## **B.** Non-proliferation

During the period under review, the Council held two meetings under the item entitled "Non-proliferation". Both meetings took the form of briefings. 1172 More information on the meetings, including on participants, speakers and outcomes, is given in the table below. In addition to the meetings, Council members held informal consultations of the whole. 1173

Under the item, the Council heard briefings by the Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, and the representative of Ireland as the Security Council Facilitator for the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015). The Islamic Republic of Iran participated in both meetings under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure and delivered statements.

On 30 June, the Council heard a briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs on the thirteenth report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015). 1174 During the briefing, the Under-Secretary-General noted that diplomatic engagements in and around the Joint Commission to restore the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action resumed in November 2021. She added notwithstanding that the participants and the United States had yet to return to the full and effective implementation of the Plan and resolution 2231 (2015) despite their determination to resolve political and technical differences. 1175 She reiterated her appeal to the United States to lift or waive its sanctions as outlined in the Plan, and to extend the waivers regarding the trade in oil with the Islamic Republic of Iran, while calling on the Islamic Republic of Iran to reverse the steps it had taken that were not consistent with its nuclear-related commitments under the Plan. She further added that the bilateral and regional initiatives to improve relationships with the Islamic Republic of Iran remained key and should be encouraged and built upon. In addition to the issues with regard to the implementation of the "JCPOA commitments", she expressed that it was also important for the Islamic Republic of Iran to address the concerns raised by participants

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1172</sup> For more information on the format of meetings, see part II.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1173</sup> See <u>A/77/2</u>, part II, chap. 30.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1174</sup> See S/2022/490.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1175</sup> See S/PV.9085.

in the Plan and by other Member States in relation to annex B to resolution 2231 (2015). Emphasizing that the Plan was at a critical juncture, she expressed the hope that the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States would continue to build on the momentum of the previous few days of talks, facilitated by the European Union, to resolve the remaining issues. Following the Under-Secretary-General, the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations reported that, after more than one year of intense multilateral negotiations, very tough political choices had to be made by all participants in the Plan and the United States to reach the delicate balance in the text. With the deal almost finalized and the space for further significant changes exhausted, he stated that it was therefore important to show the necessary political will and pragmatism to restore the Plan on the basis of the text on the table. While acknowledging the strong sense of urgency, he emphasized the importance to avoid escalatory steps and preserve sufficient space for diplomatic efforts to succeed. Furthermore, he urged all Members of the Organization to refrain from actions and statements that would increase regional and international tensions and thereby escalate a military build-up in the region and beyond. The representative of Ireland, as the Security Council Facilitator for the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015), thanked all Council members for unanimously approving the thirteenth six-month report of the Facilitator on the implementation of the Security Council resolution 2231 (2015). 1176 Elaborating on some aspects of the report, she informed that the Council held one meeting in the 2231 format on 23 June 2022. At that meeting, representatives discussed the findings and recommendations on the thirteenth report of the Secretary-General prior to its public release. They also discussed the ongoing diplomatic efforts to restore the Plan, the ballistic missile and space vehicle launches by the Islamic Republic of Iran, and issues related to implementation of resolution 2231 (2015). She also highlighted the importance of the role of the International Atomic Energy Agency in conducting verification and monitoring activities in the Islamic Republic of Iran, as requested under resolution 2231 (2015), as well as providing confidence for the international community that the nuclear programme of the Islamic Republic of Iran was for exclusively peaceful purposes. In that regard, she added that the reports of the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency played a key role.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1176</sup> See S/2022/510.

Many Council members reiterated their ambition and call for a mutual return to the full implementation of the Plan and resolution 2231 (2015). 1177 In that context, several speakers expressed concerns about the impediments to the verification and monitoring activities by the International Atomic Energy Agency in the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the removal of surveillance cameras and monitoring equipment. 1178 Some Council members called for the reconsideration of unilateral coercive measures imposed on the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for the United States to lift all relevant unilateral sanctions on the Republic to fully benefit from the economic dividends of the Plan. 1179

