



BACKGROUNDS

♦ The Security Council has primary responsibility, under the Charter, for the maintenance of international peace and security. It is so organized as to be able to function continuously, and a representative of each of its members must be present at all times at United Nations Headquarter On 31 January 1992, the first ever Summit Meeting of the Council was convened at Headquarters, attended by Heads State and Government of 13 of its 15 members and by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the remaining two. The Council may meet elsewhere than at Headquarters; in 1972, it held a session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and the following year in Panama City, Panama.



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MEMBERSHIP IN 2012

The General Assembly elected Azerbaijan, Guatemala, Morocco, Pakistan and Togo to serve as non-permanent members of the Security Council for two-year terms starting on 1 January 2012. The newly elected countries will replace Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Gabon, Lebanon and Nigeria.





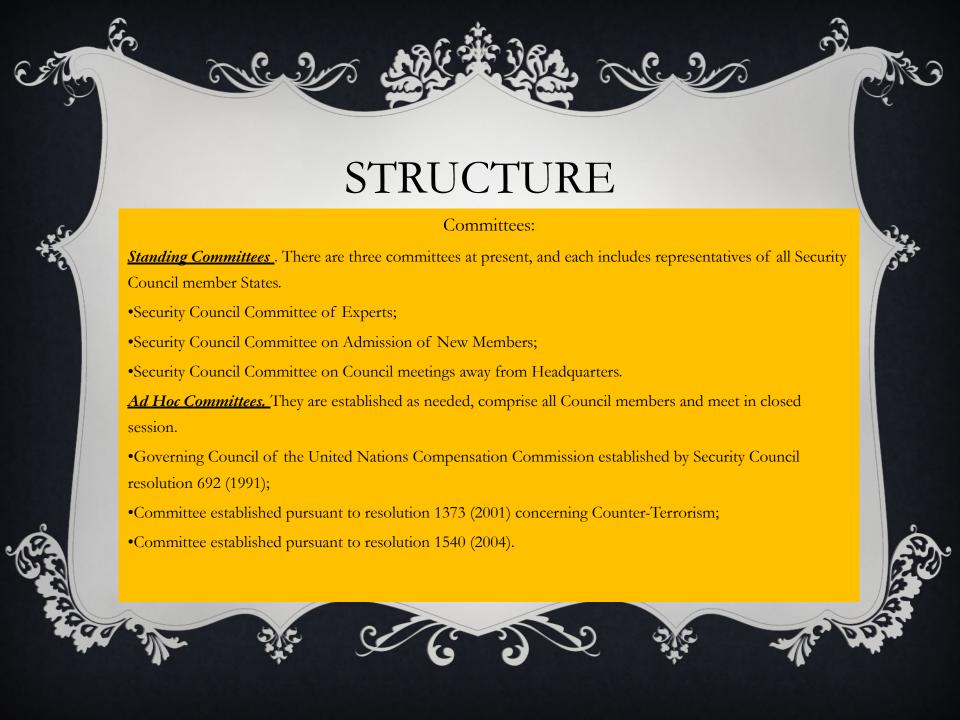


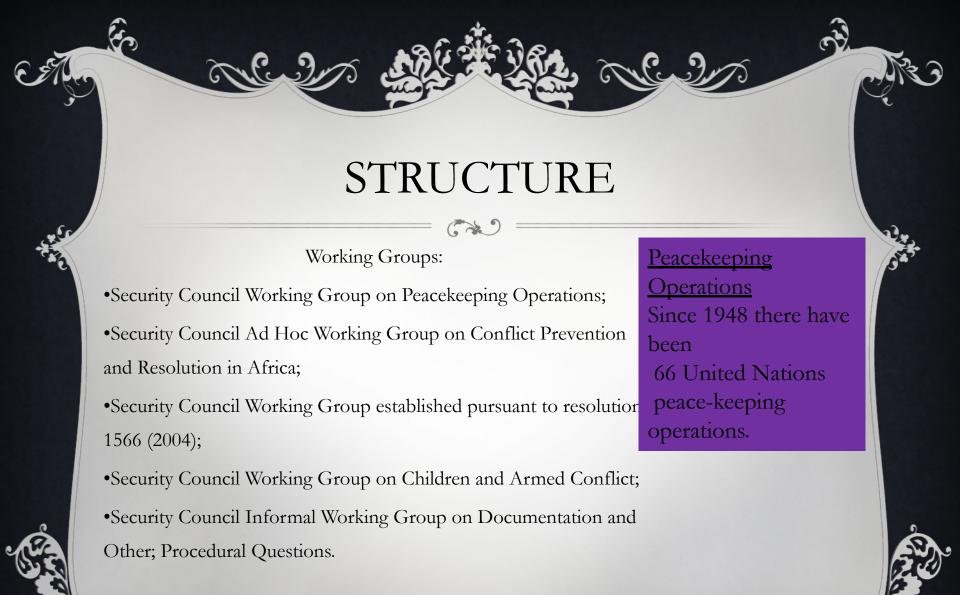




- ❖The Presidency of the Security Council is held in turn by the members of the Security Council in the English alphabetical order of their names. Each President holds office for one calendar month.
- ❖Ten non-permament members, elected by the General Assembly for two-year terms and not eligible for immediate re-election. The number of non-permanent members was increased from six to ten by an amendment of the Charter which came into force in 1965.











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Month	Presidency	End of Membershi
January	South Africa	Term 31 December 2012
February	Togo	31 December 2013
March	United Kingdom	Permanent member
April	United States	Permanent member
May	Azerbaijan	31 December 2013
June	China	Permanent member
July	Colombia	31 December 2012
August	France	Permanent member
September	Germany	31 December 2012
October	Guatemala	31 December 2013
November	India	31 December 2012
December	Morocco	31 December 2013

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