

Chapter VIII

**Consideration of questions under the
responsibility of the Security Council
for the maintenance of international
peace and security**

Introductory note

Chapter VIII of the *Repertoire* focuses on the substance of each of the questions included in the agenda of the Security Council that relate to its responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. Examining the entire chain of proceedings of the Council on each agenda item gives an overall sense of their political context.¹ The range of agenda items covers broadly those that may be deemed to fall under Chapters VI and VII of the Charter.

The overview of the proceedings of the Council provided in chapter VIII of the *Repertoire* constitutes a framework within which the procedural developments recorded in chapters I to VII and legal and constitutional discussions recorded in chapters X to XII may be considered. Chapter VIII also examines the substantive aspects of the Council's practice that are not covered in other chapters of the *Repertoire*.

The agenda items are grouped by region, for ease of reference, with an additional category of thematic issues. Within each region, items are listed in the order in which

¹ The *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* covers formal meetings and documents of the Security Council. Some of the questions considered in this chapter have also been discussed in informal consultations among the members of the Council.

they were first included in the agenda of the Council.

Generally, individual sections cover all proceedings relating to a specific agenda item. In exceptional cases, in order to improve the coherence of the text, related agenda items have been grouped together under the heading “Items relating to....”.

The material included in chapter VIII is drawn from the formal meetings of the Council, and includes summaries of the statements made in the Council and of all Council documents, including reports and letters, that were referred to during the meetings.¹ The chapter also includes summaries of all of the decisions that were adopted during those formal Council meetings.²

Notes on format

Headings:

- Each section is organized around the decisions taken by the Council on each agenda item. All of the meetings leading up to a decision are included under the heading for that decision.
- In the case of a series of meetings that do not lead up to a decision, the meetings are grouped together under the heading “Deliberations”.

Grouping of meetings:

¹ Other documents that deal with the specific agenda item but were not mentioned in the formal meetings of the Council can be found in the “Annual Report of the Security Council to the General Assembly”.

² Most of the summaries have been taken from the Index to the Proceedings of the Security Council and are reproduced with only minor editorial changes.

- Some meetings have been grouped together, and an overview of all developments at/during the meetings is provided. In some of these cases, a series of similar resolutions, generally reauthorizing the mandate of a subsidiary body and adopted without debate, have also been grouped together. In such cases, a brief overview of the main provisions of the resolutions is provided.

Agenda:

- When the Council includes a new item in its agenda, the section covering its first consideration bears the heading “Initial proceedings”.
- Meetings held under the agenda item “Security Council mission” have been placed with the agenda item related to the specific mission under consideration.
- Similarly, meetings with troop contributing countries to the various peacekeeping missions are grouped with the agenda item that covers those missions.

Miscellaneous:

- Information on any formal meetings held in private is provided in footnotes to the subsequent open meeting.
- Unless otherwise noted, representatives of States Members of the United Nations who were invited to participate in the Council’s proceedings have been invited under rule 37 of the Council’s

provisional rules of procedure, and all other speakers have been invited under rule 39.³

- Unless otherwise indicated, draft resolutions were prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

³ See chapter III for more information.