On 19 December, the Council held the second briefing for the year further to the relevant reports of the Secretary-General. 1180 In her briefing, the Under-Secretary-General reported on the status of the negotiations noting that the space for diplomacy appeared to be shrinking rapidly since her last briefing. 1181 She encouraged all parties and the United States to resume their efforts to resolve the outstanding issues, lest the gains achieved by the Plan after years of painstaking efforts be completely lost. The Under-Secretary-General also expressed regret at the reporting of the International Atomic Energy Agency about the intention of the Islamic Republic of Iran to instal new centrifuges at the Natanz fuel enrichment plant and to produce more uranium enriched up to 60 per cent at the Fordow fuel enrichment plant, which was estimated to be more than 18 times the allowable amount under the Plan. During the briefing, the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations stressed that the restoration of the Plan remained the only way for the Islamic Republic of Iran to reap the full benefits of the Plan and reach its full economic potential, since the restoration of the Plan would result in a comprehensive lifting of sanctions that would encourage greater cooperation by the entire international community with the Islamic Republic of Iran. Noting that the process to conclude a deal and bring the Plan back on track had been seriously challenged by the various developments over the previous months, he reiterated that diplomacy and restoring the Plan's full implementation was still the best option to prevent the Islamic Republic of Iran from developing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1177</sup> See S/PV.9085, United States, Mexico, France, Norway, Ghana, Kenya, United Arab Emirates, and Ireland.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1178</sup> United States, United Kingdom, Norway, Ghana, United Arab Emirates, Ireland, Albania, and Germany.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1179</sup> Mexico, Gabon, China, Ghana, Ireland, and Russian Federation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1180</sup> See S/PV.9225. For the reports, see S/2022/912, S/2022/919, and S/2022/937.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1181</sup> See S/PV.9225.

a nuclear weapon, which was also instrumental to the security of the whole region. The representative of Ireland, as the Security Council Facilitator for the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015), emphasized the importance of the full restoration of the Plan as soon as possible, and for all parties to the agreement to uphold it in both letter and spirit, avoid actions that undermined the implementation of commitments, and ensure its full and effective operation.

During the deliberations, some Council members reiterated the need to resume negotiations with all parties with a view to returning to the full implementation of the resolution. Other Council members expressed their continued concern about the nuclear enrichment by the Islamic Republic of Iran. Several Council members called for an interim agreement to allow the International Atomic Energy Agency to provide assurances of the exclusively peaceful nature of the Islamic Republic of Iran's nuclear programme.

Concerning the implementation of paragraphs 3 and 4 of annex B to resolution 2231 (2015), several speakers raised concerns about the findings in the Secretary-General's report (S/2022/912) concerning the transfer and use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) from the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Russian Federation, and encouraged an inspection of those vehicles recovered in Ukraine. In that regard, the representative of Brazil stated that he would await an independent assessment of such allegations. The representative of the Russian Federation reiterated that any results of the "pseudo-investigation" were null and void from a legal standpoint, while references to any alleged practice in the conduct of inspections were irrelevant. The representative of China expressed his hope that the parties concerned, including the Secretariat, would accurately interpret Council resolutions and documents, prudently handle issues such as the Islamic Republic of Iran's space launch and so-called transfer of unmanned aerial vehicles systems, and avoid influencing negotiations on resuming compliance.

Developments relating to the implementation of resolution <u>2231 (2015)</u> were also considered by the Council under the item entitled "Maintenance of international peace and security". <sup>1186</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1182</sup> Gabon, Ghana, China, and Kenya.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1183</sup> Ireland, Mexico, France, Albania, Norway and United Kingdom.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1184</sup> Gabon, United Arab Emirates, and India.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1185</sup> Ireland, France, Norway, United Kingdom and Germany.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1186</sup> See S/PV.9167. For more information, see part I, sect. 35.

## **Meetings: Non-proliferation**

Meeting record and date	Sub-item	Other documents	Rule 37 invitations	Rule 39 and other invitations	Speakers	Decision and vote (for- against- abstaining)
S/PV.9085 30 June 2022	Letter dated 10 June 2022 from the Security Council Facilitator for the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2022/482)		Iran (Islamic Republic of), Germany	Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations	members, <sup>a</sup> all invitees	
	Eleventh report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) (S/2022/490)					
	Letter dated 24 June 2021 from the Security Council Facilitator for the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2022/510)					
S/PV.9225 19 December 2022	Fourteenth report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) (S/2022/912)		Iran (Islamic Republic of), Germany	Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations	All Council members, <sup>a</sup> all invitees	
	Letter dated 6 December 2022 from the Security Council Facilitator for the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2022/919)					
	Letter dated 12 December 2022 from the Security Council Facilitator for the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015) addressed to the					

Meeting record and date	Sub-item	Other documents	Rule 37 invitations	Rule 39 and other invitations Speakers	Decision and vote (for-against-abstaining)
	President of the Security Council (S/2022/937)				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The representative of Ireland gave a briefing in her capacity as the Security Council Facilitator for the implementation of resolution <u>2231 (2015)</u>.