TENTATIVE FORECAST OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2020

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AFRICA

Central African region: SG reports on UNOCA, including on the situation in the Lake Chad region
Resolution 2349 (2017) of 31 March 2017
Para. 34: Requests the Secretary-General to produce a written report within five months on the United Nations’ assessment of the situation in the Lake Chad Basin Region as it relates to elements of this resolution, particularly regarding the progress made and remaining challenges, and possible measures for consideration, including with respect to achieving greater coherence of efforts in the context of overlapping regional strategies, and thereafter to include these elements in regular reporting by UNOCA and UNOWAS.

S/PRST/2018/17 of 10 August 2018
Last para.: The Security Council requests the Secretary-General to provide a written report to it on the situation in Central Africa and UNOCA’s activities, including on the situation in the Lake Chad region as requested in resolution 2349 (2017), by 30 November 2018 and every six months thereafter.

The report of the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in December 2020.

DRC: MONUSCO mandate
Resolution 2502 (2019) of 19 December 2019
Para. 22: Decides to extend until 20 December 2020 the mandate of MONUSCO in the DRC, including, on an exceptional basis and without creating a precedent or any prejudice to the agreed principles of peacekeeping, its Intervention Brigade;

The mandate will expire on 20 December 2020.

DRC: SG reports on MONUSCO
Resolution 2502 (2019) of 19 December 2019
Para. 51: Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council every three months on the situation in the DRC, including progress towards the strengthening of State institutions, key governance and security reforms, and on the implementation of MONUSCO’s mandate, including […]

The report of the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in December 2020.

DRC: Sanctions: Group of Experts mid-term report
Resolution 2528 (2020) of 25 June 2020
Para. 4: Requests the Group of Experts to provide to the Council, after discussion with the Committee, a mid-term report no later than 30 December 2020, and a final report no later than 15 June 2021, as well as submit monthly updates to the Committee, except in the months where the mid-term and final reports are due;

The GoE mid-term report is expected to be presented no later than 30 December 2020.

Guinea-Bissau: UNIOGBIS mandate
Resolution 2512 (2020) of 28 February 2020
Para. 1: Decides to extend the mandate of UNIOGBIS until 31 December 2020;
The mandate will expire on 31 December 2020.

Mali: SG reports on MINUSMA on the implementation of resolution 2531 (2020)
Resolution 2531 (2020) of 29 June 2020
Para. 62: Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council every three months after the adoption of this resolution on the implementation of this resolution, focusing: (i) on progress in the implementation of the Agreement, particularly on the priority measures referenced in paragraph 3 above, (ii) on progress in the implementation of the Stratégie de stabilisation du centre du Mali, particularly on the priority measures referenced in paragraph 14 above, as well as on MINUSMA's efforts to support these objectives, (iii) on coordination, exchange of information and, when applicable, mutual operational and logistical support, between MINUSMA, the MDSF, the FC-G5S, the French Forces and the European Union missions in Mali, (iv) on measures to improve external communication of the mission;

The report of the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in December 2020.

Mali: Report by France on implementation of mandate to support MINUSMA
Resolution 2531 (2020) of 29 June 2020
Para. 41: Authorizes French forces, within the limits of their capacities and areas of deployment, to use all necessary means until the end of MINUSMA's mandate as authorized in this resolution, to intervene in support of elements of MINUSMA when under imminent and serious threat upon request of the Secretary-General, and requests France to report to the Council on the implementation of this mandate in Mali and to coordinate its reporting with the reporting by the Secretary-General referred to in paragraph 62 below;

Mali: SG letter on MINUSMA operations, performance and implementation of the integrated strategic framework
Resolution 2531 (2020) of 29 June 2020
Para. 63: Further requests the Secretary-General, addressing perspectives from all relevant actors, including the SRSG, in consultation with the Force Commander, to provide every six months the Security Council with a letter exclusively and thoroughly focusing on: (i) information on progress in mission operations, to include security challenges, implementation of the adaptation plan as well as an update on discussions in the Instance de Coordination au Mali on the coordination of security responsibilities, (ii) information on performance and rotations of uniformed personnel, on the basis of the methodology referred to in paragraph 49, including information on undeclared caveats and their impact on the mission, and how the reported cases of under-performance are addressed, S/RES/2531 (2020) (iii) an update on the implementation of the integrated strategic framework referred to in paragraph 24 above, encouraging that this framework also includes a transition plan with a view to handing over relevant tasks to the UNCT based on their mandates and comparative advantages as well as on a mapping of capabilities and gaps, a resource mobilization strategy that involves the full range of multilateral and bilateral partners, as well as a possible long-term exit strategy of the Mission on the basis of improved security and political conditions as well as of progress in the implementation of the Agreement;

The Secretary-General is expected to report in December 2020.

