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# Our Mission

## Advancing transparency, effectiveness, and accountability at the UN Security Council

Security Council Report (SCR), established in 2005, is an independent think tank with the mission of supporting the transparency, effectiveness and accountability of the UN Security Council. To do so, SCR presents accurate information, with scrupulous fact-checking; applies its own impartial analysis; and makes its products publicly available and accessible. SCR also provides bespoke capacity building for elected members of the Council, and convenes and contributes to forums for in-depth discussion of the Council's work.

SCR is the leading international voice providing balanced information and analysis on the UN Security Council. Its scrutiny of issues on the Security Council's agenda, and of the Council's procedures and practice, has helped catalyse ideas and action by Council members, civil society, and other decision-makers. By convening stakeholders, SCR has been able to deepen the analysis of issues before the Council and its working methods and performance.

SCR works from the assumption that better-informed Security Council and civil society members and more transparent decision-making processes will, over time, lead to better Council outcomes.

# Letter from the Executive Director



**Shamala Kandiah  
Thompson**

Executive Director  
Security Council Report

In October 2024 I took over the reins of Security Council Report (SCR), an organisation that I had been privileged to be a part of for 18 years, at one of the most turbulent times in the Security Council's history.

The year had already laid bare the considerable challenges facing the Security Council: continuing conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza, the unravelling situation in Sudan and great uncertainty over the future of the UN presence in Somalia and Haiti. By the end of the year, there was a sudden shift in the political situation in Syria with the abrupt collapse of the Assad regime, a potentially positive development in a region affected by the spillover of the war between Hamas and Israel. These developments unfolded against the backdrop of an increasingly fractured and fragile international order.

Throughout the year, the Council struggled to respond meaningfully to these crises. The gap between the Council's mandate and its ability to act was repeatedly underscored—by a high number of vetoes, abstentions, and the fraying of even the most fundamental consensus. Procedural battles continued to be fought. Divisions among permanent members remained on full display. And yet, the Council endured. It continued to meet, to deliberate, to adopt resolutions and presidential statements—some modest, others hard-won. The ten elected members came together to jointly author two draft resolutions on Gaza, one of which was adopted. Most importantly, the Security Council remained the only global body with the authority to take binding decisions on matters of international peace and security.

This paradox—that the Council is both indispensable and imperfect—has long defined SCR's work. Our role is not to idealise the institution, but to demystify

it: to explain how it operates, to shine a light on its procedures and inner workings, and to support informed engagement by elected members, civil society, and the broader international community. In this way, we contribute to the Council's transparency and, we hope, to its effectiveness.

2024 made the stakes of that mission clearer than ever. The Council's failures—particularly in the face of ongoing violence, mass displacement, and humanitarian catastrophe—have renewed questions about its legitimacy and effectiveness and raised urgent calls for reform. At the same time, growing interest in underutilised tools—informal meeting formats, regional partnerships, and preventive diplomacy—suggests that there is still space for innovation, even within a highly constrained environment.

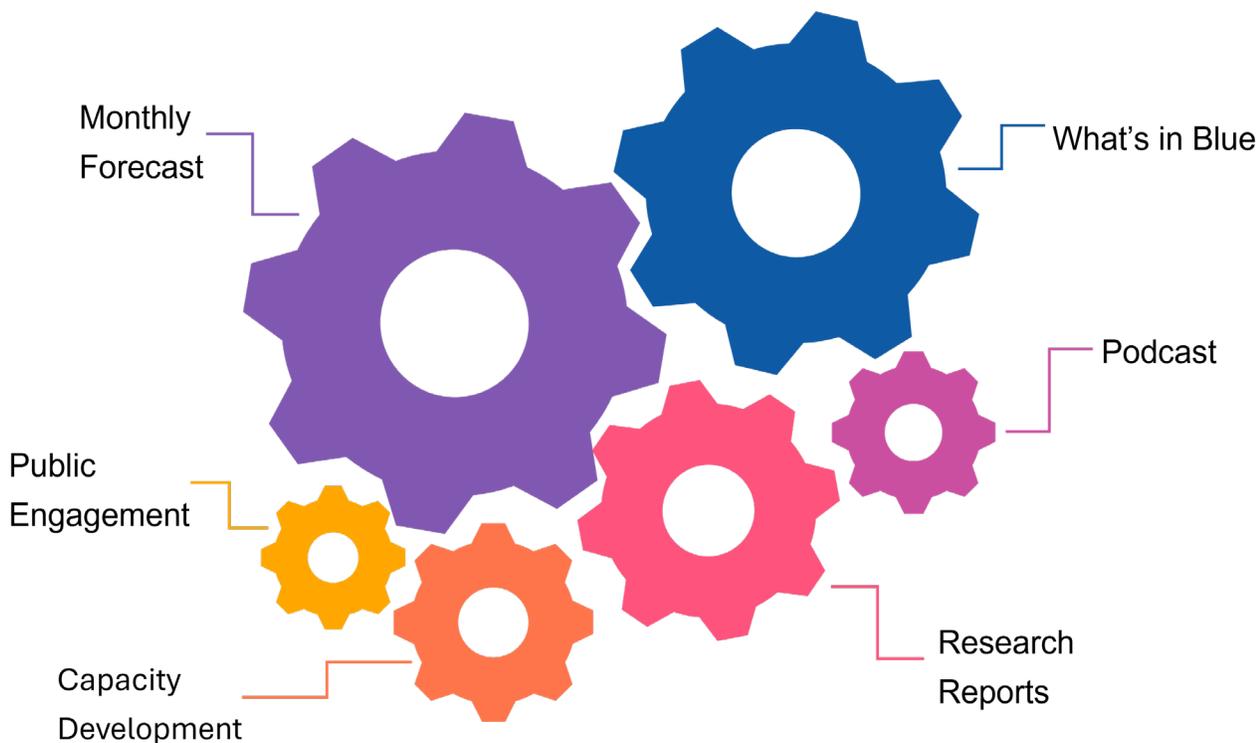
Newly elected members joined the Council in January 2025, aware that they were likely to have a difficult year ahead. It is likely that geopolitical tensions will continue to shape not only the Council's decisions, but also how those decisions are perceived. Nevertheless, the need for collective action in the face of global threats has not diminished. If anything, it has become more urgent.

In such a moment, clarity matters. Facts matter. Understanding how and why decisions are made—or not made—matters. SCR exists to provide that understanding. We are committed to supporting better-informed decision-making, helping elected members make the most of their terms, and offering the public a clear, impartial window into the Council's work. However difficult the context, this mission remains vital.

I am proud to lead SCR's outstanding team as we continue this work in 2025. And I remain grateful to our partners, supporters, and readers, who make it possible for us to keep holding the Council up to the light.

# SCR in 2024 by the Numbers

## ALLOCATION OF SCR'S EFFORT BY OUTPUT AREA



**270**

What's in Blue Stories

**3**

Research Reports

**49**

Member states participated in SCR's capacity development programme by end of 2024.

**12**

Monthly Forecast publications, containing a total of 174 stories

**27**

Outreach briefings to NGOs, UN entities, and selected member states with a strong interest in the Council's work.

**15**

Episodes of the Interactive Dialogues podcast

# SCR in 2024 by the Numbers

In 2024, SCR's website traffic continued its upward trend, reflecting its expanding reach and influence. By the end of 2024 whole site traffic had increased by 6.2% compared to the previous year, rising from 1,551,951 to 1,647,728 users. When excluding WIB, traffic still saw a strong 5.2% increase, growing from 1,065,603 to 1,121,480 users. This growth underscores SCR's role as a vital resource for its diverse audience, which includes senior government and UN officials, UN Secretariat staff, NGOs, academics, the media, and the public. Our social media presence has continued to expand throughout 2024, further strengthening SCR's engagement with its global constituency.

