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**ARTICLE 24****TEXT OF ARTICLE 24**

1. In order to ensure prompt and effective action by the United Nations, its Members confer on the Security Council primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, and agree that in carrying out its duties under this responsibility the Security Council acts on their behalf.

2. In discharging these duties the Security Council shall act in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations. The specific powers granted to the Security Council for the discharge of these duties are laid down in Chapters VI, VII, VIII and XII.

3. The Security Council shall submit annual and, when necessary, special reports to the General Assembly for its consideration.

**NOTE**

1. During the period under review, none of the resolutions and presidential statements adopted by the Security Council contained explicit references to Article 24 of the Charter.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See, for instance, the sixteenth supplement to the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* (2008-2009), Part V, Section I “Functions and powers of the Security Council”.

2. However, the principles contained under Article 24 were implicitly referred to in a number of resolutions and presidential statements, mostly in the context of agenda items dealing with thematic and cross-cutting issues.<sup>2</sup>

3. On several occasions, explicit references to Article 24 were made in the proceedings of the Council, both in connection with thematic and cross-cutting issues, as well as regional situations.<sup>3</sup>

4. Article 24 was also explicitly referenced in several communications from Member States.<sup>4</sup>

5. For detailed information regarding the functions and powers of the Council, including its practice in connection with Article 24 (referred to in paragraphs 1 - 4 above), see chapter XII of the fourteenth and fifteenth supplements and part V of the sixteenth supplement to the *Repertoire to the Practice of the Security Council*:

[http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2000-2003/00-03\\_12.pdf](http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2000-2003/00-03_12.pdf) (during 2000-2003);

[http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2004-2007/04-07\\_12.pdf](http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2004-2007/04-07_12.pdf) (during 2004-2007); and

[http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2008-2009/Part%20V/08-09\\_Part%20V.pdf](http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2008-2009/Part%20V/08-09_Part%20V.pdf) (during 2008-2009).

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<sup>2</sup> For instance, in connection with the role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts, see S/RES/1366 (2001), sixth preambular paragraph. See also, in connection with threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts, S/PRST/2008/19.

<sup>3</sup> For instance, in connection with the situation in Africa, see S/PV.4087 (Resumption 1), p.20 (South Africa). See also, in connection with the cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations in stabilization processes, S/PV.5007 (Resumption 1), p.11 (Chair of the African Union).

<sup>4</sup> For instance, in connection with the situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia, letter dated 7 April 2000 from the representative of Ethiopia to the President of the Council (S/2000/296, Annex). See also, in connection with the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question, letter dated 31 January 2008 from the representative of Cuba to the Secretary-General (S/2008/70).