Somalia: Piracy: Authorizations for states and regional organizations in the fight against piracy and armed robbery at sea
Resolution 2500 (2019) of 4 December 2019
Para. 14: Decides that, for a further period of 12 months from the date of this resolution to renew the authorizations as set out in paragraph 14 of resolution 2442 (2018) granted to States and regional organizations cooperating with Somali authorities in the fight against piracy and armed robbery at sea
off the coast of Somalia, for which advance notification has been provided by Somali authorities to the Secretary-General;

The mandate will expire on 4 December 2020.

**South Sudan: Sanctions: SC to carry out a midterm review of travel ban and assets freeze**

Resolution 2521 (2020) of 29 May 2020

Para. 12: Decides to review the measures renewed in paragraph 11 above in light of progress achieved implementing all provisions of the R-ARCSS and developments related to human rights violations and abuses, decides to carry out a midterm review of the measures renewed in paragraph 11 no later than 15 December 2020, and expresses its readiness to consider adjusting measures in paragraph 11, including through modifying, suspending, lifting or strengthening measures to respond to the situation;

The Security Council is expected to review the measures no later than 15 December 2020.

**South Sudan: Sanctions: SC to carry out a midterm review of arms embargo**

Resolution 2521 (2020) of 29 May 2020

Para. 4: Decides to review the measures renewed in paragraph 3 in light of progress achieved implementing all provisions of the Revitalized Agreement, and adherence to the ACOH and ceasefire provisions of the Revitalized Agreement, further decides to carry out a midterm review of the measures renewed in paragraph 3 no later than 15 December 2020, and expresses its readiness to consider adjusting measures renewed in paragraph 3, including through modifying, suspending, lifting or strengthening measures to respond to the situation;

The Security Council is expected to review the measures no later than 15 December 2020.

**South Sudan: SG report on implementation of the UNMISS mandate and obstructions, and technical assistance provided to the Hybrid Court**

Resolution 2514 (2020) of 12 March 2020

Para. 41: Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council on implementation of the UNMISS mandate and the obstructions UNMISS encounters in doing so in a comprehensive written report to be submitted within 90 days of the date of adoption of this resolution, every 90 days thereafter, and underscores that such reporting should include attention to the below listed issues and that perspectives should be gathered from all relevant actors: [...] 

Resolution 2514 (2020) of 12 March 2020

Para. 42: Requests the Secretary-General to report, through his regular 90-day reports, on the technical assistance provided consistent with paragraph 36 above, invites the African Union to share information on progress made in the establishment of the Hybrid Court for South Sudan, with the Secretary-General to inform his report, and expresses the Security Council’s intention upon receipt of the Secretary-General’s reports to assess the work that has been done in the establishment of the Hybrid Court in line with international standards;

The report of the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in December 2020.

**Sudan: UNAMID mandate**

Resolution 2525 (2020) of 3 June 2020

Para. 1: Decides to extend the mandate of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) as contained in resolution 2495 (2019) until 31 December 2020, and further decides that UNAMID shall maintain its current troop and police ceiling during this period;

The mandate will expire on 31 December 2020.
Sudan: SG and AU Chairperson to provide a Special Report on the situation on the ground and drawdown of UNAMID
Resolution 2525 (2020) of 3 June 2020
Para. 11: Request the Secretary-General and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission to provide the Security Council with a Special Report no later than 31 October 2020, which includes an assessment of the situation on the ground, including the impact of the peace process on the security situation in Darfur, the capacity of the Government of Sudan, including the SPF, to protect civilians in line with the strategy outlined in the Government of Sudan’s letter addressed to the President of the Security Council dated 21 May 2020 (S/2020/429), and recommendations on the appropriate course of action regarding the drawdown of UNAMID, taking into account the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;

The report of the Secretary-General dated 13 November 2020 (S/2020/1115) is before the Security Council.

