Part I. Consideration of questions under the responsibility of
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16. Identical letters dated 19 January 2016 from the
Permanent Representative of Colombia to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the
President of the Security Council (S/2016/53)

During the period under review, the Security
Council held five meetings and adopted one resolution
under the agenda item entitled “Identical letters dated
19 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of
Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General and the President of the Security
Council (S/2016/53)”. Four of the meetings took
the form of briefings and one was convened for the
adoption of the decision.242 More information on the
meetings, including on participants, speakers and
outcomes, is given in the table below.

In his quarterly briefings to the Council,243 the
Special Representative of the Secretary-General for
Colombia and Head of the United Nations Verification
Mission in Colombia highlighted the progress made by
the parties in the implementation of the Final Agreement
for Ending the Conflict and Building a Stable and
Lasting Peace. He also focused on the overall political
process in Colombia, namely the successful and peaceful
conduct of presidential and legislative elections in March
and May 2018, respectively, with the participation of the
People’s Alternative Revolutionary Force (Fuerza
Alternativa Revolucionaria del Común (FARC)) for the
first time, the establishment of transitional justice and
reconciliation mechanisms and the steps taken by the
new Government of Colombia in the implementation of
the Agreement.244 In terms of challenges, he briefed the
Council on an upsurge in attacks on social leaders and
human rights defenders and emphasized the need for full
political, legal and socioeconomic reintegration of
former FARC-EP members.245

Deliberations in the Council under this item
during 2018 focused similarly on the status of the
implementation of subsequent phases of the Agreement
and the reintegration of the FARC-EP elements into
political, economic and social life, as well as the status
of ceasefire talks between the Government and the
National Liberation Army.

On 13 September 2018, the Council unanimously
adopted resolution 2435 (2018), in which it welcomed
the progress made towards peace since the adoptio
of the Agreement and urged the parties to work together to
renew the momentum behind the implementation of the
Agreement.246 Acknowledging the request of the
Government of Colombia to extend the mandate of
the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia,247
the Council also extended the mandate for a period of
one year, until 25 September 2019.248

Furthermore, in a letter dated 5 December 2018
addressed to the President of the Security Council, the
Secretary-General indicated his intention to appoint a
new Special Representative for Colombia and Head of
the United Nations Verification Mission.249

242 For more information on the format of meetings, see
part II, sect. I.
243 In his letter dated 21 May 2018 addressed to the
President of the Security Council (S/2018/498), the
Secretary-General requested an extension for the
submission of his third progress report from 26 June to
20 July 2018, in order to align its time frame with the
concluding period of the current administration in
Colombia. See also S/2018/499.
244 S/PV.8238, pp. 3–4; S/PV.8319, pp. 2–3; and S/PV.8368,
pp. 3–4.
245 S/PV.8154, pp. 2–3; S/PV.8238, p. 3; S/PV.8319, p. 3;
and S/PV.8368, pp. 2–4.
246 Resolution 2435 (2018), third preambular paragraph.
248 Resolution 2435 (2018), fifth preambular paragraph and
para. 1. For more information on the mandate of the
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, see
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<sup>a</sup> Colombia was represented by its Vice-President.  
<sup>b</sup> Colombia was represented by its Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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17. The situation in Afghanistan

During the period under review, the Security Council held five meetings, adopted one resolution and issued one presidential statement on the situation in Afghanistan. Four of the meetings took the form of debates and one was convened for the adoption of a decision.<sup>250</sup> More information on the meetings, including on participants, speakers and outcomes, is given in the __________

<sup>250</sup> For more information on the format of meetings, see part II, sect. I.