

Security Council Penholders

COUNTRY-SITUATION	CURRENT PENHOLDER IN THE COUNCIL
Afghanistan	Germany and Indonesia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Rotating on a monthly basis among members of the Contact and Drafting Group (France, Germany, Italy, Russia, the UK, the US and current elected Council members Belgium and Poland)
Burundi	France
Central Africa (UNOCA/LRA)	UK
Central African Republic	France
Central Asia (UNRCCA)	Russia
Colombia	UK
Côte d'Ivoire	France
Cyprus	UK
Democratic Republic of the Congo	France
DPRK (Non-proliferation)	US
Golan Heights (UNDOF)	Russia and the US
Guinea-Bissau	Côte d'Ivoire
Haiti	US in consultation with the Group of Friends of Haiti (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Guatemala, Peru, the US, Uruguay and Venezuela)
Iran (Non-Proliferation)	US
Iraq	US on Iraq; UK on Iraq/Kuwait
Lake Chad Basin	UK
Lebanon	France
Liberia	US
Libya	UK; the UK and Germany on Libya sanctions
Mali	France
Middle East (Israel/Palestine)	The US is often seen as the lead, but recent proposals on this issue have been drafted by various other Council members
Somalia	UK; US on piracy
South Sudan	US
Sudan (Darfur)	UK and Germany
Sudan/South Sudan	US
Syria	Belgium, Germany and Kuwait lead on humanitarian issues

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Ukraine	There is no clear penholder for Ukraine. Both Russia and the US have drafted texts and other members have been active in calling for meetings on the issue.
Yemen	UK
West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS)	Belgium and Côte d'Ivoire
Western Sahara	US

THEMATIC ISSUES

Children and Armed Conflict	Belgium
Counterterrorism (1267 1989 and 2253)	US
Counterterrorism (1373)	US
Counterterrorism (1566)	US
ICTY and International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals	Peru
Non-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (1540)	Indonesia
Peace and Security in Africa	N/A
Peacekeeping	UK
Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict	UK
Women and Peace and Security	UK on women's participation and protection (resolution 1325); US on sexual violence in conflict (resolution 1820)
Working Methods	Kuwait
