

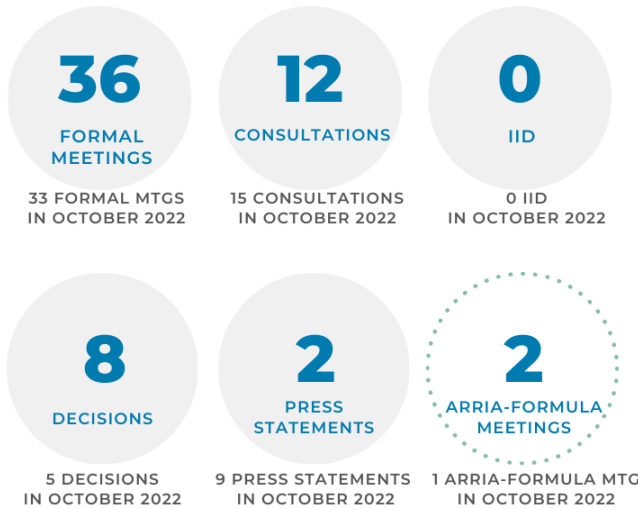
# UN Security Council in Review

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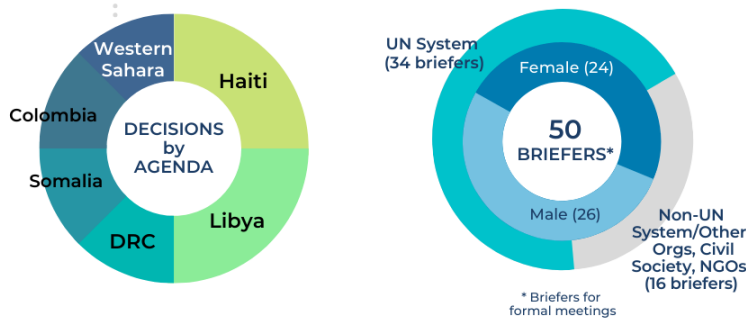
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## October 2023 at a Glance

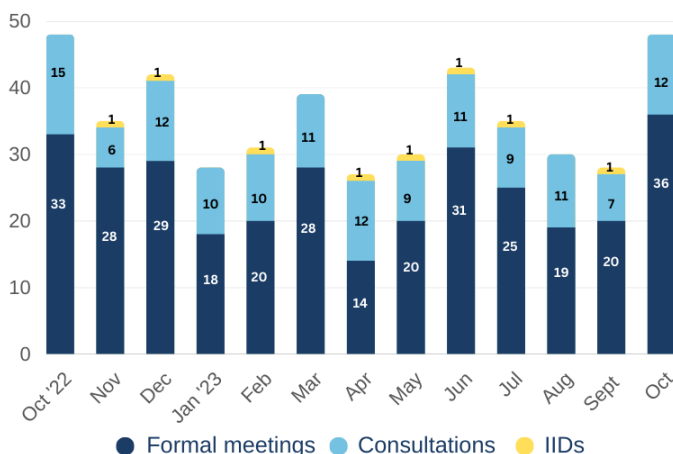


Most frequently discussed topics (open & closed)

Somalia **Middle East/ Ukraine**  
**Palestinian question**  
 Western Sahara  
 Libya **Haiti** **Middle East**



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Under the **Presidency of Brazil**, the Security Council held **two signature events**:

- A high-level open debate on **Maintenance of international peace and security** (20 October), focused on peace through dialogue and the contribution of regional, subregional and bilateral arrangements to the prevention and peaceful resolution of disputes ([S/2023/732](#)).
- A high-level open debate on **Women and Peace and Security** (25-26 October) focused on women’s participation in international peace and security ([S/2023/733](#)). The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brazil presided over the meeting.

## Key Topics

The **Middle East, including the Palestinian question** (8, 13, 16, 18, 24, 25 and 30 October) was the most frequently considered country- or region-specific item in open and closed discussions. The **Middle East** (12, 17 and 30 October), **Libya** (16, 19 and 30 October), **Ukraine** (9, 13, 27 and 31 October), **Haiti** (2, 19 and 23 October), **Somalia** (17, 19 and 31 October), **Western Sahara** (11, 16 and 30 October), **Central African Republic** (19 and 26 October) and **Colombia** (11 and 30 October) were also considered more than once. Other country or region-specific items considered by the Council included: the **Democratic Republic of the Congo, Great Lakes Region, Iraq, Kosovo and Sudan and South Sudan**. Under other matters (AOB), Council members discussed **Cyprus and Mali**.

In addition to the above, the Council held thematic meetings on **Cooperation with regional and subregional organizations**, a **briefing by the President of the ICJ**, and a **briefing by the High Commissioner for Refugees**.

## Procedural notes

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In October, further to the request from the President of the Security Council, the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission provided written advice for the meetings on **Colombia** (S/2023/745) and the **Great Lakes Region** (S/2023/752) under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure.

From 5-6 October, the Council traveled to **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**, for the **17th Joint Annual Consultative Meeting with the African Union Peace and Security Council** (S/2023/710). Brazil and Mozambique co-led the mission.

On 16, 18 and 25 October (see S/PV.9439, S/PV.9442 and S/PV.9453 respectively), **four draft resolutions** submitted under the item entitled “**The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question**” **failed to be adopted**: two due to the failure to obtain the required number of votes (S/2023/772 and S/2023/795); and two due to the vetoes cast by the United States (S/2023/773) and by both China and the Russian Federation (S/2023/792), respectively. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 76/262, the Council submitted the corresponding special reports to the General Assembly (A/78/549 and A/78/556).

## Decisions and press statements

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In October, the Council adopted **seven resolutions** and issued **one presidential statement**.

The Council adopted **unanimously** the following **five resolutions**: resolution 2700 (2023), under Chapter VII, renewing the **sanctions regime** concerning **Haiti**, resolution 2701 (2023), renewing the sanctions regime on illicit exports of petroleum from **Libya** and extending for 16 months the mandate of the **Panel of Experts**; resolutions 2702 (2023) and 2704 (2023), extending for one year the mandates of **UNSMIL** and the **United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia**, respectively; and resolution 2705 (2023), extending for one year the mandate of **UNSOM**.

The Council adopted **non-unanimously** the following **two resolutions**: resolution 2699 (2023) adopted under Chapter VII, and with two abstentions by China and the Russian Federation (see S/PV.9430) authorizing the deployment of a **Multinational Security Support** mission in Haiti, led by Kenya, for an initial period of 12 months; and resolution 2703 (2023), adopted with two abstentions by Mozambique and the Russian Federation (see S/PV.9460), renewing for one year the mandate of **MINURSO**.

On 16 October, the Council issued its fifth presidential statement of the year (S/PRST/2023/5), in which it reaffirmed its commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity, and territorial integrity of the **Democratic Republic of Congo** and expressed its readiness to decide by the end of 2023 on the future of **MONUSCO**.

In October, the Council issued **two press statements** on the following topics: the **terrorist attack in Pule Khomri, Afghanistan** (SC/15442), and the peace process in **Colombia** (SC/15449).

## Other activities

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In October, Council members convened **two Arria-formula meetings** on the following topics: “**Preventing and Responding to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence**” (18 October), and “**Violations and abuses of human rights and violations of international humanitarian law investigated by the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine**” (27 October), both organized by Albania, United Kingdom and United States.

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