the authorization for African Union (AU) Member States to deploy uniformed personnel to the **AU Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS)**.

On 15 August, acting under Chapter VII of the Charter, the Council adopted resolution [2748 \(2024\)](#), extending the authorization for AU Member States to deploy uniformed personnel to **ATMIS** until 31 December 2024 and requesting the Secretary-General, jointly with the AU Commission Chairperson, to report on the overall mission design for the proposed successor mission by 15 November 2024.

On 28 August, the Council adopted resolution [2749 \(2024\)](#), demanding the full implementation of resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#) and extending the mandate of the **United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)** until 31 August 2025.

The Council issued two **press statements**: one on **Libya** ([SC/15804](#)) and one on terrorist attacks in **Burkina Faso** ([SC/15806](#)).

Other activities

In August, Council members convened **one Arria-formula meeting** on the following topic: “**Crimes of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and the nationalist battalions**” (13 August), organized by the Russian Federation.

Additionally, at the invitation of Switzerland, members of the Council visited Geneva on 25 and 26 August to mark the **75th anniversary of the 1949 Geneva Conventions**. All Council members except the Russian Federation participated in the **informal visit**.