

## **12. Peace consolidation in West Africa**

During the period under review, the Security Council held three meetings on peace consolidation in West Africa. The Council heard three briefings by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Office for West Africa (UNOWA), who presented the reports of the Secretary-General on the developments in West Africa, including the activities undertaken by UNOWA and its good offices efforts and support to regional initiatives in West Africa.<sup>53</sup> The Council in its deliberations focused on the fragile political situation and economic challenges facing the sub-region, including developments concerning the deadly pandemic caused by the Ebola virus outbreak, the security threat posed by Boko Haram, electoral crises, cross-border issues; such as terrorism, transnational organized crime, drug trafficking and piracy in the Gulf of Guinea, as well as the role of UNOWA in addressing those issues and its preventive diplomacy.

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<sup>53</sup> For more information on the mandate of UNOWA, see part X, sect. II, with regard to political and peacebuilding missions.

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<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.7213</a> 8 July 2014	Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Office for West Africa <a href="#">(S/2014/442)</a>			Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNOWA	Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNOWA	
<a href="#">S/PV.7357</a> 8 January 2015	Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Office for West Africa <a href="#">(S/2014/945)</a>			Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNOWA	Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNOWA	
<a href="#">S/PV.7480</a> 7 July 2015	Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Office for West Africa <a href="#">(S/2015/472)</a>			Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNOWA	Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNOWA	