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ARTICLE 28**TEXT OF ARTICLE 28**

1. The Security Council shall be so organized as to be able to function continuously. Each member of the Security Council shall for this purpose be represented at all times at the seat of the Organization.
2. The Security Council shall hold periodic meetings at which each of its members may, if it so desires, be represented by a member of the government or by some other specially designated representative.
3. The Security Council may hold meetings at such places other than the seat of the Organization as in its judgment will best facilitate its work.

NOTE

1. Article 28 (1) of the Charter states that the Council shall be so organized as to function continuously. Rules 1-5 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure¹ provide further details on holding and convening of meetings of the Council, including the interval between meetings and holding of meetings away from Headquarters as mentioned in Article 28 (3).

¹ S/96/Rev.7.

2. The interval between the Council meetings shall not exceed fourteen days.² During the period under review, there were five instances where Council meetings were not convened within the interval of 14 days: 19 days between the 4253rd meeting on 22 December 2000 and the 4254th meeting on 11 January 2001;³ 19 days between the 4445th meeting on 21 December 2001 and the 4446th meeting on 10 January 2002;⁴ and 20 days between the 4891st meeting on 22 December 2003 and the 4892nd meeting on 12 January 2004;⁵ 17 days between the 5107th meeting on 22 December 2004 and the 5108th meeting on 10 January 2005;⁶ 15 days between the 5342nd meeting on 21 December 2005 and the 5343rd meeting on 6 January 2006.⁷

3. Article 28 (2) provides that the Security Council shall hold periodic meetings at which each of its members may, if it so desires, be represented by a member of the Government or by some other specially designated representative. During the period under review, the Council convened high-level meetings on several occasions,⁸ including three meetings at the level of Heads of State or Government: on 7 September 2000, on the agenda item “Ensuring an effective role of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security, particularly in Africa”⁹ on 14 September 2005, on the agenda item “Threats to international peace and security”;¹⁰ and, on 24 September 2009, on the agenda item “Maintenance of international peace and security: nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament.”¹¹

² Ibid.

³ See, fourteenth supplement to the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* (2000-2003), chapter I, part I, section A “Special cases concerning the application of rules 1-5”..

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ See, fifteenth supplement to the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* (2004-2007), chapter I, part I, section A “Special cases concerning the application of rules 1-5”...

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ See, fourteenth supplement to the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* (2000-2003), chapter I, part I, section A “Special cases concerning the application of rules 1-5”; the fifteenth supplement to the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* (2004-2007), chapter I, part I, section A “Special cases concerning the application of rules 1-5”; and the sixteenth supplement to the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* (2008-2009), part II, section I “Meetings and records”.

⁹ S/PV.4194.

¹⁰ S/PV.5261.

¹¹ S/PV.6191.

4. Most of the Council meetings are held at the seat of the Organization. However, the Council may meet at another place, in accordance with Article 28 (3), at the proposal of any member of the Security Council or the Secretary-General. Should the Security Council accept any such proposal, it shall decide upon the place, and the period during which the Council shall meet at such place. During the period under review, the Council met five times other than at the seat of the Organization. Meetings 5080th to 5084th on 18 and 19 November 2004 were held in Nairobi,¹² in accordance with resolution 1569 (2004).¹³

5. The Security Council's practice on convening and holding meetings (referred to in paragraphs 1 to 4 above) and procedural developments relating to meetings are dealt with in the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*. For detailed information, see Chapter I of the fourteenth and fifteenth supplements and Part II of the sixteenth supplement to the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*:

http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2000-2003/00-03_1.pdf (during 2000-2003);

http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2004-2007/04-07_01.pdf (during 2004-2007); and

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

¹² See S/PV.5080, S/PV.5081, S/PV.5082, S/PV.5083, and S/PV.5084.

¹³ See, fifteenth supplement to the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* (2004-2007), chapter I, section A "Special cases concerning the application of rules 1-5".