

their implications for the security of the population and the stability of the country. In this regard, on 8 December 2017, the Council adopted resolution [2389 \(2017\)](#), in which it demanded that all armed groups operating in the country immediately cease all forms of violence and other destabilizing activities, and that their members immediately and permanently disband, lay down their arms, and liberate and demobilize all children

from their ranks. In the same resolution, the Council stressed the importance of the signatory States fully implementing their national and regional commitments under the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework.⁴⁸

⁴⁸ Resolution [2389 \(2017\)](#), paras. 1 and 5.

Meetings: the situation in the Great Lakes region

<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>Decisions and vote (for-against-abstaining)</i>
S/PV.7800 2 November 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region (S/2016/840) Letter dated 4 October 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2016/891)			Special Envoy of the Secretary-General to the Great Lakes Region	One Council member (Uruguay), Special Envoy	
S/PV.7923 12 April 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region (S/2017/208)		Democratic Republic of the Congo	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.8125 8 December 2017		Draft resolution submitted by Egypt, Ethiopia and Senegal (S/2017/993)			One Council member (Egypt)	Resolution 2389 (2017) 15-0-0

6. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

During the period under review, the Security Council held 17 meetings, adopted four resolutions under Chapter VII of the Charter and issued four presidential statements in relation to the situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Council also held two closed meetings in 2016–2017 with countries contributing troops and police to the

United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), pursuant to resolution [1353 \(2001\)](#).⁴⁹ More information

⁴⁹ Held on 16 March 2016 and 16 March 2017 under the item entitled “Meeting of the Security Council with the troop- and police-contributing countries pursuant to

on meetings, including on participants, speakers and outcomes, is given in the table below.⁵⁰

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo participated in six meetings; other speakers included the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, the Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs, the President of the National Episcopal Conference of the Congo and the representative of the Common Cause Network. Invitations under rule 37 were extended to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the United Republic of Tanzania. Deliberations in the Council centred around the political tension and polarization in the country relating to the postponement of the presidential and legislative elections originally scheduled for November of 2016.

On 5 December 2016, following its visit to the Democratic Republic of the Congo the previous month,⁵¹ the Council issued a presidential statement, in which it, *inter alia*, acknowledged the political agreement reached on 18 October 2016, and stated that it was encouraged by the unanimous commitment of Congolese actors to prevent destabilization and continue inclusive discussions towards presidential and legislative elections.⁵² In a subsequent presidential statement issued on 4 January 2017, the Council welcomed the signing of a “comprehensive and inclusive political agreement” in Kinshasa on 31 December 2016, and expressed its hope for a swift implementation of the agreement, including the holding of elections leading to a peaceful transfer of power.⁵³

In 2017, the Council addressed the implementation of the 31 December 2016 agreement, the delays in the electoral and political process, the resurgence of violence exacerbated by the political situation and the increase in human rights violations in the country. On 26 July, the Council issued a presidential statement, expressing concern at the slow implementation of the December 2016 agreement, reiterated its condemnation of the violence witnessed in the Kasai region and reiterated the need for the Government to swiftly and fully investigate the killing of two members of the Group of Experts of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic

Republic of the Congo.⁵⁴ On 7 November, the Council issued a presidential statement in which it noted the decision by the Secretary-General, set out in his letter dated 31 October 2017,⁵⁵ as agreed with the Congolese authorities, to deploy a United Nations team to assist the Congolese authorities in their investigations into the killing of the two experts.⁵⁶

In 2016 and 2017, the Council considered the deteriorating security and humanitarian situation in the eastern and western parts of the country, which was characterized by an increase in clashes between armed groups and national security forces and widespread displacement and continued to pose a serious threat to civilian populations, as well as the spread of community-based violence and inter-ethnic clashes. The spillover effect of the ongoing conflict in South Sudan and the instability in Burundi were also considered at the meetings held under the item. Additionally, discussions in the Council focused on the changes to the composition of MONUSCO and on the activities of the Mission, in particular with relation to the protection of civilians and support to the implementation of the 31 December 2016 agreement and the electoral process. In that regard, by resolutions 2277 (2016) and 2348 (2017), the Council twice extended the mandate of MONUSCO for periods of one year each,⁵⁷ the last until 31 March 2018.⁵⁸

The Council also focused on the work of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004), including the visit by the Chair of the Committee to the Great Lakes region in August 2016. In his briefing to the Council on 11 October 2016, the Chair reflected on the work of the Committee, noted that armed groups remained a major threat to peace and stability and expressed concern about the illicit exploitation of natural resources in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.⁵⁹ By resolutions 2293 (2016) and 2360 (2017), the Council extended the sanctions measures and the mandate of the Group of Experts concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo.⁶⁰

resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B”; see S/PV.7648 and S/PV.7899.

