

<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>
6492 28 February 2011	Letter dated 21 January 2011 from the Ombudsperson addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2011/29)					S/PRST/2011/5
6526 2 May 2011						S/PRST/2011/9
6557 17 June 2011		Draft resolution submitted by France, Germany, Portugal, United Kingdom, United States (S/2011/368)  Draft resolution submitted by France, Germany, United Kingdom, United States (S/2011/369)			7 Council members (France, Germany, India, Portugal, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States)	Resolution 1988 (2011) 15-0-0  Resolution 1989 (2011) 15-0-0

## 35. Briefings

### Overview

During the period under review, the Security Council heard a number of briefings that were not explicitly connected to any specific item on the Council's agenda, but included under a number of unique items.

### Briefings by Chairmen of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council

From 2010 to 2011, the Council held six meetings in connection with the item entitled "Briefings by Chairmen of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council" at which the Chairmen of various sanctions and counter-terrorism committees and working groups provided an overview of the work of those organs to the Council.

### Other briefings

During the period under review, the Council also heard two briefings by the Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and two briefings held in closed sessions by the President of the International Court of Justice.

### Briefing by Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

On 5 February 2010, the Secretary of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, speaking as Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, briefed the Council on areas of cooperation between the United Nations and

OSCE. He presented the priorities of OSCE for 2010 and the main challenges of the organization, including terrorism, the accumulation and proliferation of small arms and light weapons, and illegal migration, as well as trafficking in weapons, drugs and people. He stressed the importance of strengthening the role of OSCE in the European security architecture, making tolerance and intercultural dialogue a top priority, responding to the challenges of environmental security and improving its partnership with the United Nations in tackling threats to global peace and security. Noting that Kazakhstan was the first Central Asian and post-Soviet Republic to chair the OSCE, he touched on a host of other priorities, among them, bolstering security in the southern Caucasus, Kosovo and Afghanistan, combating terrorism, curbing weapons proliferation, promoting human rights and pressing for broader implementation of United Nations resolutions.<sup>821</sup>

Members of the Council welcomed the Secretary of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan and congratulated him on the assumption of the OSCE chairmanship. They expressed their support for the priorities defined by the OSCE chairmanship and their readiness to increase cooperation between the United Nations and OSCE.

On 15 February 2010, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lithuania briefed the Council in his capacity as Chairperson-in-Office of OSCE. Setting out priority areas for 2011, he stated that OSCE would seek tangible progress in addressing protracted conflicts, improved implementation of media freedom commitments, including those emanating from outside the OSCE area, enhancing the role of OSCE in the area of energy security and promoting tolerance education throughout the OSCE region. He also noted that with respect to protracted conflicts, the role of OSCE in seeking progress in achieving a settlement of the Transdnistrian and Nagorny-Karabakh conflicts remained a high priority. He emphasized that crises and conflicts in the OSCE region over the past years demanded an urgent need to strengthen capabilities across the entire conflict cycle, adding that early warning must be followed by early action, as demonstrated by the quick response of OSCE to events in Albania. In terms of cooperation with the United Nations, he pledged support to the United Nations-led international efforts to stabilize Afghanistan.<sup>822</sup>

Members of the Council welcomed the activities of OSCE in resolving protracted conflicts in the region, notably in Afghanistan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Kosovo.

<sup>821</sup> S/PV.6268, pp. 2-6.

<sup>822</sup> S/PV.6481, pp. 2-4.

## Meetings: briefings

### A. Briefings by Chairmen of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council

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6310 11 May 2010			12 Member States <sup>a</sup>	Acting Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations	All Council members, all invitees, Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities, Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

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

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6424 15 November 2010			13 Member States <sup>b</sup>	Acting Head of the Delegation of the European Union	All Council members, all invitees, Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999), Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001), Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
6457 20 December 2010					Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan and of the Informal Working Group on International Tribunals, Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006), of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations and of the Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions, Chairman of the Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea <sup>c</sup> and of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict, Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and of the Working Group established pursuant to resolution 1566 (2004), Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa
6536 16 May 2011			13 Member States <sup>d</sup>	Acting Head of the Delegation of the European Union	All Council members, all invitees, Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999), Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001), Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
6658 14 November 2011			Cuba, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Pakistan, Spain, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic	Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations	All Council members, all invitees, Chairman of the Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities, <sup>e</sup> Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001), Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

## Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council, 2010-2011

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6686 14 December 2011					Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1518 (2003) and of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations, Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia, Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire, Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1636 (2005), Chairman of the Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions

<sup>a</sup> Argentina, Colombia, Cuba, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Morocco, New Zealand, Norway, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

<sup>b</sup> Afghanistan, Cuba, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Morocco, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Spain, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

<sup>c</sup> On 2 March 2010, the Council amended the name of the Committee to "Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea".

