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## Introduction

The present publication constitutes the twenty-first supplement to the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council, 1946–1951*, which was issued in 1954. It covers the proceedings of the Security Council from the 8152nd meeting, held on 5 January 2018, to the 8439th meeting, held on 21 December 2018. The original *Repertoire* and previous Supplements may be consulted online on the Council [website](#).

The *Repertoire* was mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution [686 \(VII\)](#) of 5 December 1952, entitled “Ways and means for making the evidence of customary international law more readily available”. It is a guide to the proceedings of the Council and sets forth in a readily accessible form the practices and procedures to which the Council has had recourse. The *Repertoire* is not intended as a substitute for the records of the Council, which constitute the only comprehensive and authoritative account of its deliberations.

The categories employed to arrange the material are not intended to suggest the existence of procedures or practices that have not been clearly or demonstrably established by the Council itself. The Council is at all times, within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations, its own provisional rules of procedure and practice established through notes by the President of the Council, master of its own procedure. For ease of reference, this introduction contains a table indicating the membership of the Council during the period under review.

In recording the Council’s practice, the headings under which the practices and procedures of the Council were presented in the original volume issued in 1954 have been largely retained. Where necessary, adjustments have been made to better reflect the Council’s practice. For example, the studies contained in part I of the present publication are organized according to region or thematic issue.

The *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* covers four primary areas, namely, the application of the provisional rules of procedure, the application of Articles of the Charter of the United Nations, the subsidiary organs of the Council, including peacekeeping operations and special political missions as well as sanctions committees and the associated panels and groups of experts, and an overview of Council activities for each item on its agenda. From 1946 to 2007, each Supplement to the *Repertoire*, generally covering a period of two to four years, comprised 12 chapters. Since 2008, each Supplement to the *Repertoire*, covering a period of two years, has been organized in 10 parts. Since 2018, each Supplement to the *Repertoire* has covered a period of one year; it continues to be organized in 10 parts.

From 1946 to 2007, the 12 chapters of each Supplement covered the following topics:

Chapter I	Provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council (Articles 28, 30, 98 of the Charter; rules 1–5, 13–36, 40–67 of the rules of procedure)
Chapter II	Agenda (rules 6–12 of the rules of procedure)
Chapter III	Participation in the proceedings of the Security Council (Articles 31, 32, 35 (1); rules 37–39 of the rules of procedure)
Chapter IV	Voting (Article 27; rule 40 of the rules of procedure)
Chapter V	Subsidiary organs of the Security Council

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Chapter VI	Relations with other United Nations organs
Chapter VII	Practice relative to recommendations to the General Assembly regarding membership in the United Nations
Chapter VIII	Consideration of questions under the responsibility of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security (overview by agenda item)
Chapter IX	Decisions taken by the Security Council in the exercise of its other functions and powers
Chapter X	Consideration of the provisions of Chapter VI of the Charter
Chapter XI	Consideration of the provisions of Chapter VII of the Charter
Chapter XII	Consideration of the provisions of other Articles (Articles 1 (2), 2 (4), 2 (5), 2 (6), 2 (7), 24, 25, 52–54, 102, 103)

From 2008 onwards, the 10 parts of each Supplement covered the following topics:

Part I	Consideration of questions under the responsibility of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security
Part II	Provisional rules of procedure and related procedural developments
Part III	Purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations
Part IV	Relations with other United Nations organs
Part V	Functions and powers of the Security Council (Chapter V of the Charter)
Part VI	Consideration of the provisions of Chapter VI of the Charter
Part VII	Actions with respect to threats to the peace, breaches of the peace, and acts of aggression (Chapter VII of the Charter)
Part VIII	Regional arrangements (Chapter VIII of the Charter)
Part IX	Subsidiary organs of the Security Council: committees, tribunals and other bodies
Part X	Subsidiary organs of the Security Council: peacekeeping operations and special political missions

The *Repertoire* is based on published documents of the Council. Symbols of United Nations documents are composed of letters combined with figures. Council documents are indicated by a symbol that includes the year and a sequential number (for example, [S/2018/1151](#)). References to the verbatim records of meetings of the Council are given in the form [S/PV.8434](#), meetings being numbered consecutively, starting with the first meeting in 1946. As in previous recent Supplements, reference is made in this Supplement only to the provisional verbatim records of Council meetings, as the practice of publishing the meeting records in the *Official Records* has been discontinued.

The resolutions and other decisions adopted by the Council, including statements and notes issued by the President of the Council and relevant exchanges of letters between the President and the Secretary-General, are published in the yearly volumes of *Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council*. Resolutions

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are identified by a number followed by the year of adoption in parentheses, for example, resolution [2451 \(2018\)](#). Since 1994, references to the statements by the President on behalf of the Council have been given in the form [S/PRST/2018/1](#), for example. Prior to that date, presidential statements, like other Council documents, were circulated under a symbol in the sequential series (for example, [S/25929](#)).

Readers who wish to consult the full record of a meeting or the text of a Council document referred to in the *Repertoire* may do so on the official United Nations documentation website, [www.un.org/en/documents/](http://www.un.org/en/documents/). Council documents can be accessed on the website by selecting “Official Document System (ODS)” or one of the direct links to specific categories of documents. The volumes of *Resolutions and Decisions* may be accessed by symbol ([S/INF/73](#) for 2018).

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## **Membership of the Security Council, 2018**

Bolivia (Plurinational State of)

China

Côte d'Ivoire

Equatorial Guinea

Ethiopia

France

Kazakhstan

Kuwait

Netherlands

Peru

Poland

Russian Federation

Sweden

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

United States of America