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## **Chapter VIII**

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

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## Introductory note

Chapter VIII 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. By examining the entire sequence of proceedings, it provides an overall sense of their political context.<sup>1</sup> The range of questions covers broadly those that may be deemed to fall under Chapters VI and VII of the Charter, constituting a framework within which to consider the ancillary legal and constitutional discussion recorded in chapters X to XII of the *Repertoire*.

The questions are dealt with by region, for ease of reference. There is also a category of thematic issues.

Each section is organized around the decisions taken by the Council on each agenda item. Procedural decisions related to the subject matter of chapters I to VII of the *Repertoire* are, with certain exceptions, omitted as not relevant to the purpose of this chapter. For instance, information on invitations to participate in the discussion and on rules 37 and 39 of the provisional rules of procedure is provided in chapter III.

Summaries of the statements made in the Council and of the documents considered by the Council during its deliberations have been included to provide a better understanding of the basis of decisions. Affirmative decisions have been reproduced in full, while negative decisions are indicated in summarized form.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 may also have been discussed in informal consultations among the members of the Council.