<sup>d</sup> Cuba, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Japan, Morocco, Pakistan, Spain, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

<sup>e</sup> On 30 June 2011, the Council decided to change the name of the Committee to "Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities".

### B. Briefings by the Chairperson-in-Office of OSCE and the President of the International Court of Justice

<i>Meeting and date</i>	<i>Rule 39 and other invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
6268 5 February 2010	Chairperson-in-Office of OSCE and Secretary of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan	All Council members, Chairperson-in-Office of OSCE
6412 (closed) 27 October 2010	President of the International Court of Justice	Council members, President of the International Court of Justice
6481 15 February 2011	Chairperson-in-Office of OSCE and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lithuania	All Council members, Chairperson-in-Office of OSCE
6637 (closed) 25 October 2011	President of the International Court of Justice	Council members, President of the International Court of Justice

## 36. Security Council mission

### Overview

During the period under review, the Security Council completed four missions in which members of the Council visited the field. Destinations of the missions included several countries in Africa<sup>823</sup> and Afghanistan. The missions consisted of representatives of all members of the Council. The Council held three meetings in connection with the item entitled “Security Council mission”, at which the heads of the missions briefed the Council on their findings in those countries. The Council heard a briefing on the mission to Afghanistan in connection with the item entitled “The situation in Afghanistan”.<sup>824</sup> Summaries of the briefings are presented by region.<sup>825</sup>

### Briefings on Security Council missions

#### 19 May 2010: Security Council mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, 13 to 16 May 2010

On 19 May 2010, the Council included in its agenda the item entitled “Briefing by the Security Council mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo”. At the meeting, the Council heard a briefing by the representative of France and head of the mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He reported on the meetings held with the President and members of the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Parliament and others, which confirmed that while the country had evolved over the past 10 years and progress had been made, the humanitarian and human rights situations in the country remained fragile, and security sector reform remained a key challenge. The mission had conveyed to the Congolese authorities the Council’s readiness to work with them to strengthen peace and stability in the country, to ensure the protection of civilians and allow for the reconfiguration of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC).<sup>826</sup>

<sup>823</sup> Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan and Uganda.

<sup>824</sup> See [S/PV.6351](#).

<sup>825</sup> For more information on the composition and reports of the missions, see part VI, sect. II, “Investigation of disputes and fact-finding”.

<sup>826</sup> [S/PV.6317](#), pp. 2-3.

#### 30 June 2010: Security Council mission to Afghanistan, 21 to 24 June 2010

On 30 June 2010, the Council included in its agenda the item entitled “The situation in Afghanistan”. During the meeting, the Council heard a briefing by the representative of Turkey and head of the mission to Afghanistan. He reported that members of the mission had met with the President of Afghanistan and his Cabinet as well as with members of the executive and legislative branches, and that the members of the mission had underlined, *inter alia*, the necessity of free and fair elections. The members of the mission had also encouraged the Afghan authorities to advance their efforts to promote, among other issues, the rule of law and human rights, and had highlighted the importance of combating the narcotics industry and trade.<sup>827</sup>

#### 14 October 2010: Security Council mission to Africa, 4 to 10 October 2010

On 14 October 2010, the Council included in its agenda the item entitled “Briefing by the Security Council mission to Africa”. The Council heard briefings by the representative of Uganda and head of the Uganda segment of the mission and the representatives of the United States and the United Kingdom, leaders of the Sudan segment of the mission.

The representative of Uganda reported that the President of Uganda, in his meeting with the mission, had stated that it was imperative that the Comprehensive Peace Agreement be implemented fully and had stressed the importance of supporting the efforts of the parties towards peaceful, credible and timely referendums. The President also emphasized the importance of strengthening cooperation between the United Nations, the African Union and subregional organizations on security issues, and called on the United Nations to support regional efforts in dealing with the Lord’s Resistance Army. Mission members also visited the Entebbe Support Base, where they were briefed on its operations in support of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO). Council members were informed that, in addition to MONUSCO, the base was supporting other African field missions and entities, including the African

<sup>827</sup> [S/PV.6351](#), p. 6.