SCR's subscriber base increased by over 16% to reach 16,446 active subscribers by year's end, reflecting the continued demand for timely, independent analysis on the Security Council's work. Website traffic also remained strong, with 539,648 users and over 1.6 million page views, a trend consistent with 2023 levels.

On social media, we have experienced significant audience expansion. SCR grew its X following by 16.1%, reaching a total of 32,338 followers, while our LinkedIn presence surged by over 61%. Across platforms, total impressions rose 32.9% and overall engagement rates improved by 35.6%, underscoring SCR's growing relevance and credibility in multilateral policy spaces.



Whole website traffic

**1,647,728** users



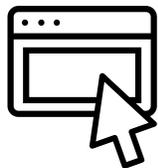
Web traffic excluding WIB

**1,121,480** users



Active subscribers

**16,446**



Website users

**539,648**



Page views

**1.6 million**



X followers

**32,338**



# Overview of 2024 Performance

SCR's work in 2024 was structured around three interrelated areas that reflect the organisation's core mission:

## Enhancing Knowledge-Based Decision-Making Within and Beyond the Security Council

As shown in Graph 1, SCR delivered full-spectrum coverage of the UN Security Council's activities in 2024. Through its What's In Blue (WiB) and Monthly Forecast publications, SCR reported on almost every Security Council meeting and product, contributing to greater transparency and accountability. All SCR's publications are available online and free of charge. Our publications ensure informed decision-making, foster accountability, and empower both Council members and the broader international community to address global challenges more effectively.



STRENGTHENING KNOWLEDGE-BASED DECISION-MAKING

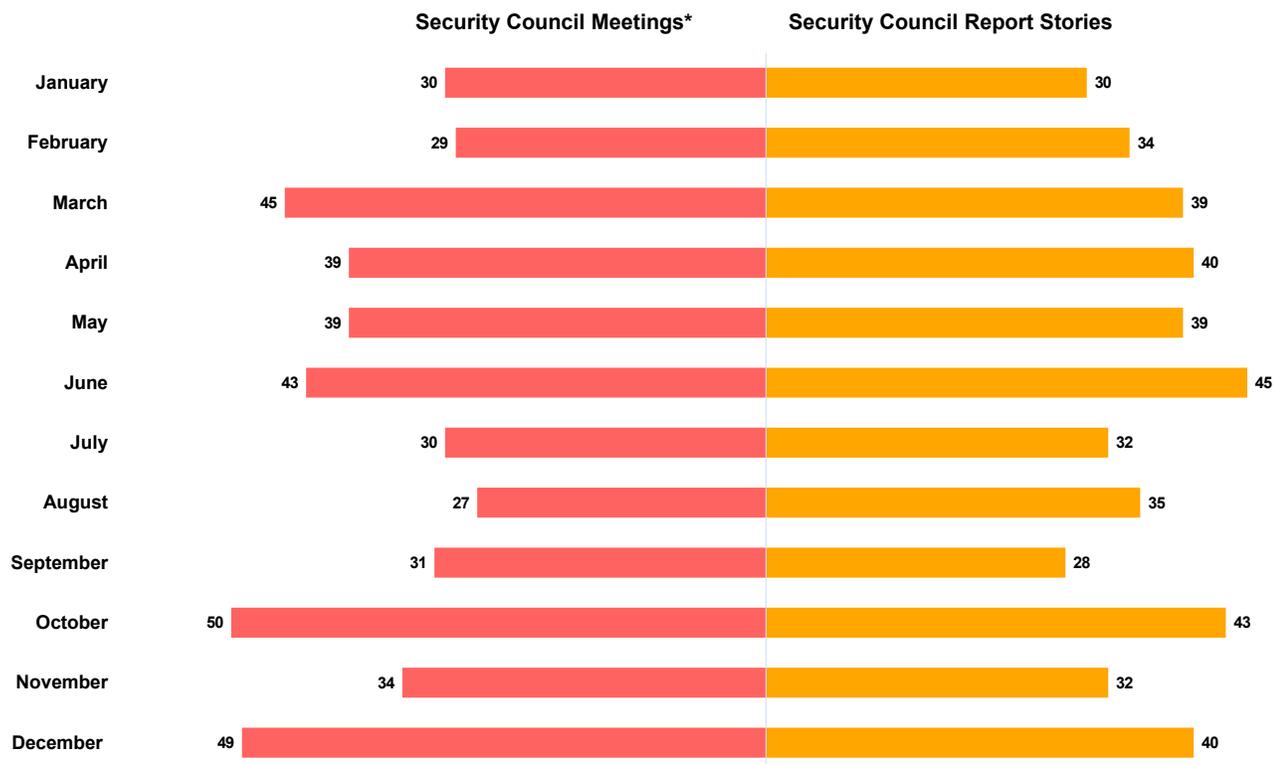


ENHANCING THE IMPACT OF SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



DEEPENING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ON COUNCIL ISSUES

Graph 1: Monthly Security Council Meetings and SCR Stories in 2024



\*These include public and private meetings as well as informal consultations, informal interactive dialogues, and Arria-Formula meetings

## SCR's What's In Blue

Through its WiB stories, SCR provided analysis of the latest developments in the Security Council on a near-daily basis, offering insights on meetings, draft resolutions and the status of negotiations, as well as on the activities of Council subsidiary bodies. Over the years, WiB has become an indispensable resource for all those involved in or following the day-to-day work of the Council. In 2024, SCR produced 270 WiB stories, or an average of 22.5 stories per month. WiB page views increased by 8.2%, rising from 486,348 in 2023 to 526,248 in 2024.



