



## How to Find Secretary-General's Reports

### Introduction

The Secretary-General of the United Nations produces reports on the topics of interest to the main bodies of the organization.

- [More information on reports to the General Assembly \(GA\)](#);<sup>1</sup>
- [More information on reports to the Security Council \(SC\)](#);<sup>2</sup>
- [More information on reports to the Economic and Social Council \(ECOSOC\)](#).<sup>3</sup>

Secretary-General's reports are some of the most commonly cited United Nations documents.

### Searching by Title or Subject

It is possible to search for many of the Secretary-General's reports using the United Nations Bibliographic Information System ([UNBISnet](#)<sup>4</sup>). Where available, UNBISnet provides full-text links to the reports.

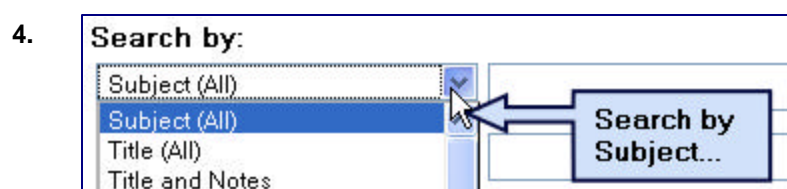
You can access [UNBISnet](#) from the [Documents link](#)<sup>5</sup> on the [UN home page](#)<sup>6</sup>.

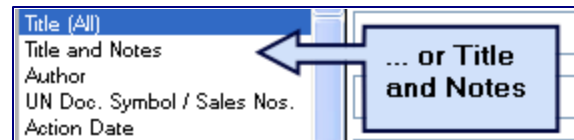
To search by title or subject use:

- the title field (i.e. "mission Afghanistan"), **or**
- the subject field (i.e. "violence against women"), **and**
- select the B15 Tag - reports/letters (UN Secretary-General) - under type of material.



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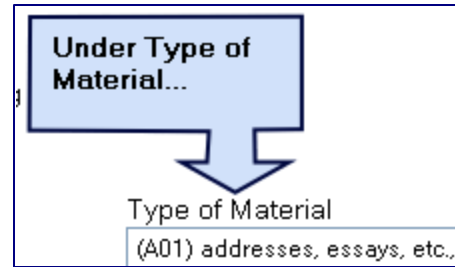




5. Enter your keywords.

Search by:  
 Title (All)

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The result page gives you a list of SG's reports and letters with "mission" and "afghanistan" in the title.

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**1 - Title:** Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the Security Council  
 United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan : report of the Secretary-General : [addendum]

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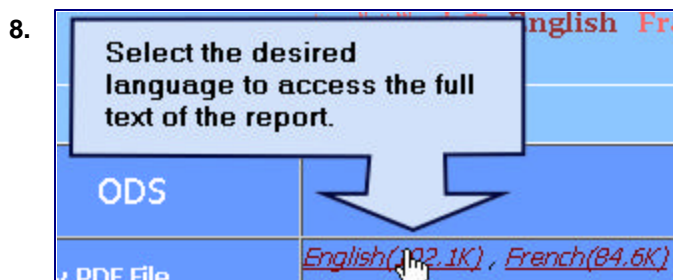
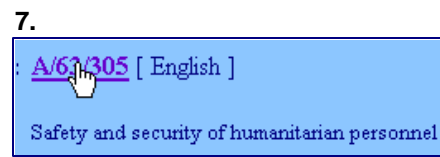
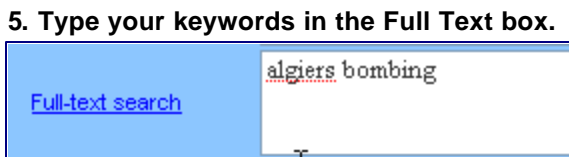
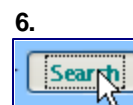
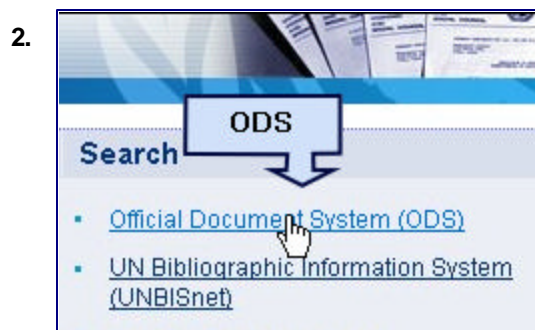
The Official Document System of the United Nations ([ODS](#)<sup>7</sup>) provides full-text searching of all reports to the Security Council and reports to the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council since 1993.

You can access [ODS](#) from the [Documents link](#) on the [UN home page](#).