⁵⁰ For more information on the format of meetings, see part II, sect. I.

⁵¹ For more information, see part I, sect. 36, “Security Council mission”.

⁵² S/PRST/2016/18, fourth paragraph.

⁵³ S/PRST/2017/1, first and third paragraphs.

⁵⁴ S/PRST/2017/12, second, fifth and eighth paragraphs.

⁵⁵ S/2017/917.

⁵⁶ S/PRST/2017/23, second paragraph.

⁵⁷ Resolutions 2277 (2016), para. 24, and 2348 (2017), para. 26.

⁵⁸ For more information on the mandate of MONUSCO, see part X, sect. I, “Peacekeeping operations”.

⁵⁹ S/PV.7788, pp. 5–6.

⁶⁰ For more information on the sanctions measures and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the mandate of its Group of Experts, see part VII, sect. III, “Measures not involving the use of armed force in accordance with Article 41 of the Charter”, and part IX, sect. I, “Committees”.

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<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>Decisions and vote (for-against-abstaining)</i>
S/PV.7603 14 January 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) (S/2015/1031)		Democratic Republic of the Congo	Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo ^a	All invitees	
S/PV.7654 23 March 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO (S/2016/233)		Democratic Republic of the Congo	Special Representative of the Secretary-General	All invitees ^b	
S/PV.7659 30 March 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO (S/2016/233)	Draft resolution submitted by six Council members ^c (S/2016/289)	Democratic Republic of the Congo		Democratic Republic of the Congo	Resolution 2277 (2016) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII)
S/PV.7724 23 June 2016	Letter dated 23 May 2016 from the Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2016/466)	Draft resolution submitted by France (S/2016/561)	Democratic Republic of the Congo		Democratic Republic of the Congo	Resolution 2293 (2016) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII)
S/PV.7732 7 July 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO (S/2016/579)		Democratic Republic of the Congo		Deputy Secretary-General, Democratic Republic of the Congo	
S/PV.7788 11 October 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO (S/2016/833)		Democratic Republic of the Congo	Special Representative of the Secretary-General	Three Council members (Egypt, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)), ^d all invitees	

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S/PV.7826 5 December 2016			Democratic Republic of the Congo	Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs	All Council members, all invitees ^e	S/PRST/2016/18
S/PV.7856 4 January 2017						S/PRST/2017/1
S/PV.7858 11 January 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO (S/2016/1130)		Democratic Republic of the Congo	Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, President of the National Episcopal Conference of the Congo	One Council member (Uruguay), all invitees ^f	
S/PV.7903 21 March 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO (S/2017/206)		Democratic Republic of the Congo	Special Representative of the Secretary-General, President of the National Episcopal Conference of the Congo, representative of the Common Cause Network	One Council member (Uruguay), all invitees ^g	
S/PV.7910 31 March 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO (S/2017/206)	Draft resolution submitted by seven Council members ^h (S/2017/268)	Democratic Republic of the Congo, United Republic of Tanzania		13 Council members, ⁱ all invitees ^j	Resolution 2348 (2017) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII)
S/PV.7981 21 June 2017		Draft resolution submitted by France (S/2017/529)	Democratic Republic of the Congo		Six Council members, ^k Democratic Republic of the Congo	Resolution 2360 (2017) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII)
S/PV.7998 11 July 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the political agreement of 31 December 2016 in the Democratic		Democratic Republic of the Congo	Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations	Nine Council members, ^l all invitees	

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	Republic of the Congo (S/2017/435)					
	Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO (S/2017/565)					
S/PV.8012 26 July 2017						S/PRST/2017/12
S/PV.8026 17 August 2017	Letter dated 8 August 2017 from the Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo extended pursuant to Security Council resolution 2293 (2016) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/672/Rev.1)		Democratic Republic of the Congo		All Council members, ^d Democratic Republic of the Congo ^m	
S/PV.8067 11 October 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO (S/2017/824)		Democratic Republic of the Congo	Special Representative of the Secretary-General	Two Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Uruguay), all invitees ^m	
	Special report of the Secretary-General on the strategic review of MONUSCO (S/2017/826)					
S/PV.8087 7 November 2017	Letter dated 31 October 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/917)					S/PRST/2017/23

^a The Special Representative participated in the meeting via videoconference from Goma.