### The Week in Review on What's In Blue

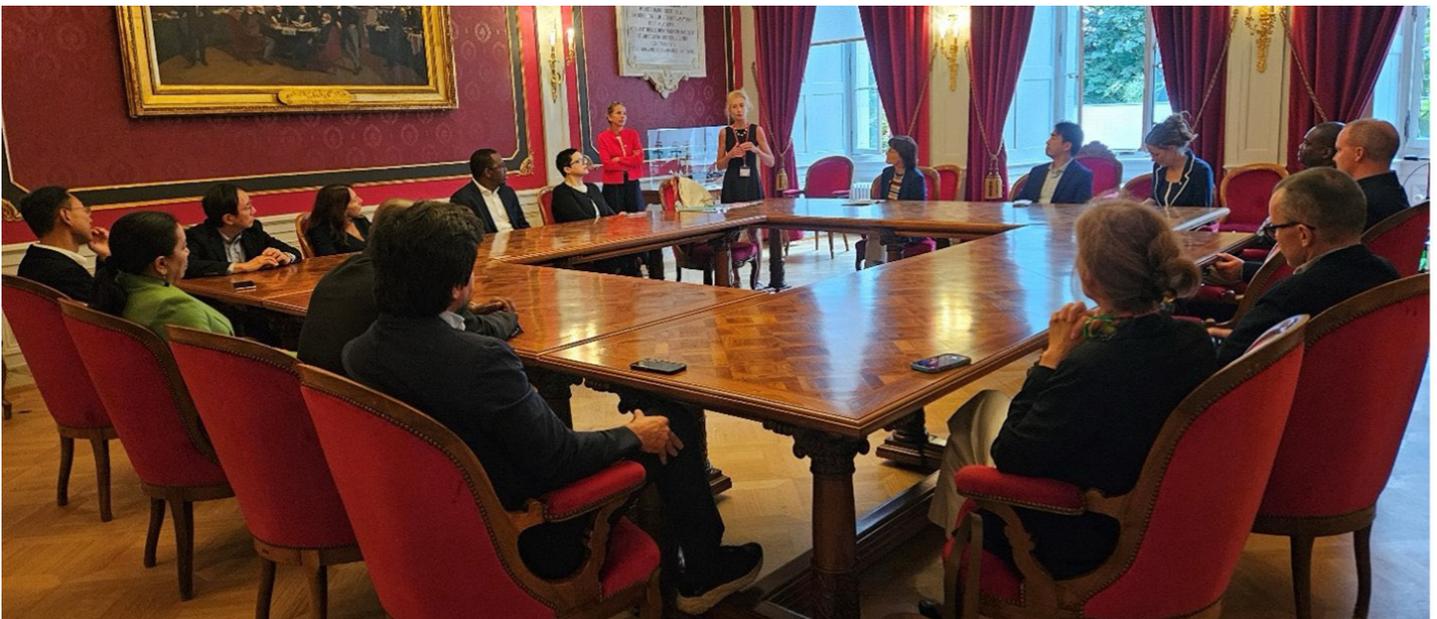


In 2024, SCR sent 52 "Week Ahead" e-mails, foreshadowing its future WiB stories. These emails provided timely, concise previews of the Security Council's anticipated schedule, highlighting upcoming meetings, mandate renewals, and other key developments.

SCR's WiB stories included coverage of the Security Council's visiting mission to Colombia in February,

providing timely, in-depth analysis on the implementation of the 2016 peace agreement and the government's ongoing dialogue with armed groups. SCR was the only organisation to offer comprehensive coverage of the Council's visiting mission to Colombia.

SCR's WiB stories included coverage of the informal visit of Security Council members to Geneva on 4 August, marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1949 Geneva Conventions. SCR offered comprehensive coverage of the visit, providing timely, in-depth analysis of Council members' discussions on upholding international humanitarian law and addressing emerging security risks through innovation, science, and technology.



## SCR's Monthly Forecast

Through the Monthly Forecast, published online on the first day of the month, SCR provided detailed briefs on issues on the Security Council's programme of work for the month ahead, including expected Council action, recent developments, key issues, options for action, and the prevailing dynamics in the Council and beyond. SCR produced 12 Monthly Forecast publications, containing

a total of 174 briefs. They all included convenient links to relevant UN documents, complementing SCR's well-organised and easily searchable archive. In addition, the monthly "In Hindsight" column provided topical analysis of Council practice and current issues. The Monthly Forecast page views increased by 3.1%, rising from 241,335 in 2023 to 248,945 in 2024.

## 2024 In Hindsight

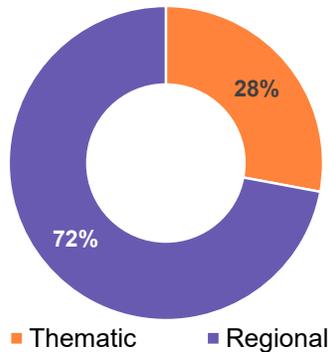


## Thematic and regional focus of WiB and the Monthly Forecast

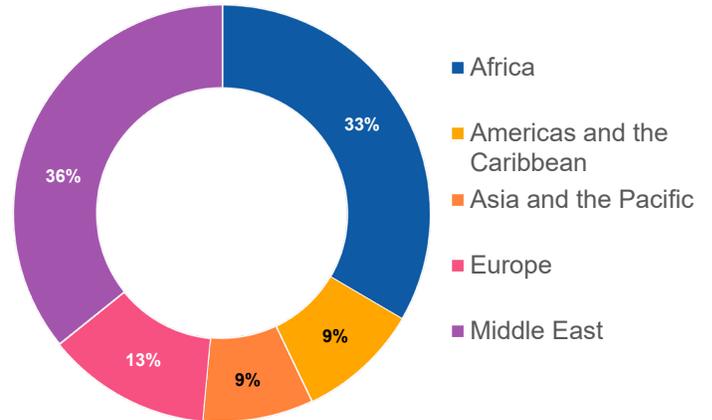
The thematic and regional focus of WiB and the Monthly Forecast followed that of the Security Council. As shown in Graph 2, 28% of SCR's stories had a thematic focus, which ranged, as seen in graph 5 from protection of civilians to engagement with regional and international organisations;

counterterrorism; nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation; children and armed conflict; conflict prevention and mediation; climate, peace and security; human rights; and multilateralism and the UN Charter, among others.

**Graph 2 2024 Thematic and Regional What's in Blue and Monthly Forecast Coverage**



**Graph 3 2024 Regional Distribution of What's in Blue and Monthly Forecast Coverage**

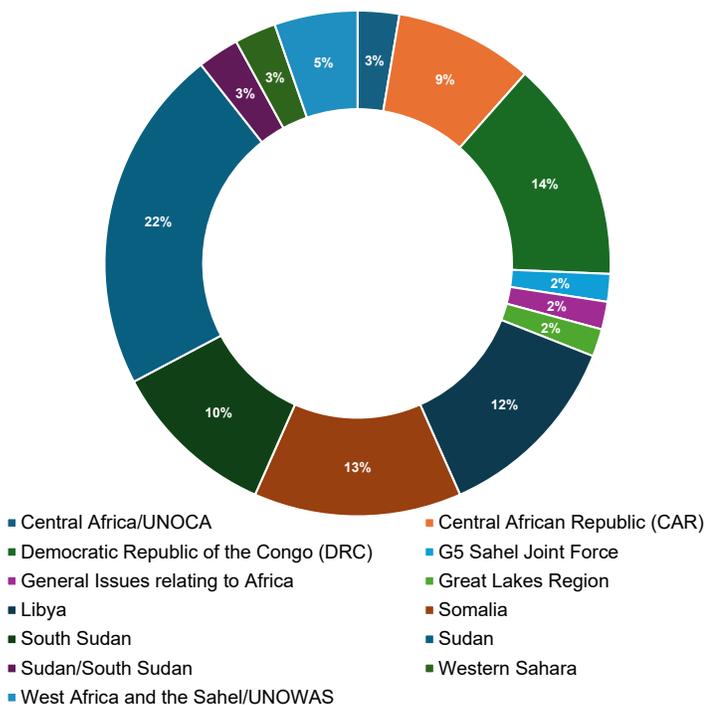


As shown in Graph 3, Middle East and Africa dominated the coverage, accounting for over two-thirds of regionally focused stories. As depicted in Graphs 4 (series a to e) and 5, this aligns with the Council's sustained attention to the war between Israel and Hamas, the fragile situations in Syria and Yemen, and multiple crises in Africa—including those in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC),

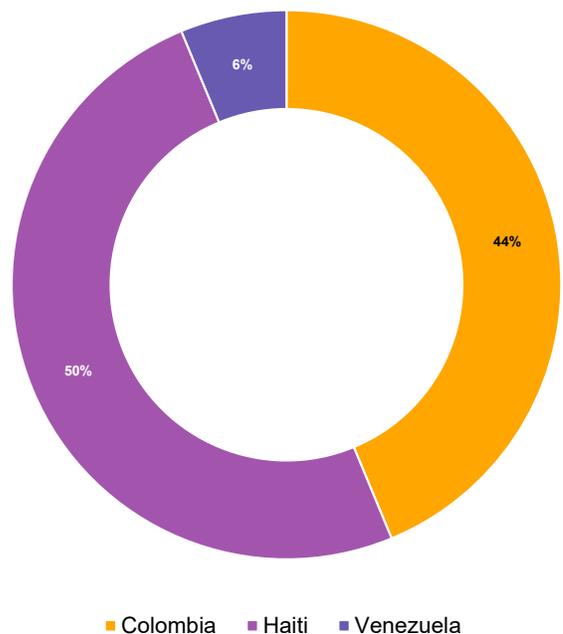
Libya, Somalia, and Sudan. Europe ranked third with 13% of the coverage, largely due to the war in Ukraine. Asia and the Pacific and the Americas and the Caribbean each accounted for 9%, with Afghanistan drawing attention in the former, and Haiti and Colombia receiving the most focus in the latter.

