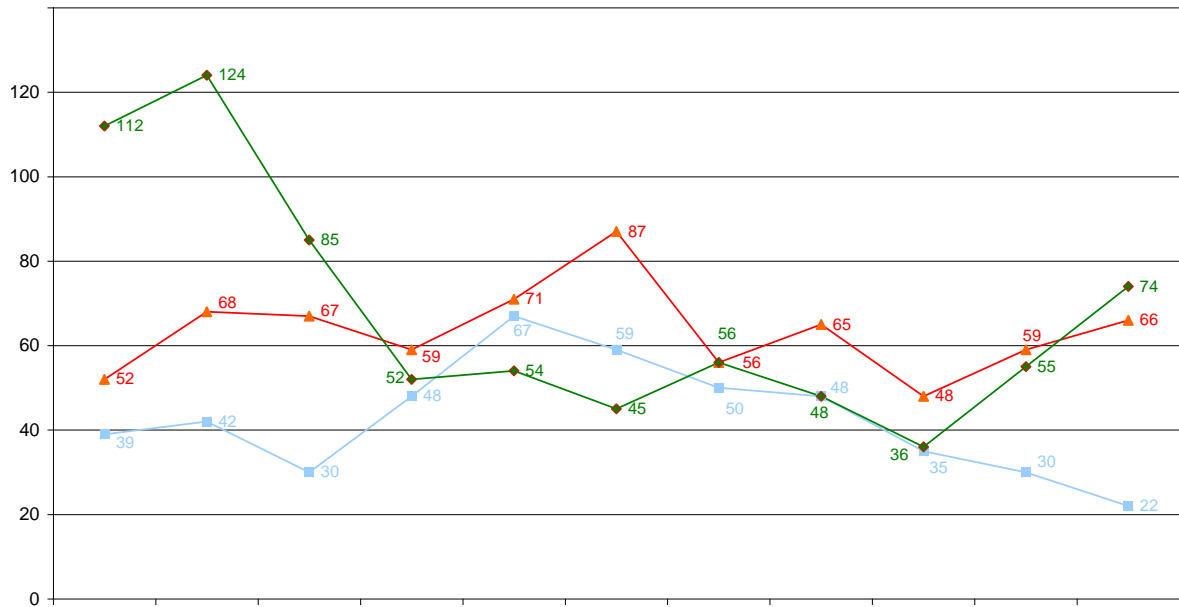


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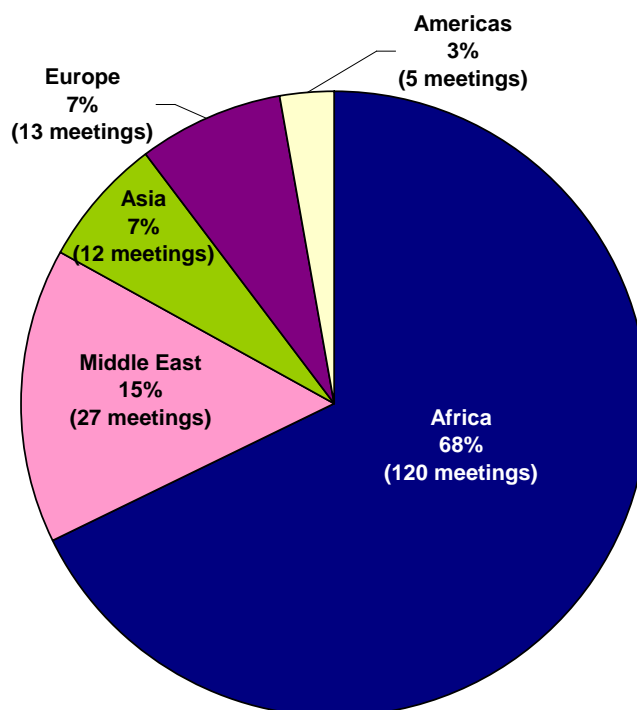
**Chart 1b: Statistics of Security Council activities: resolutions, presidential and press statements from 2001 to 2011**



**Meetings**

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**Chart 2: Breakdown of 2011 meetings by agenda items dealing with country-specific/regional situations**



3. **High-level meetings:** The Council held 8 high-level meetings<sup>4</sup> in the course of the year, 5 of which dealt with the thematic agenda item “Maintenance of international peace and security” (Table 1).

