

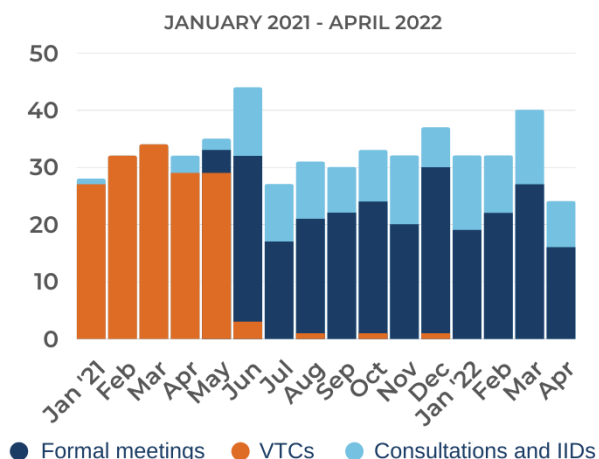
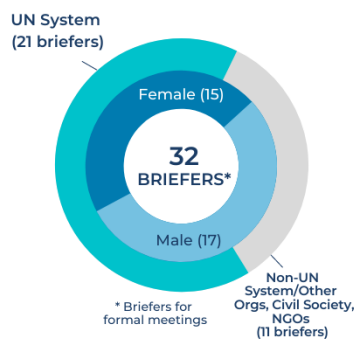
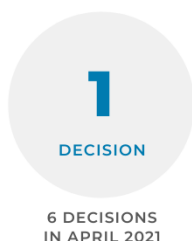
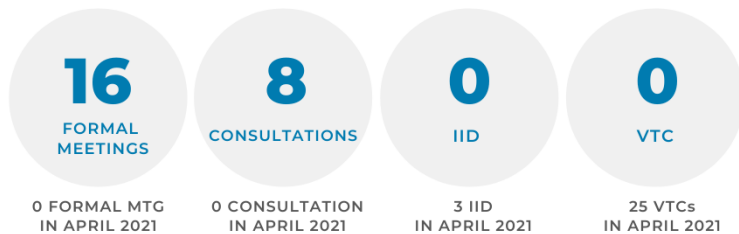
# UN Security Council in Review

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## April 2022 at a Glance



Under the **Presidency of the United Kingdom**, the Security Council held **two signature events**, both under thematic agenda items:

- A high-level briefing (11 April) on **Maintenance of international peace and security**, focusing on the implementation of resolution [2532 \(2020\)](#), endorsing the Secretary-General's 2020 appeal for a global ceasefire to help unite efforts to fight COVID-19, and resolution [2565 \(2021\)](#), calling for strengthened international cooperation for equitable and affordable access to COVID-19 vaccines in armed conflict situations. **The Minister of State for South and Central Asia, North Africa, UN and the Commonwealth, and the Prime Minister's Special Representative on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict** presided over the meeting.

- A high-level open debate (13 April) on **Women and peace and security**, focusing on accountability as prevention: ending cycles of sexual violence in conflict. **The Minister of State for South and Central Asia, North Africa, UN and the Commonwealth, and the Prime Minister's Special Representative on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict** presided over the meeting.

## Key Topics

**Libya** (19, 28, and 29), the **Middle East** (14, 26, and 29) and items relating to **Ukraine** (5, 11, and 19) were the most frequently considered country- or region-specific items in open and closed discussions, followed by the **Middle East including the Palestinian question** (19 and 25).

Other country or region-specific items considered by the Council included: **Colombia**, the **Great Lakes region**, **Kosovo**,

**Mali, Sudan and South Sudan (UNISFA)**, and **Western Sahara (MINURSO)**. Council members also discussed **Ethiopia**, and the Sudan (**Darfur**) under other matters (AOB).

## Procedural notes

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On 5 April, the **President of Ukraine**, invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure, addressed the Council via videoconference. This was the first time in 2022 that a rule 37 invitee participated via videoconference. The **Secretary-General** delivered a statement at the start of the meeting. At the meeting an **audiovisual recording** was played in the Council Chamber provided by the delegation of Ukraine which was reflected in the verbatim record (S/PV.9011).

On 12 April, the **President of Colombia**, invited under rule 37, attended in person the **quarterly briefing on the peacebuilding process in Colombia**.

During the open debate on women and peace and security held on 13 April, **54 member states participated in person under rule 37**, the highest number of rule 37 invitees participating in-person in a meeting of the Council since January 2020.

In April, a new agenda item entitled “**Maintenance of Peace and Security of Ukraine**” was introduced. The first meeting under the item was held on 11 April, focusing on the **role of women in the maintenance of peace and security in Ukraine and the impact of the conflict on women and children**.

## Decisions and press statements

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In April 2021, the Council adopted **one resolution** and issued **no presidential statements**.

On 29 April, the Council unanimously adopted resolution [2629 \(2022\)](#), extending for 3 months the mandate of UNSMIL until 31 July 2022, requesting the Mission to implement the recommendation of the Independent Strategic Review of UNSMIL (S/2021/716), and deciding that the Mission should be led by a Special Representative of the Secretary-General based in Tripoli. This was the **fourth resolution** extending the mandate of UNSMIL since September 2021.

The Council issued **12 press statements** on the following topics: the **crash of a MONUSCO helicopter** in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (SC/14849), the **cross-border terrorist attacks by the Houthis against Saudi Arabia** on 20 March and 25 March (SC/14852), the **Yemen Truce Announcement** (SC/14853), the **attack against MONUSCO** in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (SC/14855), political developments and the humanitarian crisis in **Yemen** (SC/14861), the terrorist attacks on educational institutions in **Afghanistan** on 19 April (SC/14866), the string of terrorist attacks in **Afghanistan** on 21 April (SC/14879), the continued attacks in **Afghanistan** (SC/14880), the situation in the **Great Lakes region** (SC/14872), the terrorist attack in Karachi, **Pakistan** (SC/14873), recent violence in West Darfur, **Sudan** (SC/14878), and the **Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Chemical Weapons Convention** (SC/14876).

## Other activities

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In April, Council members convened three Arria-formula meetings on the following topics: “**Threats to international peace and security emanating from military biological activities in regions across the globe**” convened by the Russian Federation (6 April), “**Conflict and hunger**” convened by Ireland (21 April), and “**Ensuring accountability for atrocities committed in Ukraine**” convened by Albania and France (27 April). All Arria-formula meetings in April were held in person.

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