**Graph 4 (series): Breakdown of Regional Distribution of What's in Blue and Monthly Forecast Coverage**

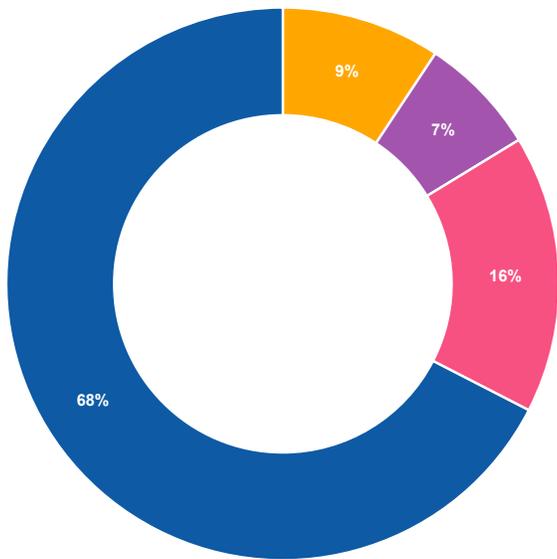
**4(a): Africa**



**4(b): Americas & Caribbean**

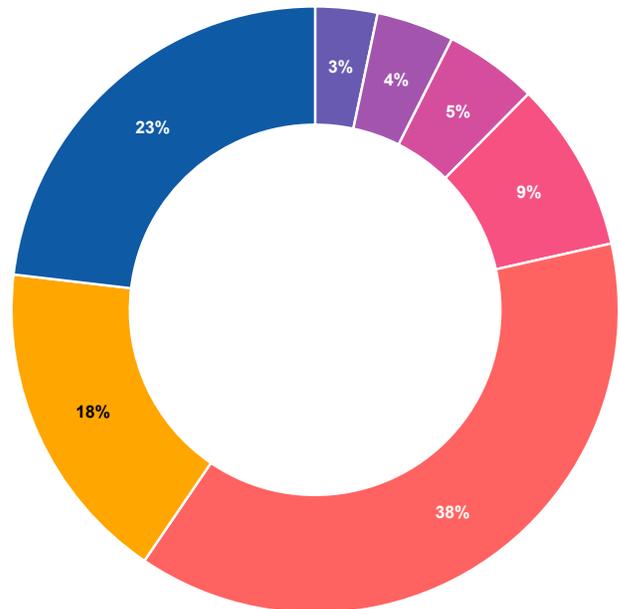


4(c): Europe



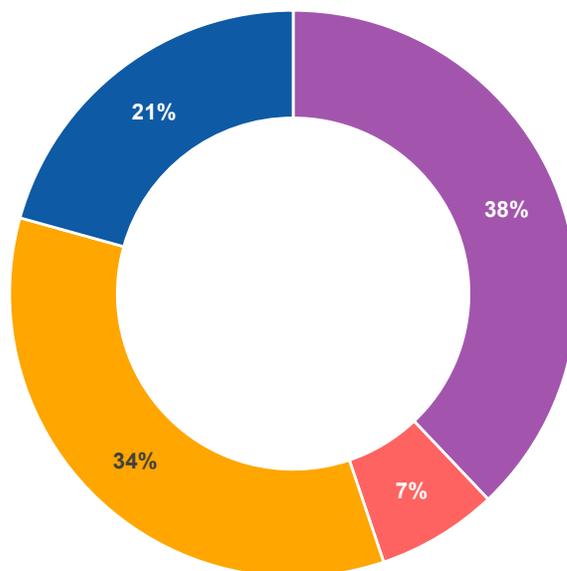
■ Bosnia and Herzegovina ■ Cyprus ■ Kosovo ■ Ukraine

4(d): Americas & Caribbean



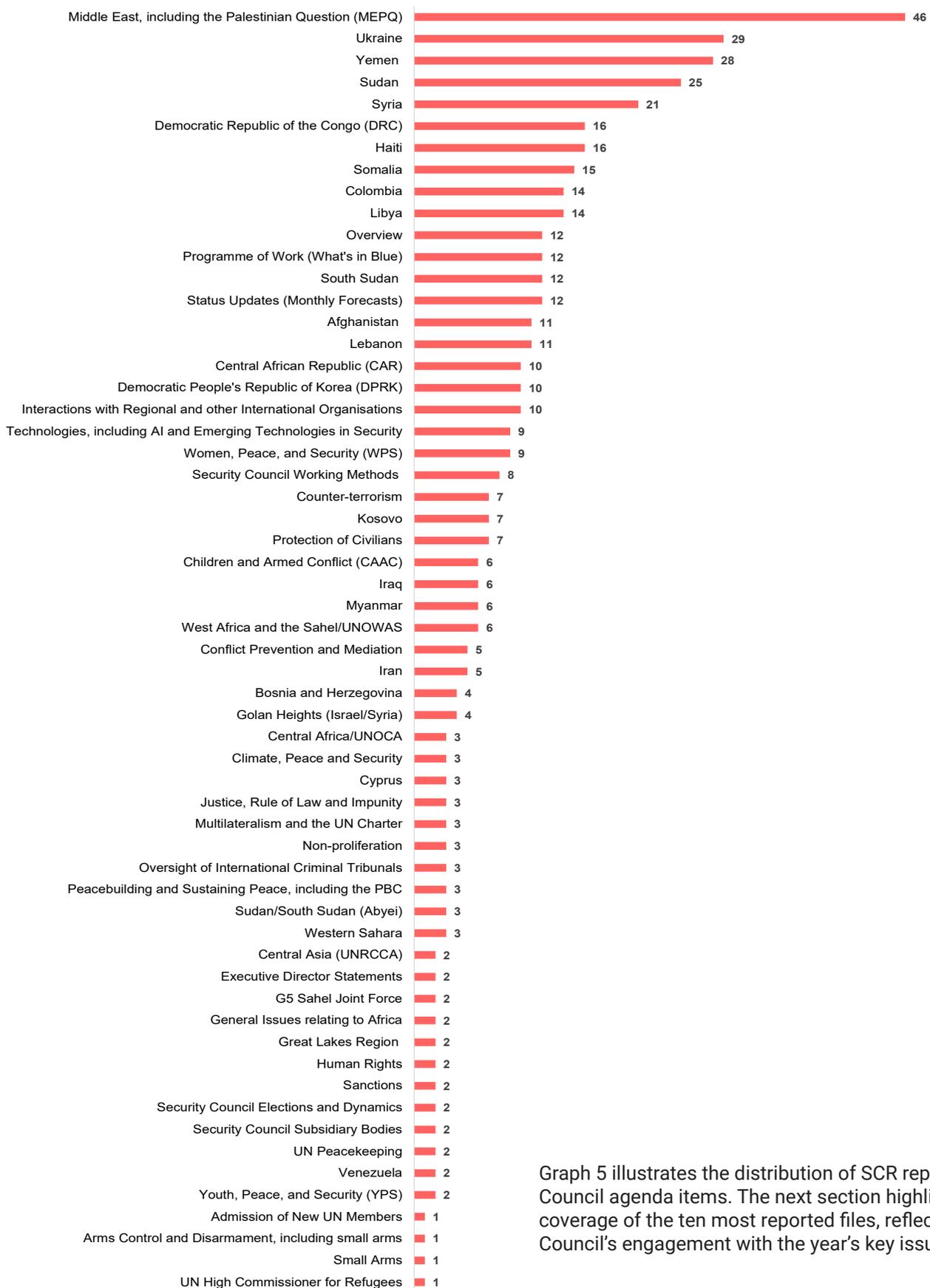
■ Golan Heights (Israel/Syria) ■ Iran  
 ■ Iraq ■ Lebanon  
 ■ Middle East, including the Palestinian Question (MEPQ) ■ Syria  
 ■ Yemen

