

6. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

During the period under review, the Security Council held fifteen meetings and adopted four resolutions and three presidential statements in relation to the situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The deliberations of the Council focused on, *inter alia*, the importance of holding timely elections in 2016, the neutralization of all armed groups, in particular the military defeat of the March 23 Movement (M23) and its disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, the promotion of human rights and the fight against impunity, as well as the problem of the illegal exploitation and smuggling of natural resources. Towards the end of 2015, the Council also considered the exit strategy of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO).²¹

During the period under review, by resolutions [2147 \(2014\)](#) and [2211 \(2015\)](#), the Council twice extended the mandate of MONUSCO for periods of one year each, the last of which was until 31 March 2016.²² Without altering the authorized troop ceiling, by resolution [2211 \(2015\)](#), the Council reduced the number of troops by 2,000 and expressed its intention to make the reduction permanent. In 2014 and 2015, the Council met twice in closed meetings with the troop- and police-contributing countries to MONUSCO pursuant to resolution [1353 \(2001\)](#).

The sanctions measures against armed groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo established pursuant to resolution [1533 \(2004\)](#) were extended twice, by resolutions [2136 \(2014\)](#) and [2198 \(2015\)](#) until 1 February 2015 and 1 July 2016, respectively.²³ The

²¹ Annual Report of the Security Council to the General Assembly, 1 August 2013-31 July 2014 ([A/69/2](#)), pp. 18-19; Annual Report of the Security Council to the General Assembly, 1 August 2014-31 July 2015 ([A/70/2](#)), pp.13-14; and [S/PV.7237](#).

²² For more information, see part X, section I, with regard to the mandate of MONUSCO.

²³ For more information on the sanctions measures concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo, see Part VII, section III, with regard to measures in accordance with Article 41.

latter resolutions also extended the mandate of the Group of Experts until 1 February 2015 and 1 August 2016, respectively.²⁴

²⁴ For more information on the Committee established pursuant to resolution [1533 \(2004\)](#) and the mandate of the Group of Experts established pursuant to resolution [1533 \(2004\)](#), see Part IX, section I, with regard to committees established under Chapter VII of the Charter.

Meetings: the situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

<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>
S/PV.7094 13 January 2014	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2013/757) 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/2013/773)			Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Head of MONUSCO, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region of Africa ^a	All invitees	
S/PV.7107 30 January 2014	Letter dated 22 January 2014 from the Coordinator of the Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo extended pursuant to Security Council resolution 2078 (2012) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/42)	Draft resolution submitted by France (S/2014/55)	Democratic Republic of the Congo		Rwanda and rule 37 invitee	Resolution 2136 (2014) 15-0-0
S/PV.7133 12 March 2014 (closed)						
S/PV.7137 14 March 2014	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/2014/153) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2014/157)		Democratic Republic of the Congo	Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region of Africa ^b	Rwanda and all invitees	
S/PV.7150 28 March 2014	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the	Draft resolution submitted by Australia, France, Luxembourg, United	Democratic Republic of the Congo		Rwanda and rule 37 invitee	Resolution 2147 (2014) 15-0-0

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	Democratic Republic of the Congo and the States region (S/2014/153)					
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2014/157)					
S/PV.7237 7 August 2014	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2014/450)		Angola (Minister of Defense), ^c Democratic Republic of the Congo (Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Francophonie), South Africa, Uganda (Minister of State for Foreign Affairs)	Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region of Africa	All Council members and invitees	
S/PV.7288 27 October 2014	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/2014/697)		Democratic Republic of the Congo	Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region of Africa	Rwanda and all invitees	
S/PV.7296 5 November 2014	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2014/698)					S/PRST/2014/22
S/PV.7356 8 January 2015						S/PRST/2015/1
S/PV.7367	Report of the Secretary-General on the		Democratic Republic	Under-Secretary-General	All invitees and	

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22 January 2015	United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2014/956) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo submitted pursuant to paragraph 39 of Security Council resolution 2147 (2014) (S/2014/957) Letter dated 12 January 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/19)		of the Congo	for Peacekeeping Operations	Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo	
S/PV.7371	Letter dated 12 January 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/19)	Draft resolution submitted by France (S/2015/66)				Resolution 2198 (2015) 15-0-0
S/PV.7406	17 March 2015 (closed)					
S/PV.7410	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2015/172) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Peace, Security and		Democratic Republic of the Congo (Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Francophonie)	Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region of Africa	All invitees	

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	Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the region (S/2015/173)					
S/PV.7415 26 March 2015	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2015/172)	Draft resolution submitted by France (S/2015/209)	Democratic Republic of the Congo		New Zealand and rule 37 invitee	Resolution 2211 (2015) 15-0-0
	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/2015/173)					
S/PV.7484 14 July 2015	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2015/486)		Democratic Republic of the Congo	Special Representative of the Secretary-General	All invitees and Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo	
S/PV.7529 7 October 2015	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/2015/735)		Democratic Republic of the Congo	Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region of Africa	All invitees	
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2015/741)					

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	S/PV.7552					S/PRST/2015/20
9 November 2015						

^a The Special Envoy joined the meeting via videoconference from London.

^b The Special Envoy joined the meeting via videoconference from London.

^c The Minister spoke on behalf of the Chair of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region.