

2022 SECURITY COUNCIL PENHOLDERS

These Council members – for the most part self-designated – customarily take the lead in requesting meetings, initiating draft outcome documents and organizing missions to the field, usually individually but occasionally together with other Council members (and sometimes non-Council Member States). Because the designations are not official, in certain instances other Council members do “take up the pen”. Presidential note S/2017/507, para. 79 states, “Any member of the Security Council may be a penholder.”

Afghanistan (UNAMA and general issues)	Norway
– Sanctions	United States
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Contact and Drafting Group (Albania, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States)
Burundi	France
Central Africa (UNOCA/Lord’s Resistance Army)	United Kingdom
Central African Republic	France
Central Asia (UNRCCA)	Russian Federation
Children and armed conflict	Norway
Colombia	United Kingdom
Counter-terrorism	United States
Cyprus	United Kingdom
Democratic Republic of the Congo	France
DPRK / non-proliferation	United States
DPRK / human rights	United States
Ethiopia / Tigray	Ireland
Golan Heights (UNDOF)	Russian Federation and United States
Haiti	United States for Group of Friends (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Guatemala, Peru, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela) and Mexico
International Tribunals	Gabon
Iran / non-proliferation	United States
Iraq	United States
Iraq-Kuwait	United Kingdom
Israel-Palestine	United States
Kosovo	United Kingdom
Lebanon	France
Liberia	United States
Libya	United Kingdom
Mali	France
Myanmar	United Kingdom
Peace and security in Africa	Kenya
Peacekeeping	United Kingdom
Protection of civilians	United Kingdom
Somalia	United Kingdom
– Piracy off the coast of Somalia	United States
– Juridical issues relating to piracy off the coast of Somalia	Russian Federation
South Sudan	United States
Sudan (Darfur)	United Kingdom
Sudan-South Sudan	United States
Syria / political and chemical weapons	Russian Federation and United States
Syria / humanitarian	Ireland and Norway
Ukraine	Albania and United States / Russian Federation
Venezuela	United States
Yemen	United Kingdom
West Africa, including the Sahel	Ghana and Ireland
Western Sahara	United States on behalf of Group of Friends (France, Russian Federation, Spain, United Kingdom, United States)
Women and peace and security	United Kingdom
– Sexual violence	United States
Working methods	Albania