Sudan: SG to report on the implementation of UNITAMS and UNAMID mandates
Resolution 2524 (2020) of 3 June 2020
Para. 16: Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council every 90 days on the implementation of the UNITAMS mandate and on clear and measurable core and contextual benchmarks and indicators, to be provided to the Security Council in the first 90 day report, to track UNITAMS’ progress against its strategic objectives and to enable early planning for a future reconfiguration of the United Nations presence in Sudan;

Resolution 2525 (2020) of 3 June 2020
Para. 10: Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Security Council with an update on the implementation of UNAMID’s mandate every 90 days as an annex to the regular reporting requested on UNITAMS;

The report of the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in December 2020.

Sudan: SC to decide courses of action regarding drawdown and exit of UNAMID
Resolution 2525 (2020) of 3 June 2020
Para. 2: Expresses its intention to decide by 31 December 2020, taking into account the findings of the Special Report requested in paragraph 11 of this resolution, courses of action regarding the responsible drawdown and exit of UNAMID in line with paragraph 1 of this resolution;

The Security council is expected to take action no later than 31 December 2020.

South Sudan: Sanctions: Panel of Experts interim report
Resolution 2521 (2020) of 29 May 2020
Para. 18: Decides to extend until 1 July 2021 the mandate of the Panel of Experts as set out in paragraph 19 of resolution 2428 (2018), and decides that the Panel of Experts should provide to the Council, after discussion with the Committee, an interim report by 1 December 2020, a final report by 1 May 2021, and except in months when these reports are due, updates each month;

The PoE interim report is expected to be presented no later than 1 December 2020.

Sudan: ICC Prosecutor briefing
Resolution 1593 (2005) of 31 March 2005
Para. 8: Invites the Prosecutor to address the Council within three months of the date of adoption of this resolution and every six months thereafter on actions taken pursuant to this resolution.

The Prosecutor is expected to brief in December 2020.
UNOWAS: SG reports to SC
PSC letter of 31 January (S/2020/85)
Second para: The members concur with the recommendation contained in your letter to extend the mandate of UNOWAS, as set forth in the annex to this letter, for a further period of three years, from 1 February 2020 to 31 January 2023. The members of the Council request that you report to the Council every six months on the fulfilment by UNOWAS of its mandate.

Resolution 2349 (2017) of 31 March 2017
Para. 34: Requests the Secretary-General to produce a written report within five months on the United Nations’ assessment of the situation in the Lake Chad Basin Region as it relates to elements of this resolution, particularly regarding the progress made and remaining challenges, and possible measures for consideration, including with respect to achieving greater coherence of efforts in the context of overlapping regional strategies, and thereafter to include these elements in regular reporting by UNOCA and UNOWAS.

S/PRST/2020/2 of 11 February 2020
Last para.: The Security Council requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide information on UN efforts with respect to aspects highlighted in this statement, the UNOWAS mandate and the situation in West Africa and the Sahel and reiterates its call for an assessment of the implementation of its resolution 2349 to be integrated into regular reporting by UNOWAS.

The report of the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in December 2020.

AMERICAS

Colombia: SG to report on Verification Mission
Resolution 2366 (2017) of 10 July 2017
Para. 8: Further requests the Secretary-General, based on the reporting of the Special Representative, to report to the Security Council on the implementation of the Verification Mission’s mandate every 90 days after the start of its verification activities;

Resolution 2545 (2020) of 25 September 2020
Para. 1: Decides to extend, to 25 September 2021, the mandate of the Verification Mission and reporting requirements in accordance with its resolutions 2366 (2017), 2377 (2017), 2435 (2018) and 2487 (2019), headed by a Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

The report of the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in December 2020.

ASIA/MIDDLE EAST

Afghanistan: SG reports on UNAMA
Resolution 2543 (2020) of 15 September 2020
Para. 10: Requests that the Secretary-General reports to the Council every three months on developments in Afghanistan including the security situation, and to include in his reports an evaluation of progress made against the benchmarks for measuring and tracking progress in the implementation of UNAMA’s mandate, including at the subnational level, and priorities as set out in this resolution;

Resolution 2513 (2020) of 10 March 2020
Para. 9: Requests the Secretary General to include in his reports on Afghanistan, as requested in paragraph 9 of resolution 2489 (2019), developments related to the efforts set out in this resolution;

The report of the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in December 2020.
Middle East: The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question
Resolution 1322 (2000) of 7 October 2000
Para.7: Invites the Secretary-General to continue to follow the situation and to keep the Security Council informed;

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question: SG to report to the Council on the implementation of resolution 2334 (2016)
Resolution 2334 (2016) of 23 December 2016
Para. 12: Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council every three months on the implementation of the provisions of the present resolution;

The Secretary-General is expected to report in December 2020.