4(e): Asia & Pacific



■ Afghanistan ■ Central Asia (UNRCCA) ■ DPRK ■ Myanmar

**Graph 5: WiB and Monthly Forecast regional and thematic issues**



Graph 5 illustrates the distribution of SCR reporting across Council agenda items. The next section highlights SCR's coverage of the ten most reported files, reflecting the Council's engagement with the year's key issues.

## Middle East and the Palestinian Question (MEPQ)

### OUTCOMES ADOPTED

Resolutions

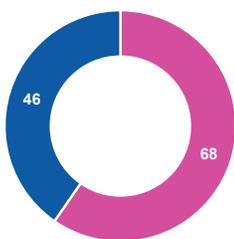


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### OUTCOMES NOT ADOPTED

Draft Resolutions



Security Council Meetings SCR Stories

SCR provided extensive coverage of Security Council meetings on the Middle East and the Palestinian Question (MEPQ), publishing seven Forecast briefs and 39 WiB stories.

Our reporting focused on the Council's response to the war between Israel and Hamas, which led to a severe humanitarian crisis in Gaza by early 2024. We covered the series of emergency meetings focused on calls for a ceasefire, improving humanitarian access, and addressing the International Court of Justice's (ICJ) provisional measures related to South Africa's genocide case against Israel. SCR also provided an in-depth analysis of the resolutions adopted and draft resolutions vetoed on this issue during the year.

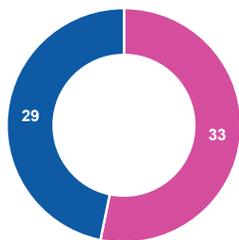
The Council adopted two resolutions on MEPQ in 2024, resolution 2728 on 25 March, calling for an immediate ceasefire during Ramadan and the unconditional release of hostages, and resolution 2735 on 10 June, welcoming a U.S.-led ceasefire proposal and supporting ongoing diplomatic efforts.

## Ukraine

SCR followed closely Security Council meetings on Ukraine, publishing four Monthly Forecast briefs and 25 WiB stories during the year.

SCR tracked the deep divisions in the Council on this issue, with Russia repeatedly requesting meetings to condemn Western arms supplies, while Ukraine's allies framed military assistance as essential for self-defence.

Allegations of external military support to Russia, concerns over civilian suffering and displacement, and sharp divisions over accountability measures shaped deliberations. Political uncertainty following the US election added complexity, while proposals for peacekeeping gained attention but lacked consensus. Despite intensified diplomacy, the Council remained deadlocked, and SCR's reporting highlighted its limited ability to influence the course of the conflict.



Security Council Meetings SCR Stories



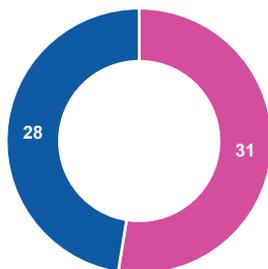
## Yemen

### OUTCOMES ADOPTED

Resolutions



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■ Security Council Meetings ■ SCR Stories

SCR closely followed Security Council developments on Yemen in 2024, publishing 13 Monthly Forecast briefs and 15 WiB stories during the year.

SCR’s stories demonstrated how Council discussions on Yemen were shaped by escalating regional tensions following the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war in October 2023. Houthi attacks on commercial shipping in the Red Sea and direct strikes on Israel—framed by the group as a response to the situation in Gaza—prompted military action by the US, UK, and Israel.

SCR provided details of the negotiations around four resolutions adopted on Yemen in 2024: resolution 2722 on 10 January, condemning Houthi attacks on commercial vessels; resolution 2739 on 27 June, extending the Secretary-General’s monthly reporting requirement on such attacks until 15 January 2025; resolution 2742 on 8 July, renewing the mandate of the United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA); and resolution 2758 on 13 November, extending the Yemen sanctions regime until 15 November 2025 and the mandate of the Panel of Experts until 15 December 2025.

SCR’s coverage also underscored worsening humanitarian conditions, driven by suspended food assistance in Houthi-controlled areas, rising food insecurity, a cholera outbreak, and the detention of more than 50 UN and aid workers by Houthi authorities.

## Sudan

### OUTCOMES ADOPTED

Resolutions

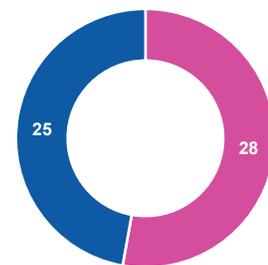


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### OUTCOMES NOT ADOPTED

Draft Resolutions



■ Security Council Meetings ■ SCR Stories

SCR provided sustained and in-depth coverage of Security Council engagement on Sudan in 2024, publishing nine Monthly Forecast briefs and 16 WiB stories during the year.

Council deliberations focused on the devastating conflict between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), which entered its second year in April. As violence escalated across the country—including in Khartoum, Al Jazirah, and particularly in El Fasher—SCR tracked the Council’s response to mounting civilian suffering, mass displacement, and deteriorating access to humanitarian aid.

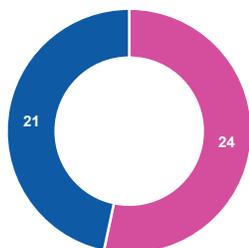
SCR covered the adoption by the Council of four resolutions on Sudan in 2024: resolution 2724 on 8 March, calling for an immediate cessation of hostilities during Ramadan and urging all parties to seek a sustainable resolution through dialogue; resolution 2736 on 13 June, demanding an immediate end to hostilities in El Fasher, unimpeded humanitarian access, and the protection of civilians; resolution 2750 on 11 September, renewing the 1591 Sudan sanctions regime—including targeted sanctions and an arms embargo—until 12 September 2025; and resolution 2760 on 14 November, extending the mandate of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA) until 15 November 2025 and calling for the withdrawal of unauthorized forces from the area.

SCR also reported on humanitarian conditions in Sudan, which reached catastrophic levels, as well as competing narratives over arms embargo violations, including allegations of foreign support to both sides.

## Syria

### OUTCOMES ADOPTED

Press Statements



■ Security Council Meetings ■ SCR Stories

SCR closely monitored Security Council engagement on Syria in 2024, publishing 13 Monthly Forecast briefs and eight WiB stories during the year.

Our reporting reflected the Council’s growing concern over Syria’s stalled political process, escalating conflict, and deepening humanitarian crisis, as well as surging violence, especially in the northwest and northeast that culminated in a major opposition offensive in late 2024 that led to the fall of Damascus and the ousting of the Assad government.

SCR reporting also tracked the spillover of regional tensions, including Israeli airstrikes targeting Iranian-linked assets in Syria and retaliatory actions by Iran and affiliated groups. We also provided coverage of the humanitarian situation in Syria which reached unprecedented levels in 2024.