To search for Secretary-General's Report in ODS:

- type "Secretary-General report" in the World of title box, **and**
- the full-text search box (i.e "Algiers bombing" or "unite to end violence against women")

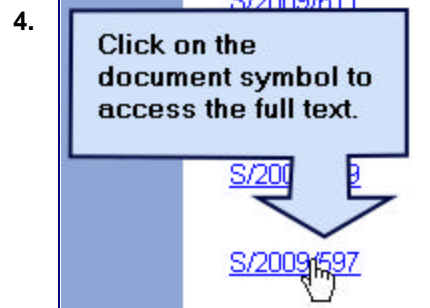
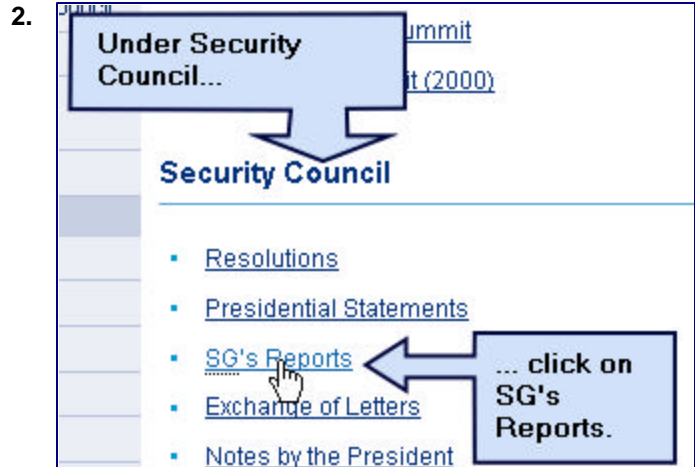
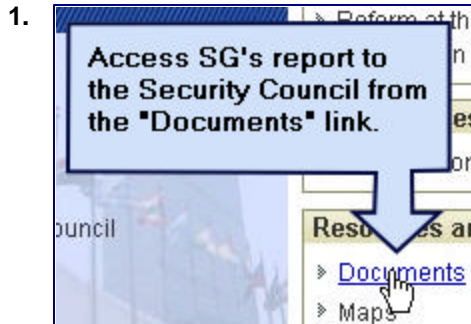
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## Browsing for Secretary-General's Reports to the Security Council

Lists of [Secretary-General's reports to the Security Council](#)<sup>8</sup> are available in chronological order since 1994. You can access these Secretary-General's Reports from the [Documents link](#) on the [UN home page](#).

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### Take the Test

1. You have the exact title of a Secretary-General's report. Which research tool will you use to find it?
  - a) The United Nations Bibliographic Information System (UNBISnet)
  - b) The United Nations Treaty Database
  - c) The Official Document System (ODS)
  - d) The United Nations Documentation Research Guide

2. In 2009, the Secretary-General submitted a report to the General Assembly entitled: Implementing the Responsibility to Protect. What is its symbol?

- a) A/63/776
- b) S/2009/200
- c) A/64/55
- d) A/63/677

3. Search for all Secretary-General's reports on the subject of the responsibility to protect. One of them was submitted to the GA at its 55th session. What is its title?

- a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Five Point Action Plan and the activities of the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide
- b) Efforts of the United Nations System to prevent genocide and the activities of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide: report of the Secretary-General
- c) Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa: report of the Secretary-General
- d) Human rights defenders: report of the Secretary-General

4. In 2007, the Secretary-General submitted a report to the Security Council on children and armed conflict in Myanmar. What is its symbol?

- a) S/2007/643
- b) S/2007/758
- c) S/2007/666
- d) S/2006/758

5. Find Secretary-General's reports mentioning the cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union. In 2008, a report covering this topic was submitted to both the General Assembly and the Security Council. What is its symbol?

- a) A/61/256
- b) S/2008/516 - A/63/220
- c) S/2008/531 - A/63/228
- d) A/RES/63/304

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1. (a) or (c)
2. (d)
3. (d)
4. (c)
5. (c)

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<sup>1</sup> Research Guide, Reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly  
<http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/resguide/gasess.htm#gasgrep>

<sup>2</sup> Research Guide, Reports of the Secretary-General to the Security Council  
<http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/resguide/scsess.htm#scsgrep>

<sup>3</sup> Research Guide, Reports of the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council  
<http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/resguide/ecsess.htm#ecsgrep>

<sup>4</sup> UNBISnet - <http://unbisnet.un.org/>

<sup>5</sup> Documents link - <http://www.un.org/en/documents/>

<sup>6</sup> UN home page - <http://www.un.org/>

<sup>7</sup> ODS - <http://documents.un.org/>

<sup>8</sup> Lists of Secretary-General's reports to the Security Council <http://www.un.org/documents/repsec.htm>