Middle East (Syria): OPCW DG to report to SC (through SG) on implementation of resolution 2118 (2013)
Resolution 2118 (2013) of 27 September 2013
Para.12: Decides to review on a regular basis the implementation in the Syrian Arab Republic of the decision of the OPCW Executive Council of 27 September 2013 and this resolution, and requests the Director-General of the OPCW to report to the Security Council, through the Secretary-General, who shall include relevant information on United Nations activities related to the implementation of this resolution, within 30 days and every month thereafter, and requests further the Director-General of the OPCW and the Secretary-General to report in a coordinated manner, as needed, to the Security Council, non-compliance with this resolution or the OPCW Executive Council decision of 27 September 2013;

The report is expected to be presented in December 2020.

Middle East (Syria): SG report on the implementation of resolution 2268 (2016)
Resolution 2268 (2016) of 26 February 2016
Para.10: Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council on the implementation of this resolution, including by drawing on information provided by the ISSG ceasefire taskforce, and on resolution 2254 (2015), within 15 days of the adoption of this resolution and every 30 days thereafter;

The Secretary-General is expected to report in December 2020.

Resolution 2533 (2020) of 11 July 2020
Para. 3: Requests the Secretary-General to brief the Council monthly and to provide a report on a regular basis, at least every 60 days, on the implementation of resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014), 2258 (2015), 2332 (2016), 2393 (2017), 2401 (2018), 2449 (2018), 2504 (2020) and this resolution and on compliance by all relevant parties in Syria and further requests the Secretary-General to continue to include in his reports overall trends in United Nations cross-line and cross-border humanitarian access and detailed information on the humanitarian assistance delivered through United Nations humanitarian cross-border operations, including on the number of beneficiaries, locations of aid deliveries at district-level and the volume and nature of items delivered;

The report of the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in December 2020.

Middle East (UNDOF): UNDOF mandate
Resolution 2530 (2020) of 29 June 2020
Para. 15: Decides to renew the mandate of UNDOF for a period of six months, that is, until 31 December 2020, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that UNDOF has the required capacity and resources to fulfil the mandate in a safe and secure way;

The mandate will expire on **31 December 2020**.

**Middle East (UNDOF): SG reports on developments in the situation and measures taken to implement resolution 338 (1973)**

Resolution 2530 (2020) of 29 June 2020

Para. 16: Requests the Secretary-General to report every 90 days on developments in the situation and the measures taken to implement resolution 338 (1973).

The report of the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in **December 2020**.

**Middle East (Yemen): SG to report to SC on implementation of resolution 2534 (2020) and resolution 2451 (2018)**

Resolution 2534 (2020) of 14 July 2020

Para. 7: Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council on a monthly basis on progress regarding the implementation of this resolution, including on any obstructions to the effective operation of UNMHA caused by any party; and on resolution 2451 (2018), including on any non-compliance by any party;

The Secretary-General is expected to report in **December 2020**.

**COUNTER-TERRORISM/NON-PROLIFERATION**

**1988 Committee: Sanctions: 1267/1989 Monitoring Team to also support the 1988 Committee**

Resolution 2501 (2019) of 16 December 2019

Para. 2: Decides, in order to assist the Committee in fulfilling its mandate, that the 1267/1988 Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team (Monitoring Team), established pursuant to paragraph 7 of resolution 1526 (2004), shall continue to support the Committee for a period of twelve months from the date of expiration of the current mandate in December 2019, with the mandate set forth in the annex to this resolution, and further requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements to this effect, and highlights the importance of ensuring that the Monitoring Team receives the necessary administrative and substantive support to effectively, safely and in a timely manner fulfil its mandate, including with regard to duty of care in high risk environments, under the direction of the Committee, a subsidiary organ of the Security Council

The support of the 1267/1989 Monitoring Team will expire on **17 December 2020**.

**Non-proliferation (Iran): SG reports on the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015)**

Note by the PSC of 16 January 2016

Para. 7: The Security Council requests that the Secretary-General report to the Security Council every six months on the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015). Prior to the public release of that report, the Security Council shall meet informally, normally at the expert level, to review the findings and recommendations contained in the report.

Facilitator’s proposal as agreed on 17 March 2017

The report by the Secretary-General is expected to be issued in **December 2020**.

**Non-proliferation (Iran): Joint Commission reports**


Facilitator’s proposal as agreed on 17 March 2017

The Joint Commission is expected to report in December 2020.

