

These Council members – for the most part self-designated – customarily take the lead in initiating draft outcome documents, requesting meetings, and organizing missions to the field. They occasionally act together with additional Council members, and sometimes non-Council members. Because these designations are not official, on occasion other Council members do “take up the pen”. Presidential note S/2024/507 states, “Any member of the Security Council should have the opportunity to be a penholder or co-penholder.”

Afghanistan (UNAMA and general issues)	China
– Sanctions	United States
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Contact and Drafting Group (Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States)
Central Africa (UNOCA / LRA)	United Kingdom and Somalia
Central African Republic	France
Central Asia (UNRCCA)	Russian Federation
Children and armed conflict	Greece
Climate, peace and security – IEG Co-Chairs	Colombia, DRC, Latvia, Panama
– Pledges coordinators	Denmark and Liberia
Colombia	United Kingdom
Conflict and hunger	Bahrain and Denmark
Counterterrorism	United States
Cyprus	United Kingdom
Democratic Republic of the Congo	France
DPRK / non-proliferation	United States
DPRK / human rights	United States
Golan Heights (UNDOF)	Russian Federation and United States
Haiti	United States and Panama
International Criminal Court	Denmark and Liberia
International Tribunals	TBD [in conjunction with appointment of 2026 subsidiary organs bureaux]
Iran / non-proliferation	United States
Iraq	United States
Iraq-Kuwait	United Kingdom
Israel-Palestine	No fixed penholder; Bahrain presently holds “Arab swing seat”
Kosovo	United Kingdom
Lebanon	France
Libya	United Kingdom
– IRINI / authorizations to inspect vessels	France and Greece
Mali	France
Myanmar	United Kingdom
Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction	Panama
Peace and security in Africa	Somalia as Chair of Working Group on conflict prevention and resolution in Africa
Peacebuilding – Security Council coordinator	TBD
Protection of civilians	United Kingdom
– IEG Co-Chairs	Denmark and United Kingdom
Red Sea	United States and Greece
Sanctions (general issues)	Greece and Pakistan [2025 Co-Chairs of IWG on general sanctions issues*]
Somalia	United Kingdom
– Piracy off the coast of Somalia	United States
South Sudan	United States
Sudan	United Kingdom
Sudan-South Sudan	United States
Syria / UNDOF and other matters	Russian Federation and United States
Syria / humanitarian	Denmark
Ukraine	Denmark, France, Greece, Latvia, United Kingdom – or – Russian Federation
UNOWAS (West Africa, including the Sahel)	Denmark and Liberia
Western Sahara	United States
Women and peace and security	United Kingdom
– Informal Expert Group Co-Chairs	Colombia and Denmark
– Sexual violence	United States
– Shared commitments	Panama
Working methods	Denmark and Pakistan [2025 Co-Chairs of IWG on documentation and procedure*]
Yemen	United Kingdom

* Expected to be reappointed for 2026