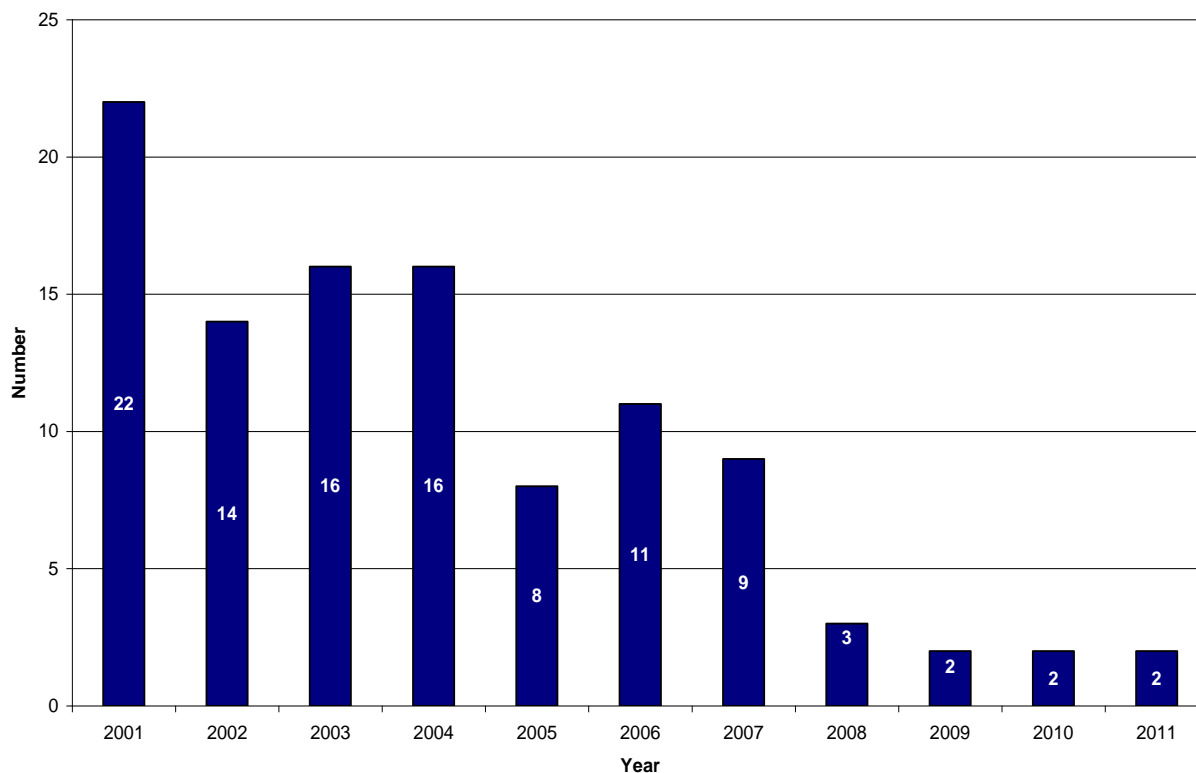
**Table 1: High-level Meetings in 2011**

Meeting No.	Date	Agenda item	Subject	Level
6479	11/02/2011	Maintenance of international peace and security	The interdependence between security and development and security	Ministerial (7 Council members)
6510	6/04/2011	The question concerning Haiti	Haiti	1 Council member represented at the level of the Head of State, 2 Council members at the ministerial level
6547	07/06/2011	Maintenance of international peace and security	Impact of HIV/Aids epidemic on international peace and security	2 Council members represented at the level of Heads of State, 3 Council members at the ministerial level

<sup>4</sup> For the purpose of this document, meetings at which two or more Council members were represented at the ministerial level are described as ministerial meetings.