Non-proliferation (Iran): Facilitator to brief the other members of the SC
Note by the PSC of 16 January 2016
Para. 3: To facilitate its work under resolution 2231 (2015), the Security Council shall select on an annual basis one member to serve as its facilitator for the functions specified in the present note. The facilitator shall brief the other members of the Council on its work and the implementation of the resolution every six months, in parallel with the report submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 7 below.

Facilitator’s proposal as agreed on 17 March 2017

The facilitator is expected to brief in December 2020.

Residual Mechanism: Annual report
Para. 16: Requests the President of the Mechanism to submit an annual report to the Security Council and to the General Assembly, and the President and the Prosecutor of the Mechanism to submit six-monthly reports to the Security Council on the progress of the work of the Mechanism;

The letter from the IRMCT President dated 1 August 2020 (S/2020/763) is before the Security Council.

Residual mechanism: Progress reports
Para. 16: Requests the President of the Mechanism to submit an annual report to the Security Council and to the General Assembly, and the President and the Prosecutor of the Mechanism to submit six-monthly reports to the Security Council on the progress of the work of the Mechanism;
Resolution 2529 (2020) of 25 June 2020
Para. 10: Reiterates its request to the Mechanism to include in its six-monthly reports to the Council information on progress achieved in implementing this resolution, as well as detailed information on the staffing of the Mechanism, respective workload and related costs with breakdown by division and detailed projections of the duration of residual functions based on available data;

The progress report dated 16 November 2020 (S/2020/1119) is before the Security Council.

Subsidiary bodies: Elected Chairs and Vice-Chairs of subsidiary bodies
Note by the PSC of 2 January 2020 (S/2020/2)
Para. 1: Pursuant to paragraph 4 (b) of the note by the President of the Security Council dated 30 October 1998 (S/1998/1016) and paragraphs 111 to 114 of the note by the President of the Council dated 30 August 2017 (S/2017/507), and after consultations among the members of the Council, it was agreed to elect the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of subsidiary bodies for the period ending 31 December 2020 as follows:

The mandate of the current elected chairs and vice-chairs of subsidiary bodies will end on 31 December 2020.
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<td>January 2021</td>
<td>Resolution 2542 (2020) of 15 September 2020 Para. 10: Requests the Secretary-General to continue to report to the Security Council on the implementation of this resolution at least every 60 days;</td>
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<td>January 2021</td>
<td>Resolution 1956 (2010) of 15 December 2010 Para. 6: Requests the Secretary-General to provide written reports on an ongoing basis to the council every six months, with the first report due no later than 1 January 2012, about the United Nations compensation fund, evaluating the continued compliance with the provisions of paragraph 21 of resolution 1483 (2003).</td>
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<td>Resolution 2537 (2020) of 28 July 2020 Para. 18: Requests the Secretary-General to submit by 10 January 2021 a report on his Good Offices, in particular on progress towards reaching a consensus starting-point for meaningful results-oriented negotiations leading to a settlement, encourages the leaders of the two communities to provide written updates to the Good Offices Mission of the Secretary-General on the actions they have taken in support of the relevant parts of this resolution since its adoption, in particular with regard to paragraphs 5 and 6 and 8, with a view to reaching a sustainable and comprehensive settlement, and further requests the Secretary-General to include the contents of these updates in his Good Offices report; further requests the Secretary-General to submit by 10 January 2021 a report on implementation of this resolution, and to keep the Security Council updated on events as necessary;</td>
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<td><strong>ISIL (Da’esh) and Al-Qaeda: SG strategic-level reports</strong></td>
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<td>Resolution 2368 (2017) of 20 July 2017 Para. 101: Emphasizing the threat posed to international peace and security by ISIL and associated individuals, groups, undertakings, and entities, requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide strategic-level reports that demonstrate and reflect the gravity of the aforementioned threat, including from foreign terrorist fighters joining ISIL and associated groups and entities, foreign terrorist fighters returning to their countries of origin, transiting through, traveling to or relocating to or from other Member States,</td>
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and the sources of financing of these groups and entities including through illicit trade in petroleum, antiquities, and other natural resources, as well as their planning and facilitation of attacks, any support to ISIL, Al-Qaida or any individual included on the ISIL and Al-Qaida Sanctions List, and reflects the range of United Nations efforts in support of Member States in countering this threat, the next report to be provided by 31 January 2018 and then every six months thereafter, with the input of CTED, in close collaboration with the Monitoring Team, as well as other relevant United Nations actors;