The sudden departure of Assad in December 2024 in a rebel-offensive led to three meetings on Syria in December, which SCR covered. Over the year SCR’s coverage reflected a Council navigating complex geopolitical rifts, an imploding status quo, and renewed—but uncertain—prospects for a transition in the aftermath of Assad’s departure.

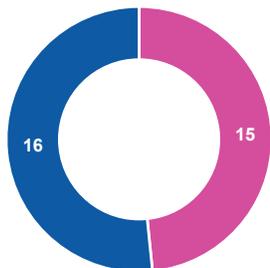
## Democratic Republic of the Congo

### OUTCOMES ADOPTED

Resolutions



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■ Security Council Meetings ■ SCR Stories

SCR followed closely Security Council developments on the DRC in 2024, publishing seven Monthly Forecast briefs and nine WiB stories over the course of the year.

We reported on the escalating conflict in eastern DRC, particularly the resurgence of the M23 armed group and its impact on regional stability. Fighting intensified in North Kivu, displacing hundreds of thousands and prompting calls for enhanced protection of civilians. Our analysis captured the tensions between the DRC and Rwanda, which were a key element of the conflict and Council divisions over Rwanda’s alleged support for the M23.

SCR reporting also followed the evolving dynamics of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO’s) drawdown, as initial plans for a full withdrawal by end-2024 gave way to a more flexible, conditions-based approach in response to deteriorating security in North Kivu.

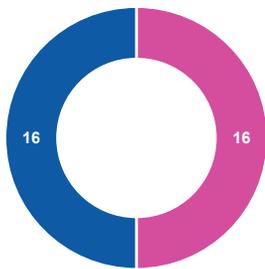
SCR covered in detail the negotiations around the adoption of three Council resolutions on DRC in 2024: resolution 2735 on 20 March, authorising the gradual drawdown of MONUSCO beginning with South Kivu province; resolution 2749 on 27 June, extending the DRC sanctions regime and the mandate of the Group of Experts until 1 July 2025; and resolution 2769 on 20 December, renewing MONUSCO’s mandate for one final year, with the mission set to end by 31 December 2025.

## OUTCOMES ADOPTED

Resolutions



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■ Security Council Meetings ■ SCR Stories

## Haiti

SCR followed closely Security Council developments on Haiti in 2024, publishing six Monthly Forecast briefs and ten WiB stories during the year.

We documented how the Council grappled with spiraling gang violence, political paralysis, and mounting humanitarian needs. A coordinated surge in gang attacks beginning in late February led to the collapse of key state institutions and prompted renewed calls for international support. SCR’s analysis explored the political and legal hurdles hindering the deployment of the Multinational Security Support (MSS) mission led by Kenya, which was authorised through resolution 2699 in October 2023.

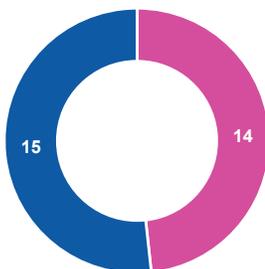
SCR covered extensively the negotiations around the three resolutions on Haiti in 2024: resolution 2743 on 12 July, extending the mandate of the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH) until 15 July 2025; resolution 2751 on 30 September, renewing for one year the authorisation for member states to deploy a MSS mission to assist the Haitian National Police in restoring security; and resolution 2752 on 18 October, renewing the sanctions regime, including the arms embargo and targeted measures, for an additional year.

SCR tracked the Council’s cautious support for the Haitian-led political transition process, while noting ongoing disagreements over perceived international interference and conditions attached to the transition.

SCR also reported on worsening humanitarian conditions, with over 578,000 internally displaced persons by mid-year and 4.5 million Haitians facing acute food insecurity.

## OUTCOMES ADOPTED

Resolutions



■ Security Council Meetings ■ SCR Stories

## Somalia

SCR closely followed Security Council engagement on Somalia in 2024, publishing five Monthly Forecast briefs and ten WiB stories during the year.

We tracked Council discussions on Somalia’s security transition, particularly the drawdown of the African Union (AU) Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) and planning for its successor, the AU Support and Stabilisation Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM), scheduled to deploy in January 2025.

SCR covered in detail the negotiations around the five Council resolutions on Somalia in 2024: resolution 2741 on 28 June, extending the mandate of ATMIS until 12 August; resolution 2747 on 12 August, providing a short technical extension of the mandate until 15 August; resolution 2748 on 15 August, further extending ATMIS’ authorisation until 31 December and requesting planning for a successor mission; resolution 2753 on 30 October, initiating the transition of the UN Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) to a UN country team over two years; and resolution 2767 on 27 December, endorsing the AU’s decision to replace ATMIS with AUSSOM, effective 1 January 2025, with an initial mandate for 12 months.

SCR also covered tensions between Somalia and Ethiopia, triggered by Ethiopia’s January Memorandum of Understanding with Somaliland and its potential impact on the security transition. SCR’s coverage also showed how Al-Shabaab remained a persistent threat, despite military pressure, and humanitarian needs remained acute amid ongoing violence and displacement.

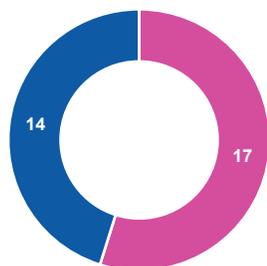
## Libya

### OUTCOMES ADOPTED

Resolutions



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■ Security Council Meetings ■ SCR Stories

SCR maintained close coverage of Security Council engagement on Libya in 2024, publishing ten Monthly Forecast briefs and four WiB stories during the year.

Despite various UN- and regionally-backed initiatives, efforts to agree on a roadmap for national elections stalled, primarily due to disagreements over electoral legislation and the formation of a unified interim government.

SCR also reported on the Council's unanimous renewal of the mandate of the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL), which followed difficult negotiations over its duration, and the renewal of the maritime arms embargo enforcement measures, which saw several abstentions.

SCR covered in detail negotiations around the adoption of two Council resolutions on Libya in 2024: resolution 2733 on 31 May, renewing for one year the authorisation to inspect vessels off Libya suspected of violating the arms embargo; and resolution 2755 on 31 October, extending the mandate of UNSMIL until 31 January 2025, with a nine-month automatic extension if a new Special Representative is appointed.

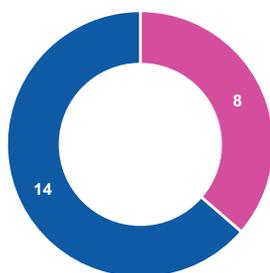
## Colombia

### OUTCOMES ADOPTED

Resolutions



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■ Security Council Meetings ■ SCR Stories

SCR maintained consistent coverage of Security Council engagement on Colombia in 2024, publishing five Monthly Forecast briefs and nine WiB stories during the year.

SCR reflected the Council's broad support for the 2016 peace agreement and the Colombian government's "total peace" policy, while also acknowledging persistent challenges. We provided in-depth reporting on the Security Council visiting mission in February—its third to Colombia since signing the peace agreement—which offered members first-hand insights into both progress and setbacks in the agreement's implementation.

SCR reporting further highlighted tensions around the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (SJP), the judicial arm of Colombia's transitional justice system and the dialogue processes with armed groups under the "total peace" framework, which saw uneven progress.

SCR reported on negotiations for the adoption of resolution 2754 on 30 October, extending the mandate of the UN Verification Mission in Colombia for one year, until 31 October 2025, to continue monitoring implementation of the 2016 peace agreement and the ceasefire with armed groups.