6583	13/07/2011	Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan	Sudan	Ministerial (9 Council members)
6621	22/09/2011	Maintenance of international peace and security	Conflict prevention	5 Council members represented at the level of the Heads of State, 9 Council members at the ministerial level
6630	12/10/2011			

Chart 3: Number of newly introduced agenda items from 2001 to 2011



5. In reference to the “Summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Council is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration”, no items were deleted.

6. **Agenda items discussed:** In the course of 2011, the Council discussed a total of 51 agenda items: 27 dealing with country-specific/regional situations and 24 with thematic thematic/crosscutting agenda items (for more details, see Annex 1).

### **Voting**

7. **Resolutions:** The Council continued to adopt the majority of its resolutions unanimously. Out of 68 resolutions, 3 were adopted without unanimity (Table 3) and 2 vetoed due to the negative votes of permanent members (Table 4).

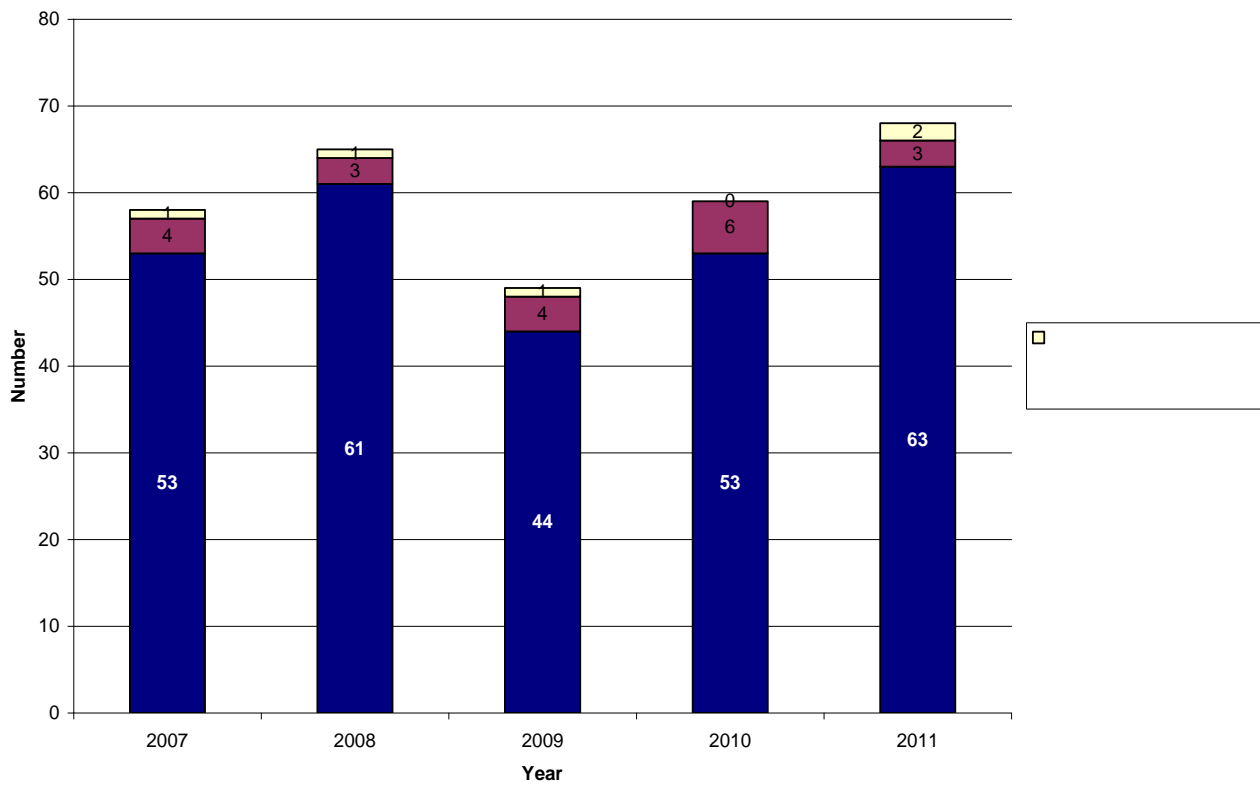
**Table 3: Resolutions adopted without a unanimous vote in 2011**

