

2024 Chairs of Subsidiary Bodies and Penholders

COUNTRY-SITUATION OR THEMATIC MATTER	CURRENT PENHOLDER IN THE COUNCIL	CHAIR OF THE RELEVANT COUNCIL SUBSIDIARY BODY
Afghanistan	Japan	José Javier De La Gasca (Ecuador; 2023-24) 1988 Taliban Sanctions Committee
Armenia/Azerbaijan	France	N/A
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Rotating on a monthly basis among members of the Contact and Drafting Group	N/A
Burundi	France	N/A
Central Africa (UNOCA/LRA)	Mozambique and UK	N/A
Central African Republic	France	Amar Bendjama (Algeria; 2024-25) 2127 CAR Sanctions Committee
Central Asia (UNRCCA)	Russia	N/A
Colombia	UK	N/A
Cyprus	UK	N/A
Democratic Republic of the Congo	France	Michael Imran Kanu (Sierra Leone; 2024-25) 1533 DRC Sanctions Committee
DPRK (Non-proliferation)	US	Pascale Christine Baeriswyl (Switzerland; 2023-24) 1718 DPRK Sanctions Committee
Ethiopia/Tigray	N/A	N/A
Golan Heights (UNDOF)	Russia and the US	N/A
Great Lakes Region	France	N/A
Guinea-Bissau	N/A	Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett (Guyana; 2024-25) 2048 Guinea-Bissau Committee
Haiti	US and Ecuador	Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett (Guyana; 2024-25) 2653 Haiti Sanctions Committee
Iran (Non-proliferation)	US	N/A
Iraq	US on Iraq; UK on Iraq/Kuwait	Samuel Žbogar (Slovenia; 2024-25) 1518 Iraq Sanctions Committee
Lebanon	France	Samuel Žbogar (Slovenia; 2024-25) 1636 Lebanon Sanctions Committee
Libya	UK	Kazuyuki Yamazaki (Japan; 2023-24) 1970 Libya Sanctions Committee
Libya-authorisations to inspect vessels on the high seas off the coast of Libya	France and Malta	N/A
Mali	France	N/A (The 2374 Mali Sanctions Committee was terminated on 31 August 2023)
Middle East (Israel/Palestine)	The US is often seen as the lead, but various other Council members have drafted recent proposals on the issue.	N/A
Myanmar	UK	N/A
Somalia	UK	Kimihiro Ishikane (Japan; 2023-24) 2713 Al-Shabaab Sanctions Committee
Sudan	The UK on Sudan, the US on Sudan sanctions	Joonkook Hwang (Republic of Korea; 2024-25) 1591 Sudan Sanctions Committee
South Sudan	The US is the penholder on South Sudan and South Sudan sanctions	Michael Imran Kanu (Sierra Leone; 2024-25) 2206 South Sudan Sanctions Committee
Sudan/South Sudan	US	N/A

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Syria	Switzerland leads on humanitarian issues	N/A
Ukraine	There are no clear penholders on Ukraine. While Slovenia and the US may be considered political co-penholders and Ecuador and France humanitarian co-penholders, Russia has also drafted texts, and other members have been active in calling for meetings on the issue.	N/A
Yemen	UK	Joonkook Hwang (Republic of Korea; 2024-25) 2140 Yemen Sanctions Committee
West Africa, including the Sahel	Sierra Leone and Switzerland	N/A
Western Sahara	US	N/A
Children and Armed Conflict	Malta	Vanessa Frazier (Malta; 2023-24) Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict
Counter-Terrorism (1267/1989/2253)	US	Vanessa Frazier (Malta; 2023-24) 1267/1989/2253 Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) (Da'esh)/Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee
Counter-Terrorism (1373)	US	Amar Bendjama (Algeria; 2024-25) 1373 Counter-Terrorism Committee
Counter-Terrorism (1566)	US	Amar Bendjama (Algeria; 2024-25) 1566 Working Group
International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals	Sierra Leone	Michael Imran Kanu (Sierra Leone; 2024-25) Informal Working Group on International Tribunals
Non-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destructions (1540)	Ecuador	José Javier De La Gasca (Ecuador; 2023-24) 1540 Committee
Peace and Security in Africa	N/A	Pedro Comissário Afonso (Mozambique; 2023-24) Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa
Peacekeeping	UK	Joonkook Hwang (Republic of Korea; 2024-25) Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations
Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict	UK	Switzerland and UK are co-chairs of the Informal Expert Group on Protection of Civilians
Women, Peace and Security	UK on WPS; US on sexual violence in conflict	Sierra Leone and Switzerland 2242 Informal Expert Group on Women, Peace and Security
Working Methods	Japan	Kazuyuki Yamazaki (Japan; 2023-24) Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions
Climate Change and Security	No clear penholder	Switzerland (2023-24), and Mozambique (2023-24) are co-chairs of the Informal Expert Group

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