SCR's analysis also tracked new initiatives, including President Gustavo Petro's "shock plan" to accelerate implementation of the 2016 accord, and calls to strengthen state institutions in underserved areas.

Colombia remained one of the few consensus files on the Council's agenda, with members commending the country's commitment to peacebuilding despite entrenched structural and security challenges.

## SCR's Podcasts

In 2024, SCR produced 15 episodes of the Interactive Dialogues podcast, garnering 5,157 downloads.

To make its analysis more accessible and engaging, SCR launched its first Interactive Dialogues podcast in 2022 as a new platform for delivering insights on the Council's work. In 2023, we expanded our audio offerings by introducing an audio version of our "In Hindsight" column and in 2024, we further enhanced the podcast by incorporating interviews with SCR analysts on recently published stories.



## SCR's Research Reports

Through its Research Reports, SCR conducted in-depth analyses of key issues relevant to the Security Council's agenda and procedures, offering historical context, assessing past Council actions, and presenting well-considered options for future initiatives. The following research reports were published in 2024:

### Future of the Pact: Recommendations for Security Council Action

This policy paper analyses the Security Council's engagement in the peace and security aspects of the Pact for the Future, highlighting key areas for action and potential expansion. It highlights where the Council had been actively involved and provided recommendations for deeper engagement.



## The Security Council and Regional Arrangements: Towards Effective Engagement

This report examines the evolving relationship between the Security Council and regional organisations, explores legal frameworks, past collaboration, and identifies future opportunities. It explores past models of cooperation between the Council and regional arrangements illustrating the importance of Council.



SCR’s report on the relationship between the Security Council and regional arrangements was launched on 10 September during an event hosted by Austria. Then Chief Operating Officer Shamala Kandiah Thompson delivered opening remarks, and author Matthew Blainey presented the report’s key findings. The event was an opportunity to explore Chapter VIII of the UN Charter, examine the different models of cooperation between the UN and regional arrangements, and draw lessons for enhanced cooperation in the future.



## Security Council Elections 2024

This report covers the 2024 Security Council elections, detailing the five available seats distributed among regional groups. In 2024 five member states – Denmark, Greece, Panama, Pakistan and Somalia – ran for the five available seats. The report explains the election process, highlights key considerations, and analyses how the five new members might shape Council decisions during their two-year term.



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## Incoming and Outgoing Security Council Members 2025

 <b>Incoming Members</b>	<b>Denmark</b> 	<b>Greece</b> 	<b>Pakistan</b> 	<b>Panama</b> 	<b>Somalia</b> 
	<b>Outgoing Members</b>	<b>Ecuador</b> 	<b>Japan</b> 	<b>Malta</b> 	<b>Mozambique</b> 



On 29 May, SCR hosted a full house for the launch of its Elections 2024 report. Representatives of incoming Council members heard from current and former Council members how to survive and thrive as elected members of the Security Council.

# Enhancing the Impact of Security Council Members

By the end of 2024, 49 countries had participated in SCR's capacity development programme, ensuring that elected members gained the procedural knowledge and strategic insights needed to engage more effectively in Council discussions and decision-making. Greater knowledge of how the Council works through participation in SCR's programme has allowed elected members to assert their

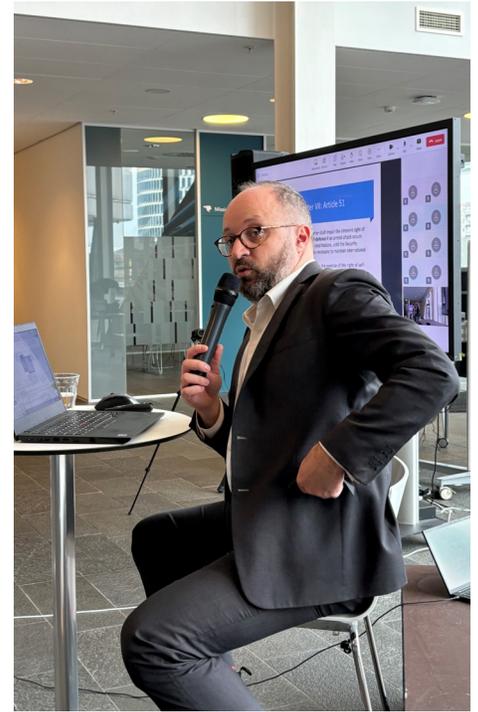
positions, shape debates, and lead initiatives, ultimately contributing to a more balanced and effective Security Council. Additionally, SCR continued to foster long-term institutional learning by facilitating knowledge transfer between past, present, and incoming elected members, ensuring that best practices and lessons learned inform future Council terms.



## SCR's Capacity Development Programme for Denmark in Copenhagen and New York



SCR's Alina Entelis and Paul Romita lead a practical exercise on the Council's Programme of Work



SCR's Matthew Blainey delivers a session on Chapter VII of the UN Charter



SCR's Erik Ramberg speaks on the Council's subsidiary bodies

## SCR's Capacity Development Programme for Greece in New York



SCR's Paul Romita presents on Conflict Prevention in the context of Chapter VI of the UN Charter.

Throughout the year, SCR supported the capacity of Security Council members through targeted convenings and expert engagement. SCR co-organised with Kuwait, Slovenia (Council President), and Ecuador (E10

coordinator) the first ministerial-level dinner of the current and incoming elected members of the Security Council, held during the General Assembly high level week.



SCR Executive Director Karin Landgren with Slovenian Minister of Foreign Affairs Tanja Fajon.

SCR also participated as a speaker and key resource in the annual E10-I5 dialogue, held in Quito, Ecuador,

in September, contributing insights on the history and development of the E10.



On 13 April, SCR participated in the annual A3 retreat organised by the African Union Permanent Observer Mission to United Nations, where Executive Director Karin Landgren delivered a briefing on ways to enhance the role of A3 Plus members in the UN Security Council.



SCR co-organised the twenty-second annual “Hitting the Ground Running” workshop for newly elected Council members, together with Finland and UN Security Council Affairs Division (SCAD). The workshop was held on 21–22 November 2024 at the Greentree Foundation in Manhasset, New York.

The workshop, which the Government of Finland has convened and hosted since 2003, has provided an opportunity for newly-elected members of the Security Council to learn about how the Council works from those who know it best, its 15 current members. This has helped incoming members to ‘hit the ground running’ when they enter the Council on 1 January. Since 2020, SCR has taken on a co-organizer role that includes drafting the background paper and guiding questions for the workshop, securing speakers for the various panels, and preparing a summary report of the workshop’s proceedings.

# Strengthening Public Engagement on Security Council Issues

SCR actively engaged with a wide range of stakeholders to enhance the understanding and effectiveness of the Security Council. Through briefings and discussions with Council members, UN missions, the UN Secretariat, foreign policy institutes, NGOs, academic institutions, and the media, SCR fostered dialogue and collaboration.

In 2024, SCR hosted 27 outreach events with NGOs, UN entities and selected member states with a strong interest in the Council's work. These events provided a candid, off-

the-record forum to discuss the Council's principal agenda items, encouraging in-depth analysis and constructive conversations about its performance.

SCR also expanded its outreach to academic institutions, hosting students from a range of universities for candid discussions on key issues before the Security Council, helping to foster a deeper understanding of multilateral diplomacy.



On 19 March, SCR welcomed NYU students for a discussion with Managing Editor Paul Romita and Deputy Managing Editor Dawit Yirga.

Between 2018 and 2024, SCR briefed the Council six times at the annual open debate on working methods and once at an open debate on peacekeeping.