Resolution	Date	Agenda item	Vote (for-against-abstain)
1973 (2011)	17/03/2011	The situation in Libya	10-0-5 (Brazil, China, Germany, India, Russian Federation)
1984 (2011)	09/06/2011	Non-proliferation	14-0-1 (Lebanon)
2023 (2011)	05/12/2011	Peace and security in Africa	13-0-2 (China, Russian Federation)

**Table 4: Veto**

Draft Resolution	Date	Agenda item	Vote (for-against-abstain)
S/2011/24	18/02/2011	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question	14-1 (United States) -0
S/2011/612	04/10/2011	The situation in the Middle East	9-2 (Russian Federation, China) -4 (Brazil, South Africa, Lebanon, India)

**Chart 4: Voting**



**Participation of other principal UN organs**

8. In 2011, the Council extended invitations to other principal organs of the United Nations as shown below. (Table 5).

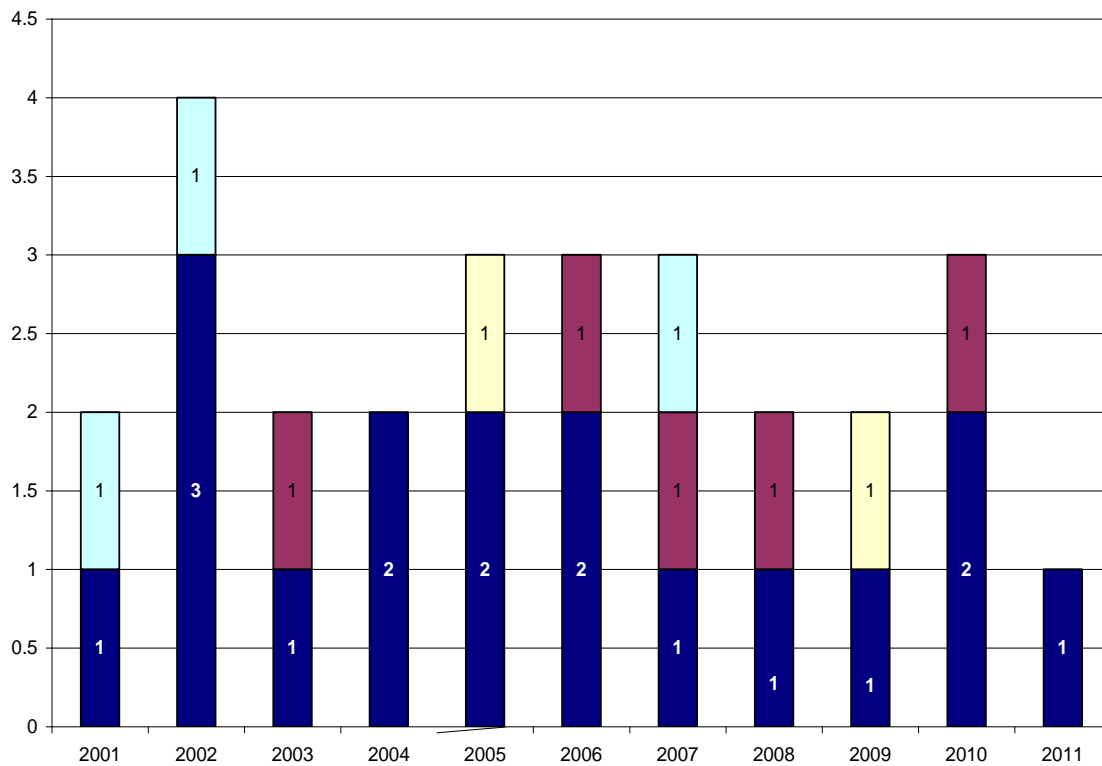
**Table 5: Participation of other principal UN organs**

