

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 usually act individually or in pairs, but occasionally 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/2017/507, para. 79 states, “Any member of the Security Council may be a penholder.”

Afghanistan (UNAMA and general issues)	Japan and United Arab Emirates
– Sanctions	United States
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Contact and Drafting Group (Albania, France, Germany, Italy, Malta, Russian Federation, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States)
Central Africa (UNOCA / Lord’s Resistance Army)	Gabon and United Kingdom
Central African Republic	France
Central Asia (UNRCCA)	Russian Federation
Children and armed conflict	Malta
Climate and security	Mozambique, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates
Colombia	United Kingdom
Conflict and hunger	Brazil and Switzerland
Counter-terrorism	United States
Cyprus	United Kingdom
Democratic Republic of the Congo	France
DPRK / non-proliferation	United States
DPRK / human rights	United States and Albania
Ethiopia / Tigray	TBD
Golan Heights (UNDOF)	Russian Federation and United States
Gulf of Guinea (piracy)	Ghana
Haiti	United States and Ecuador
International Tribunals	Gabon
Iran / non-proliferation	United States
Iraq	United States
Iraq-Kuwait	United Kingdom
Israel-Palestine	United States
Kosovo	United Kingdom
Lebanon	France
Libya	United Kingdom
Mali	France
Myanmar	United Kingdom
Peace and security in Africa	Mozambique
Protection of civilians	United Kingdom
Small arms	Albania
Somalia	United Kingdom
– Piracy off the coast of Somalia	United States
– Juridical issues relating to piracy off the coast	Russian Federation
South Sudan	United States
Sudan (Darfur)	United Kingdom
Sudan-South Sudan	United States
Syria / political and chemical weapons	United States
Syria / humanitarian	Brazil and Switzerland
Ukraine	Albania and United States
– Ukraine humanitarian	Ecuador and France
Venezuela	United States
Yemen	United Kingdom
West Africa, including the Sahel	Ghana and Switzerland
Western Sahara	United States for Group of Friends (France, Russian Federation, Spain, United Kingdom, United States)
Women and peace and security	United Kingdom
– Informal Expert Group Co-Chairs	Switzerland and United Arab Emirates
– Sexual violence	United States
Working methods	Albania