In her 11 March statement to the Council, Executive Director Karin Landgren underscored the importance of conflict prevention, timely information, stronger UN-AU collaboration, and the value of visiting the field. She observed that “working methods can do a great deal to help make the Council more effective, including seeking to reduce polarization within the Council and to strengthen common ground.” Ms. Landgren also noted that SCR had worked closely with some fifty incoming Council members, to that point, with the aim of supporting the Council's transparency, effectiveness, and accountability.



Executive Director Karin Landgren addressing the Council during an 11 March Working Methods Debate.



In February, SCR Deputy Managing Editor Dawit Yirga participated in the launch of the final report of the “New Geopolitics of Peace Operations” initiative. This event, organised by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) in collaboration with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in New York and the Foreign Affairs Ministries of Finland and the Netherlands, focused on the evolving landscape of multilateral peace operations amid non-traditional security challenges. Yirga’s contribution focused on possible test cases that could be considered under Security Council resolution 2719 on the financing of African Union-led peace support operations (AUPSOs).



On 18-19 April 2024, the Permanent Mission of Austria, in cooperation with the UN Department of Peace Operations (DPO) and SCR, hosted an informal discussion on “Networked Multilateralism - Upgrading Partnerships: The New Agenda for Peace & the Role of the UN in Ensuring the Effectiveness of Future Peacekeeping”. SCR presented preliminary findings of its report on the Security Council and regional organisations at this retreat.



On 30 April, Executive Director Karin Landgren briefed the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa meeting on the implementation of resolution 2719, focusing on flexible financing for the African Union Peace Support Operations.

SCR actively participated in global policy forums focused on improving the Council’s work and advancing global governance and effective multilateralism.

In April, SCR Deputy Managing Editor Dawit Yirga participated in a Technical Consultative Meeting in Algiers on the Strategic Review of the African Standby Force (ASF). He delivered a presentation on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2719 and its implications for the financing of AU Peace Support Operations, offering insights into how the resolution could strengthen the ASF’s operational readiness and sustainability.



On 19 June, SCR Deputy Managing Editor Dawit Yirga represented the organisation at an interactive dialogue organised by the Co-Chairs of the Group of Friends of Peace Operations—Ethiopia, Norway, and the Republic of Korea—at the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union to the United Nations. The event brought together Permanent Representatives, members of the Security Council, and Troop- and Police-Contributing Countries to discuss African Union Peace Support Operations and the implementation of Security Council resolution 2719.



Between 17-19 July 2024, SCR's Sara Bertotti participated in a retreat convened by Switzerland with representatives of women mediator networks in preparation for the Security Council's annual open debate on Women, Peace and Security. The retreat covered key issues on gender and peace such as the importance of gender-responsive conflict analysis, the fragmentation of the mediation space, and the need for political and financial support for women-led peacebuilding.

On 20 August, SCR Deputy Managing Editor Dawit Yirga briefed a joint meeting of the Security Council Working Group on UN Peacekeeping Operations and the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa. His briefing focused on peace operations transitions and drew from SCR's report on 'UN Transitions in a Fractured Multilateral Environment'.



Shamala Kandiah Thompson, then Chief Operating Officer, shared insights from her reporting on the 2016 UN Secretary-General selection process at an event on the selection of the next Secretary-General organised by 1 for 8 Billion on 20 September.



On 19 September, SCR participated in the launch of the report Small States and the Future of Multilateralism, a collaborative initiative by the Forum of Small States (FOSS), the International Peace Institute (IPI), and Singapore's S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies. SCR shared insights about the pivotal role of small states in the Security Council and global governance.



On 16-17 October, SCR participated in the 9th Annual Informal Joint Seminar between the UN Security Council and the African Union Peace and Security Council, held in Tarrytown, New York. The seminar focused on key thematic issues, including the implementation of Security Council resolution 2719 on financing AU-led peace support operations, the roles of youth and women in peace and

security, the protection of children in armed conflicts, and the adverse effects of climate change on stability in Africa. SCR helped organise, contributed to the discussions and prepared a report summarising the seminar's outcomes—advancing its mission to support a more transparent, effective, and accountable Security Council through impartial analysis and engagement in strategic dialogue.

On 24 October, Executive Director Shamala Kandiah Thompson spoke about the relationship between the International Court of Justice and the UN Security Council

at a panel discussion under the “Austrian Rule of Law initiative” which focuses on the role of the Council in strengthening a rules-based international system.



On 14 – 15 November, Executive Director Shamala Kandiah Thompson provided concluding remarks at an informal dialogue at Greentree Foundation, organised by Austria, the UN Department of Peace Operations and the UN

Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs entitled “Networked Multilateralism: Deepening the Contribution of UN Peacekeeping Operations and Special Political Missions in Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace.”



In November, SCR had the opportunity to engage in a constructive discussion with members of the Parliament of India, during an event hosted by the Permanent Mission of India to the UN. The discussion focused on the

Council's challenges and emerging priorities, fostering a shared understanding and reinforcing the importance of continued dialogue and collaboration in strengthening the effectiveness of the UN Security Council.



On 12 December, SCR Chief Operating Officer Katerina Limenopolou addressed key issues around conflict prevention and peacebuilding at the Second Civil Society Organisation (CSO)-UN Dialogue on Peacebuilding, organised by the UN Department for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA).

On 17 December, SCR Managing Editor Paul Romita participated in a dialogue with the Forum of Small States (FOSS), which was hosted by the Permanent Mission of Singapore to the UN. The meeting assessed the activities of the Security Council in 2024 and provided perspectives on its work in 2025. While noting the challenges facing the Council, Mr. Romita highlighted how the elected members were collaborating closely to overcome their differences, bridge divides, and take the initiative to try to find solutions.



# Financials

## FINANCIAL SITUATION (STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION, STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES)

### STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES (YEARS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 AND 31 DECEMBER 2023)

	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	293,936	1,103,059
Grants receivable, net	1,066,568	1,146,685
Security deposit	110,674	110,674
Prepaid expenses and other assets	44,463	52,972
Right-of-use asset	378,564	722,243
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,894,205</b>	<b>3,135,633</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	201,115	263,364
Line-of-credit	6,033	32,489
Lease liability	447,194	843,494
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>654,342</b>	<b>1,139,347</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Without donor restrictions	102,299	777,486
With donor restrictions:		
Time restricted for future periods	84,998	549,707
Purpose restrictions	1,052,566	669,093
Total net assets with donor restrictions	1,137,564	1,218,800
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>1,239,863</b>	<b>1,996,286</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>1,894,205</b>	<b>3,135,633</b>

### STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES (YEARS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 AND 31 DECEMBER 2023)

	2024	2023
<b>REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>		
Grants and contributions	1,999,973	2,596,347
Other income	11,415	1,795
<b>Total revenue and support</b>	<b>2,011,388</b>	<b>2,598,142</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program services	2,208,761	2,183,985
Management and general	336,615	451,345
Fundraising	167,065	191,808
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>2,712,441</b>	<b>2,827,138</b>
<b>Change in net assets *</b>	<b>-756,423</b>	<b>-231,290</b>
Net assets, beginning of year	1,996,286	2,227,576
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<b>1,239,863</b>	<b>1,996,286</b>

\*including (55,370) and (2,294) in foreign currency losses in 2024 and 2023, respectively

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Karin Landgren served as Executive Director from January to September 2024. Shamala Kandiah Thompson held the position of Chief Operating Officer from January to September and assumed the role of Executive Director in October 2024. Katerina Limenopoulou joined SCR as Chief Operating Officer in November 2024.

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