Invitee	Agenda Item	Meeting No.	Date
President of the International Court of Justice	Briefing by the President of the International Court of Justice	6637 (closed)	25/10/2011
President of the Economic and Social Council	Women and peace and security	6642	28/10/2011

## Security Council Missions

9. Missions consisting of members of the Security Council visiting the field have occurred since 1964.<sup>5</sup> In recent years many of these missions have consisted of representatives of all fifteen members of the Council. While the Security Council started to undertake missions to Africa since 1970,<sup>6</sup> it did not do so regularly in subsequent years. It was only from 2000 onwards that the Council conducted missions to Africa on an annual basis (Chart 5). In 2011, the Council conducted one major mission to Africa visiting Ethiopia, Sudan, and Kenya from 19 to 26 May.

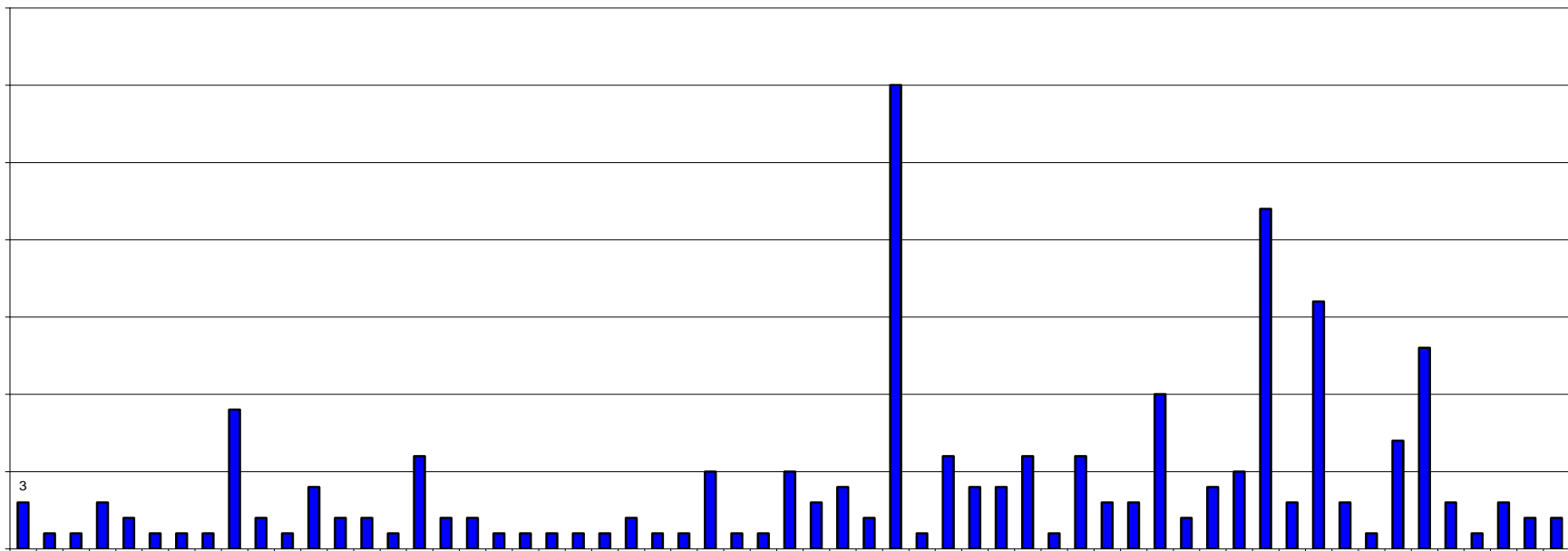
Chart 5: Security Council Missions (2001 to 2011)



<sup>5</sup> The first Security Council mission was in 1964 to the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Republic of Viet-Nam.

