

15. The situation in Myanmar

During the period under review, the Council held three private meetings under the item entitled “The situation in Myanmar”. More information about the meetings is provided in table 1 below. In connection with this item, Council members also held one videoconference to announce the issuance of a presidential statement.⁵⁸⁶ More information on the videoconference is given in table 2 below. In addition, Council members held closed videoconferences in connection with this item.⁵⁸⁷

On 10 March 2021, the Council adopted a presidential statement by which it reiterated its deep concern at developments in Myanmar following the declaration of the state of emergency imposed by the military on 1 February and the arbitrary detention of members of the Government and called for their immediate release.⁵⁸⁸ The Council strongly condemned the violence against peaceful protestors and expressed deep concern at restrictions on medical personnel, civil society, journalists, and labour union members; called for the immediate release of all those detained arbitrarily; and called for the military to exercise utmost restraint.⁵⁸⁹ The Council also stressed the need to uphold democratic institutions and processes, refrain from violence, fully respect human rights and uphold the rule of law.⁵⁹⁰ The Council further reiterated its strong support for regional organisations, in particular the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and welcomed the statements made by the ASEAN Chair on 2 March and 1 February calling on all parties to exercise utmost restraint and seek a peaceful solution through constructive dialogue and practical reconciliation in the interests of the people of Myanmar.⁵⁹¹ The Council reiterated its support to the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar for her good offices and encouraged her efforts to engage intensively with all relevant parties in

⁵⁸⁶ See [S/PRST/2021/5](#). For more information on the procedures and working methods developed during the COVID-19 pandemic, see part II.

⁵⁸⁷ See [A/76/2](#). See also [S/2021/1084](#).

⁵⁸⁸ [S/PRST/2021/5](#), first paragraph. In the presidential statement, the Security Council also recalled its press statement of 4 February 2021, [SC/14430](#).

⁵⁸⁹ [S/PRST/2021/5](#), second paragraph.

⁵⁹⁰ *Ibid.*, third paragraph.

⁵⁹¹ *Ibid.*, fourth paragraph.

Myanmar, and to visit Myanmar as soon as possible.⁵⁹² The Council further noted that the situation in Myanmar had the potential to exacerbate existing challenges in Rakhine state and expressed concern that recent developments posed serious challenges for Rohingya refugees and internally displaced persons within the region.⁵⁹³ The Council also reaffirmed its strong commitment to the sovereignty, political independence, territorial integrity and unity of Myanmar.⁵⁹⁴

Further to this decision, the Council held three private meetings on 18 June, 17 August and 8 November during which it heard briefings by the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Myanmar, the Acting Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator and the Director of the Asia-Pacific Division of the Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations. In addition, the Foreign Minister II of Brunei Darussalam provided briefings to the Council in his capacity as Chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) at the 18 June meeting, invited under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure, and in his capacity as Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar at both the 17 August and the 8 November meetings, invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure.⁵⁹⁵

Table 1
Meetings: The situation in Myanmar

<i>Meeting record 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 (for-against-abstaining)</i>
S/PV.8800 18 June 2021				Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Myanmar, Chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) ^a	All Council members, all invitees	

⁵⁹² Ibid., fifth paragraph.

⁵⁹³ Ibid., sixth paragraph.

⁵⁹⁴ Ibid., seventh paragraph.

⁵⁹⁵ For more information on participation in meetings of the Council, see part II.

S/PV.8835 17 August 2021	Brunei Darussalan ^b	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Myanmar, Acting Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator	12 Council members, ^c all invitees
S/PV.8898 8 November 2021	Brunei Darussalan ^b	Director of the Asia-Pacific Division of the Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations	All Council members, all invitees

^a The Foreign Minister II of Brunei Darussalam briefed the Council in his capacity as Chair of ASEAN.

^b Brunei Darussalam was represented by its Foreign Minister II who briefed the Council in his capacity as Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar.

^c China, France, Estonia, Kenya (also on behalf of Niger, Tunisia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines), Ireland, Mexico, Norway, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States.

Table 2
Videoconferences: The situation in Myanmar

<i>Videoconference date</i>	<i>Videoconference record</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Decision and vote (for-against-abstaining) and record of written procedure</i>
10 March 2021	No record (see A/76/2 , part II, Chapter 32)		S/PRST/2021/5