Summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Council is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration

1. Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council and the note by the President of the Security Council dated 31 December 2008 (S/2008/847), the Secretary-General wishes to submit the list of items of which the Security Council is currently seized. The last full list of items of which the Security Council is seized (S/2008/10/Add.48) was issued on 10 December 2008. The last weekly addendum (S/2008/10/Add.52) covered developments up to 3 January 2009.

2. The following list sets out the items of which the Security Council is currently seized and which have been considered by the Council at a formal meeting during the three-year period from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2008. The list indicates the date on which each item was first taken up by the Council at a formal meeting, and the date of the most recent formal Council meeting held on that item.

2. The situation in the Middle East (18 July 1960; 17 December 2008).
4. The situation concerning Western Sahara (20 October 1975; 30 April 2008).
27. General issues relating to sanctions (17 April 2000; 21 December 2006).
28. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question (3 October 2000; 31 December 2008).
30. Briefing by the President of the International Court of Justice (31 October 2000; 28 October 2008).
34. Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts (12 September 2001; 9 December 2008).

35. Briefings by Chairmen of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council (18 December 2002; 15 December 2008).

36. The situation in Côte d’Ivoire (20 December 2002; 7 November 2008).


42. Threats to international peace and security (14 September 2005; 8 January 2007).


44. The situation in Chad and the Sudan (25 April 2006; 3 December 2008).

45. Briefing by the Chairman of the African Union (31 May 2006; 31 May 2006).

46. Strengthening international law: rule of law and maintenance of international peace and security (22 June 2006; 22 June 2006).


49. The situation in Myanmar (15 September 2006; 2 May 2008).


51. Letter dated 22 November 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/920) (1 December 2006; 7 November 2008).


55. The situation in Chad, the Central African Republic and the subregion (27 August 2007; 12 December 2008).


57. The role of regional and subregional organizations in the maintenance of international peace and security (6 November 2007; 6 November 2007).

58. Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (6 December 2007; 25 February 2008).


3. The following list sets out those items which were identified in the summary statement for 2008 (S/2008/10 and Add.1-52) as matters of which the Security Council was seized and which have not been considered by the Council at a formal meeting during the three-year period from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2008. The list indicates the date on which each item was first taken up by the Council at a formal meeting, and the date of the most recent formal Council meeting held on that item.

60. The Palestine question (9 December 1947; 25 November 1966).

61. The India-Pakistan question (6 January 1948; 5 November 1965).

62. The Hyderabad question (16 September 1948; 24 May 1949).


64. Letter dated 11 July 1960 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba addressed to the President of the Security Council (18 July 1960; 5 January 1961).


66. The situation in the India/Pakistan subcontinent (4 December 1971; 27 December 1971).

67. Letter dated 3 December 1971 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Iraq, the Libyan Arab Republic and the People’s Democratic Republic of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (9 December 1971; 9 December 1971).


70. The Middle East problem, including the Palestinian question (12 January 1976; 11 October 1985).

72. The question of the exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights (9 June 1976; 30 April 1980).

73. The situation between Iran and Iraq (26 September 1980; 31 January 1991).

74. Letter dated 1 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (2 October 1985; 4 October 1985).


76. Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Chargé d’affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council;
   Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Chargé d’affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council;
   Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Chargé d’affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council;
   Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (15 April 1986; 24 April 1986).


84. Wrap-up discussion on the work of the Security Council for the current month (31 August 2001; 30 March 2005).
88. The role of the Security Council in the pacific settlement of disputes (13 May 2003; 13 May 2003).
89. Response to the humanitarian situation in Iraq (22 May 2003; 22 May 2003).
91. Letter dated 5 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/939);
    Letter dated 5 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/943)
    (5 October 2003; 5 October 2003).
98. Decision of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to abandon its weapons of mass destruction programmes (22 April 2004; 22 April 2004).


4. Pursuant to the note by the President of the Security Council dated 31 December 2008 (S/2008/847), the members of the Security Council have carried out a review of items on the list of matters of which the Security Council is seized and determined that the Council had concluded its consideration of item 11 above. Accordingly, this item is subject to deletion in 2009. Also pursuant to the note by the President, items 60 to 106 above are subject to deletion in 2009, because they have not been considered by the Council at a formal meeting during the three-year period from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2008.

5. Pursuant to the procedure set out in the note by the President, the items listed in paragraph 4 above will be deleted unless a State Member of the United Nations notifies the President of the Security Council by 28 February 2009 that it wishes an item subject to deletion to remain on the list of matters of which the Security Council is seized, in which case such item will remain, unless the Security Council decides otherwise. The deletion of an item does not imply that such an item cannot be taken up by the Security Council as and when it deems necessary in the future.

6. The first addendum of each month to the summary statement will contain a full, updated list of items of which the Security Council is seized. In intervening weeks, the Secretary-General, in fulfilment of his responsibility under rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, will issue a weekly addendum to the summary statement listing only those items on which further action was taken by the Council during the previous week or indicating that there was no change during that period.

7. The first addendum issued in March 2009 will indicate those items identified in paragraph 4 above as subject to deletion and which, at the request of a Member State, the Security Council has decided to retain for one year, and will also indicate those items identified in paragraph 4 which, in the absence of such a decision by the Security Council, have been deleted from the list.