

## 10. Central African region

During the period under review, the Security Council held four meetings and issued three presidential statements in connection with the situation in the Central African region.

Against the backdrop of the persistent crisis in the Central African Republic and its growing regional impact, the Council focused on threat of terrorism posed by the expansion of Boko Haram terrorist activities into countries in the sub-region. The Council further condemned the attacks, war crimes and crimes against humanity carried out by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in the sub-region. The Council also focused on the role of the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa (UNOCA) and other UN regional missions in dealing with the armed groups, maritime insecurity in the Gulf of Guinea and piracy, terrorism and transnational organized crime in the sub-region.<sup>43</sup> In an effort to improve international co-ordination against the LRA, the Council called for UNOCA, missions in the region and relevant UN agencies to implement the UN's Regional Strategy, as well as for greater co-operation between the UN, AU and the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS).<sup>44</sup> In addition to the above, the Council in 2015 focused on the political tensions arising from the electoral cycles affecting several countries in Central Africa.

During the period under review, the mandate of UNOCA was extended on 21 July 2015 for a period of three years, from 31 August 2015 until 31 August 2018, by virtue of a letter from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General.<sup>45</sup>

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<sup>43</sup> [S/PRST/2014/8](#); [S/PRST/2014/25](#); and [S/PRST/2015/12](#).

<sup>44</sup> [S/PRST/2015/12](#).

<sup>45</sup> [S/2015/555](#).

## Meetings: Central African region

<i>Meeting 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>Decision and vote (for- against- abstaining)</i>
<a href="#">S/PV.7171</a> 12 May 2014	Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa (UNOCA) and on the Lord's Resistance Army-affected areas ( <a href="#">S/2014/319</a> )			Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNOCA	All Council members and rule 39 invitee	<a href="#">S/PRST/2014/8</a>
<a href="#">S/PV.7334</a> 10 December 2014	Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of UNOCA and on the Lord's Resistance Army-affected areas ( <a href="#">S/2014/812</a> )			Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNOCA, Special Envoy of the African Union for Lord's Resistance Army Issues	All invitees	<a href="#">S/PRST/2014/25</a>
<a href="#">S/PV.7461</a> 11 June 2015	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Central Africa and the activities of UNOCA ( <a href="#">S/2015/339</a> )			Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNOCA	Rule 39 invitee	<a href="#">S/PRST/2015/12</a>
<a href="#">S/PV.7572</a> 8 December 2015	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Central Africa and the activities of UNOCA ( <a href="#">S/2015/914</a> )			Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNOCA, Special Envoy of the African Union for Lord's Resistance Army Issues	All invitees	