^b The Democratic Republic of the Congo was represented by its Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

^c France, Japan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

^d The representative of Egypt spoke in his capacity as Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

^e The Special Representative participated in the meeting via videoconference from Kinshasa.

^f The President of the National Episcopal Conference of the Congo participated in the meeting via videoconference from Kinshasa.

^g The Democratic Republic of the Congo was represented by its Vice-Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration.

^h France, Italy, Japan, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States.

ⁱ China, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Italy, Japan, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom (President of the Council), United States and Uruguay.

^j The United Republic of Tanzania was represented by its Minister for Foreign Affairs, East Africa, Regional and International Cooperation.

^k Egypt, France, Italy, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States.

^l Bolivia (Plurinational State of), France, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

^m The Democratic Republic of the Congo was represented by its Vice-Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration.

7. The situation in the Central African Republic

During the period under review the Security Council held 16 meetings, adopted six resolutions, all under Chapter VII of the Charter, and issued three presidential statements in connection with the situation in the Central African Republic. Most of the meetings took the form of briefings. The Council also held three meetings, two in 2016 and one in 2017, with countries contributing troops and police to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA), pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001).⁶¹ More information on meetings, including on participants, speakers and outcomes, is given in the table below.

During the period under review, the Council heard briefings by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations⁶² and by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Central African Republic and Head of MINUSCA.⁶³ The deliberations of the Council focused on the political developments in the country and on the security and humanitarian situation. The Council also heard briefings by the Chair of the Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission, who reported on the challenges and opportunities with respect to peacebuilding in the country and highlighted several projects and initiatives aimed at supporting security sector reform, fighting against impunity and promoting political dialogue in the Central African Republic.⁶⁴ In addition, the Council heard briefings by the Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic, who reported on the implementation of the

sanctions measures in place,⁶⁵ and by representatives of the Community of Sant’Egidio, who discussed the efforts aimed at supporting the disarmament, demobilization, reintegration and repatriation process.⁶⁶

In March 2016, following two rounds of elections, the second of which was held in early 2016, a new President was inaugurated, leading to the formation of a new Government in the country. On 15 April 2016, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations noted in his briefing to the Council that the elections in the Central African Republic marked the conclusion of the transition and the start of a “new phase” for the country. However, he also reported an increase in allegations of sexual misconduct by MINUSCA forces and international forces.⁶⁷ In a presidential statement issued on 16 November 2016, prior to the Brussels Conference for the Central African Republic, the Council encouraged contributions to support efforts to meet humanitarian needs and stabilize the country, including through development projects.⁶⁸

In February 2017, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations reported to the Council that while the security situation in Bangui had gradually stabilized, clashes continued outside the capital between rival ex-Séléka factions, and between anti-balaka and ex-Séléka. He also briefed the Council on the developments and challenges in the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration process and on the operationalization of the Special Criminal Court. In addition, he noted that the humanitarian situation in the country continued to deteriorate. He

⁶¹ Held on 12 April and 8 July 2016 and 24 October 2017 under the item entitled “Meeting of the Security Council with the troop- and police-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B”; see S/PV.7668, S/PV.7733 and S/PV.8074.

⁶² S/PV.7671, pp. 2–4; S/PV.7734, pp. 2–4; S/PV.7787, pp. 2–3; S/PV.7884, pp. 2–5; and S/PV.7901, pp. 4–6.

⁶³ S/PV.7965, pp. 2–5, and S/PV.8084, pp. 2–5.

⁶⁴ S/PV.7734, pp. 4–6, and S/PV.7884, pp. 5–6.

⁶⁵ S/PV.7734, pp. 6–8, and S/PV.7884, pp. 8–9. For more information on briefings by the Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013), see part I, sect. 35.

⁶⁶ S/PV.7965, paras. 6–7, and S/PV.8084, paras. 7–8.

⁶⁷ S/PV.7671, pp. 3 and 4.

⁶⁸ S/PRST/2016/17, fifteenth paragraph.