

France and the UN Security Council

Composition of the Security Council: 15 members

5 permanent members with veto power

- United-States of America
- Russian Federation
- France
- People's Republic of China
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

10 non-permanent members without the possibility of using a veto

- African Group : Egypt, Ethiopia, Senegal (3 seats)
- Latin American and Caribbean Group: Bolivia, Uruguay (2 seats)
- Asian Group: Kazakhstan, Japan (2 seats)
- Western European and Others Group: Italy, Sweden (2 seats)
- Eastern European Group: Ukraine (1 seat)

Procedures

Presidency

- The Presidency is held by each member for one month, based on the principle of a rotating Presidency, by alphabetic order.

Council sessions

- The Secretary-General is invited to attend the formal Security Council sessions. The Secretary-General can make addresses but cannot vote.
- If a Member State which is not part of the Security Council considers that its interests are particularly affected by an issue being discussed by the Council, that State may attend the Security Council meeting but may not vote.

Decisions

- The Security Council adopts two types of decisions:
 - o **Resolutions:** To be adopted, a resolution requires nine votes in favour, and none against from a permanent member (veto).
 - o **Presidential statements:** The presidential statements are adopted by consensus, with no vote.

Resolutions

From 1946 to 1999:

- 1,284 resolutions (24 per year, on average)

From 2000 to 2016:

- 1,052 resolutions (65 per year, on average)

Total :

- 2,336 resolutions adopted as of 31 December 2016

In 2016:

- 77 resolutions adopted
- 2 rejected

Veto: Utilization between 25 January 1946 and 31 December 2016

From 1991 to 2016

- Russia: 15
- United States: 14
- United Kingdom: 0
- France: 0
- China: 9
- Total: 38

From 1946 to 1991

- Soviet Union: 114
- United States: 69
- United Kingdom: 30
- France: 18
- China: 3* (including one used by Taiwan in 1955)
- Total: 234

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- Almost 100 countries support the French initiative to regulate the use of the veto in mass atrocity situations.

Peacekeeping operations

- As of 5 July 2017, 804 French uniformed personnel were taking part in 8 of the 15 UN peacekeeping operations.
- [Map by the United Nations of its 15 peacekeeping operations]

Contributions to peacekeeping operations as of 30 June 2017

Country: China

Personnel on the ground: 2,515

Share of overall budget: 10.3%

Country: United Kingdom

Personnel on the ground: 700

Share of overall budget: 5.8%

Country: France

Personnel on the ground: 804

Share of overall budget: 6.3%

Country: Russia

Personnel on the ground: 95

Share of overall budget: 4%

Country: USA

Personnel on the ground: 74

Share of overall budget: 28.5%

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