

13. Peace and Security in Africa

During the period under review, the Security Council held nine meetings, adopted one resolution and issued three presidential statements under the agenda item entitled, "Peace and security in Africa". The deliberations of the Council focused on the developments in the Sahel region and the challenges posed by the outbreak of Ebola at the end of 2014.

In the context of the Sahel, the deliberations in the Council concentrated on the implementation of the United Nations Strategy for the Sahel and its three main pillars, namely, governance, security and resilience. The Council adopted two presidential statements expressing concern about the situation in the Sahel region.⁵⁴ The Council also reaffirmed its strong commitment to the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and unity of countries of the Sahel region and reiterated the importance of national and regional ownership of the United Nations Integrated Strategy for the Sahel. The Council further welcomed the establishment of the Group of Five for the Sahel (G5), and encouraged the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel (OSES) to work closely with the G5 countries, as well as other countries of the region, and regional and international actors to tackle the threats to peace, security and development in the Sahel.

The Council led the multilateral response to the Ebola health crisis by adopting resolution [2177 \(2014\)](#), which was sponsored by a record number of 134 Member States. The Council determined that the unprecedented extent of the Ebola outbreak in Africa constituted a threat to international peace and security, and underlined that unless the outbreak is contained, it might lead to further instances of civil unrest, social tensions and a deterioration of the political and security climate in the most affected countries.⁵⁵ The Council called on Member States, *inter alia*, to lift general travel and border restrictions, facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance and provide urgent resources and assistance. In addition to the resolution, the Council issued a presidential statement on 21 November 2014⁵⁶, and held an open debate on 13 August 2015 further to the concept note, which was

⁵⁴ [S/PRST/2014/17](#) and [S/PRST/2015/24](#).

⁵⁵ Resolution [2177 \(2014\)](#), fourth and fifth preambular paragraphs.

⁵⁶ [S/PRST/2014/24](#)

circulated by Nigeria, for the Security Council briefing on the global response to the 2013 Ebola virus disease outbreak.⁵⁷

⁵⁷ [S/2015/600](#)

Meetings: Peace and security in Africa

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S/PV.7203 19 June 2014	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress towards the United Nations integrated strategy for the Sahel (S/2014/397)			Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel	All Council members and invitee	
S/PV.7249 27 August 2014						S/PRST/2014/17
S/PV.7268 18 September 2014	Ebola	Draft resolution submitted by 134 Member States (S/2014/673) ^a	118 Member States ^b	Senior United Nations System Coordinator for Ebola, Director-General of the World Health Organization; and Mr. Jackson Niamah, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Head of the Delegation of the European Union, Permanent Observer of the African Union	Secretary-General, all Council members and all invitees (Mr. Niamah via video teleconference)	Resolution 2177 (2014) 15-0-0
S/PV.7279 14 October 2014			Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone	Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Mission on Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER), Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs	All invitees	
S/PV.7318 21 November 2014			Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Sierra Leone	Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNMEER, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Ebola, Head of the French Red Cross in Guinea	All Council members and all invitees	S/PRST/2014/24
S/PV.7335 11 December 2014				Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel	All Council members and rule 39 invitee	
S/PV.7502 13 August 2015	The global response to the 2013 Ebola virus disease outbreak	Letter dated 5 August 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations addressed	Sierra Leone	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Ebola, Director-General of the World Health Organization, Permanent Observer of the African Union, Chair	All Council members and all invitees	

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		to the Secretary-General (S/2015/600)		of the Peacebuilding Commission, Director of the Community-Based Initiative		
S/PV.7566 25 November 2015	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress towards the United Nations Integrated Strategy for the Sahel (S/2015/866)			Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel	All Council members and rule 39 invitee	
S/PV.7571 8 December 2015						S/PRST/2015/24

^a Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, the Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malawi, Mali, Maldives, Mauritius, Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, the Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yemen, and Zambia.

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