

Major Types of Actions Taken by the Security Council¹

Types of actions Document Symbol	Usual decision procedure
Resolution S/RES/[number] ([year])	An affirmative vote of nine members including the concurrent votes of the P5 in a public meeting (Adoption).
Statement by the President S/PRST/[year]/[number]	Consensus in informal consultations or by “no objection” procedure. The President of the Security Council reads out the statement in a public meeting (Adoption).
Note by the President	Consensus in informal consultations or by “no objection” procedure.
Letter from the President²	Consensus in informal consultations or by “no objection” procedure.
Press statement	Consensus. The President of the Security Council reads out the statement to the press.

Notes:

1. The content of this table is neither officially prescribed nor intended to cover all actions by the Security Council.
2. In some exceptional cases, the letter is adopted in a public meeting (Adoption).