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41. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security

During the period under review, the Security Council held four meetings and adopted two presidential statements in connection with the item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security”. The Council discussed the partnership between and among the United Nations, the European Union and the African Union in various issues relating to the maintenance of international peace and security, including the emerging migrant crisis.¹

The Council on 14 February 2014 adopted its first presidential statement on the cooperation between the United Nations and the European Union, by which the Council commended the European Union’s involvement in international negotiations and mediations, its commitment to international peacekeeping, peacebuilding, humanitarian presence and financing as well as logistical support, and its role in supporting the United Nations operations in the areas of mutual concern.² By a presidential statement, the Council recognized the role of the African Union in efforts to prevent or settle conflicts in the African continent, and commended the increased contribution of the African Union to the maintenance of peace and security, including peacekeeping.³ The Council also welcomed the continued cooperation between the two organizations on different components of the African Peace and Security Architecture.⁴

¹ For more information, see [S/PV. 7439](#), with regard to the migrant crisis.

² [S/PRST/2014/4](#).

³ [S/PRST/2014/27](#).

⁴ Ibid.

Meetings: Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security

<i>Meeting and date</i>	<i>Sub-item</i>	<i>Other documents</i>	<i>Rule 37 invitations</i>	<i>Rule 39 and other invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Decision and vote (for-against-abstaining)</i>
S/PV.7112 14 February 2014	European Union			High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of the European Union	Secretary-General, all Council members, ^a invitee under rule 39	S/PRST/2014/4
S/PV.7343 16 December 2014	Peace operations: the United Nations-African Union partnership and its evolution		21 invitees ^b	African Union High Representative for Mali and the Sahel; Managing Director for Africa, European External Action Service of the European Union	Secretary-General, all Council members, ^c all invitees under rules 37 and 39	S/PRST/2014/27
	Letter dated 8 December 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Chad to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2014/879)					
S/PV.7402 9 March 2015	European Union			High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of the European Union	Secretary-General, all Council members and invitee under rule 39	
S/PV.7439 11 May 2015				High Representative for Foreign Affairs	All invitees under	

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				and Security Policy of the European Union, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration	rule 39	

^a Lithuania was represented by its Minister for Foreign Affairs.

^b Algeria, Brazil, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Namibia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Slovakia, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden), Tunisia, Turkey and Uganda.

^c Chad was the President of the Security Council. It was represented by its Minister for Foreign Affairs and African Integration.