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Items related to briefings

Overview

During the period under review, the Security Council heard a number of briefings which were not explicitly connected to any specific item on the Council's agenda, but included under various unique items.

Briefings by Chairmen of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council

From 2010 to 2011, the Council held six meetings under the item entitled "Briefings by Chairmen of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council" at which the Chairmen of various sanctions and counter-terrorism committees and working groups provided an overview of the work of their organs to the Council.

Other briefings

During the period under review, the Council also heard two briefings by the Chairperson in Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and two briefings held in closed sessions by the President of the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

Briefing by the Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

At the 6268th meeting, on 5 February 2010, the Secretary of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, speaking as Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), briefed the Council on areas of cooperation

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between the United Nations and the OSCE. He presented the priorities of OSCE for 2010 and the main challenges of the organization, including terrorism, accumulation and proliferation of small arms and light weapons, illegal migration, as well as trafficking in weapons, drugs and people. He further stressed the importance of strengthening the role of OSCE in the European security architecture, tolerance and intercultural dialogue, environmental security and improving its partnership with the United Nations in tackling threats to global peace and security. Noting that Kazakhstan was the first Central Asian and post-Soviet nation to chair the OSCE, he touched on a host of other priorities, among them, bolstering security in the South Caucasus, Kosovo and Afghanistan, combating terrorism, curbing weapons proliferation, promoting human rights goals, and pressing for broader implementation of United Nations resolutions.¹

Members of the Council welcomed the Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan and congratulated him on the assumption of the OSCE Chairmanship. They expressed their support for the priorities defined by the OSCE Chairmanship and their readiness to increase cooperation between the United Nations and OSCE.

At the 6481st meeting, on 15 February 2010, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lithuania briefed the Council in his capacity as Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE. Detailing priority areas for 2011, he stated that the OSCE would seek tangible progress in addressing protracted conflicts, improved implementation of media freedom commitments including those emanating from outside the OSCE area, enhancing the role of OSCE in the area of energy security and promoting tolerance education throughout the OSCE region. He further noted that with respect to protracted conflicts, OSCE's role in seeking progress in achieving a settlement of the Transdniestrian and Nagorny Karabakh conflicts remained a high priority. He emphasized that crises and conflicts in the OSCE region over the past years demanded an urgent need to strengthen capabilities across the entire conflict cycle, adding that early warning must be followed by early action, as demonstrated by the OSCE's quick response to events in Albania. In terms of cooperation

¹ [S/PV.6268](#), pp. 2-6.

with the United Nations he pledged support to the United Nations-led international efforts to stabilize Afghanistan.²

Members of the Council welcomed the activities of OSCE in resolving protracted conflicts in the region, notably in Georgia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan.

Table 1 and 2 list the meetings held in consideration of the agenda items, as well as related information, including invitees and speakers.

² [S/PV.6481](#), pp. 2-4.

Table 1: briefings by Chairmen of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council

<i>Meeting and date</i>	<i>Rule 37 invitations</i>	<i>Rule 39 and other invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
6310 11 May 2010	12 Member States ^a	Acting head of the delegation of the European Union to the United Nations	All Council members, all invitees, the Chairmen of the Security Council Committees established pursuant to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities; ▪ Resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism; ▪ Resolution 1540 (2004).
6424 15 November 2010	13 Members States ^b	Acting head of the delegation of the European Union to the United Nations	All Council members, all invitees, the Chairmen of the Security Council Committees established pursuant to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities; ▪ Resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism; ▪ Resolution 1540 (2004).
6457 20 December 2010			The Chairmen of the Security Council Committees established pursuant to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan and of the Informal Working Group on International Tribunals; ▪ Resolution 1737 (2006), of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations and of the Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions; ▪ Resolution 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea and of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict; • Resolution 1718 (2006) and of the Working Group established pursuant to resolution 1566 (2004). <p>Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa.</p>
6536 16 May 2011	13 Members States ^c	Acting head of the delegation of the European Union to the United Nations	All Council members, all invitees, the Chairmen of the Security Council Committees established pursuant to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities; ▪ Resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism; ▪ Resolution 1540 (2004).
6658 14 November 2011	Cuba, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Pakistan, Spain, Switzerland,	Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations	All Council members, all invitees, the Chairmen of the Security Council Committees established pursuant to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and

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6686 14 December 2011	Syrian Arab Republic		<p>associated individuals and entities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism; ▪ Resolution 1540 (2004). <p>The Chairmen of the Security Council Committees established pursuant to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resolution 1518 (2003) and of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations; ▪ Resolution 1521 (2003), concerning Liberia; ▪ Resolution 1533 (2004), concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo; ▪ Resolution 1572 (2004), concerning Côte d'Ivoire; ▪ Resolution 1636 (2005). <p>Chair of the Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions</p>

^a Argentina, Colombia, Cuba, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Morocco, New Zealand, Norway, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

^b Afghanistan, Cuba, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Morocco, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Spain, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

^c Cuba, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Japan, Morocco, Pakistan, Spain, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Table 2: briefings by the Chairperson-in-Office of OSCE and the President of ICJ

<i>Meeting and date</i>	<i>Rule 39 and other invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
6268 5 February 2010	Mr. Kanat Saudabayev, Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Secretary of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan	All Council members and all rule 39 invitees
6412 (closed) 27 October 2010	Judge Hisashi Owada, President of the International Court of Justice	Council members and all rule 39 invitees
6481 15 February 2011	Mr. Audronius Ažubalis, Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lithuania	All Council members and all rule 39 invitees
6637 (closed) 25 October 2011	Judge Hisashi Owada, President of the International Court of Justice	Council members and all rule 39 invitees