

## 56. Briefings

During the period under review, the Security Council heard a number of briefings that were not explicitly connected to any item on the Council's agenda. Where appropriate, the briefings have been covered in the sections of chapter VIII dealing with the regions.<sup>1</sup> Briefings held in closed meetings and those that touched on issues cutting across regions are covered here.

The Council heard briefings in closed meetings from the President of the International Court of Justice,<sup>2</sup> the Secretary-General,<sup>3</sup> and the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.<sup>4</sup>

At its 4673rd and 4888th meetings, respectively, the Council heard briefings under the item entitled "Briefings by the Chairmen of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait, the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola, the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999), the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia, the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa, and the Working Group of the Security Council on United Nations Peacekeeping Operations"<sup>5</sup> and under the item entitled "Briefings by Chairmen of Security Council Committees and Working Groups".<sup>6</sup> During the briefings, the Chairmen provided an overview of the work of their respective committees and working groups.<sup>7</sup>

At the 4219th meeting on 10 November 2000, and the 4470th meeting, on 7 February 2002, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees briefed the Council and made proposals in the areas of peace operations and peacebuilding. The briefings touched on a number of areas relating to refugees, including, inter alia, the need to initiate and implement peace operations more rapidly; the importance of peacebuilding and disarmament, demobilization and reintegration; the gap between emergency, short-term humanitarian activities and the implementation of medium to long-term development and reconstruction programmes; and an overview of the situations in several countries and regions, including Afghanistan and Sierra Leone, and the Balkans and the Great Lakes region. Following the briefings, members of the Council made statements and asked questions, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees responded to points raised by the members of the Council.

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1 See sect. 30.E, with regard to the briefing by Mr. Carl Bildt, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Balkans; and sect. 30.D, footnote 236, with regard to the briefing by His Excellency Mr. Nebojša Čović, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the present chapter.

2 4212th, 4398th and 4636th meetings, held on 31 October 2000, 29 October 2001 and 29 October 2002, respectively.

3 4226th meeting, held on 17 November 2000.

4 4266th meeting, held on 29 January 2001.

5 4673rd meeting, held on 18 December 2002.

6 4888th meeting, held on 22 December 2003. The Council was briefed by the Chairmen of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait; the Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia; the Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda; the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone; and the Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions.

7 For more information on the above-mentioned committees, see chap. V, part I, sect. A, with regard to standing committees and ad hoc committees.