<sup>6</sup> The first Security Council mission to Africa was in 1970 to the Republic of Guinea.





## B. HIGHLIGHTS

### Briefings

10. **First-time briefings:** The Council was briefed for the first time by the following persons under the designated agenda items: (1) Director for the 2011 World Development Report of the World Bank; (2) Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union; (3) SRSG and Head of the UN Regional Office for Central Africa; (4) Secretary-General of the Economic Community of Central African States; (5) Director for International Law and Cooperation of the International Committee of the Red Cross; (6) SRSG for South Sudan and Head of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan; and (7) Director-General of the World Health Organization (Table 5).

**Table 5: First-time briefings conducted in Council meetings in 2011**

Briefer(s)	Agenda item	Meeting No.	Date
Director for the 2011 World Development Report of the World Bank	Maintenance of international peace and security: The interdependence between security and development	6479	11/02/2011
Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union	Peace and security in Africa	6561	21/06/2011
SRSG and Head of the UN Regional Office for Central Africa	Central African region	6601	18/08/2011
Secretary-General of the Economic Community of Central African States	Central African region	6657	14/11/2011
Director for International Law and Cooperation of the International Committee of the Red Cross	Protection of civilians in armed conflict	6650	09/11/2011
SRSG for South Sudan and Head of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan	Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan	6656	11/11/2011
Director-General of the World Health Organization	Maintenance of international peace and security: New challenges to international peace and security and conflict prevention	6668	23/11/2011

11. **Briefings via video teleconference:** In 2011, the Council increasingly utilized video teleconferencing (VTC) to receive timely briefings by relevant briefers in field missions and high-level personnel on the ground on the issue under consideration. In comparison to 2010, the use of VTC in 2011 increased by 100% (Chart 7).

**Table 6: Briefings via video teleconference**

Council meetings			
Meeting No.	Date	Agenda item	Briefer
6468	18/01/2011	Sudan	SRSG for the Sudan and Head of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan, Chairperson of the SG's Panel on the Referenda in the Sudan





## **United Nations Membership**

12. ***Admission of the Republic of South Sudan***: The Council, on 11 July 2011, referred the application of the Republic of South Sudan for admission to its Committee on the Admission of New Members. On the basis of the Committee's report, the Council adopted resolution 1999 on 13 July 2011 without a vote, recommending to the General Assembly the admission of the Republic of South Sudan to membership in the United Nations.

13. ***Palestine's application for admission to UN membership***: On 23 September 2011, Palestine submitted an application for membership (S/2011/592) to the Secretary-General

18. ***Establishment of new sanctions regime against the Taliban:*** By resolution 1988 of 17 June 2011, the Council, with the aim of further supporting an Afghan-led and -owned political dialogue for sustainable peace in Afghanistan, decided to establish a new sanctions regime

on its jurisdiction over the situation in  
the Rome Statute.

on the basis of Article 12, paragraph 3 of

### **Subsidiary organs of the Security Council**

24. In 2011, the Council established two peacekeeping missions in South Sudan and Abyei and one political mission in Libya, and terminated the peacekeeping mission in the Sudan and the political mission in Nepal. In addition, it modified the mandate of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire by temporarily increasing its strength.

25. *Establishment of a peacekeeping mission in Abyei*: Following the Agreement between the

2011; the transfer, on a temporary basis of three armed helicopters with crews from the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) to UNOCI for a period of four weeks; and the deployment of 60 formed police unit personnel to meet threats posed by unarmed crowds.<sup>10</sup>

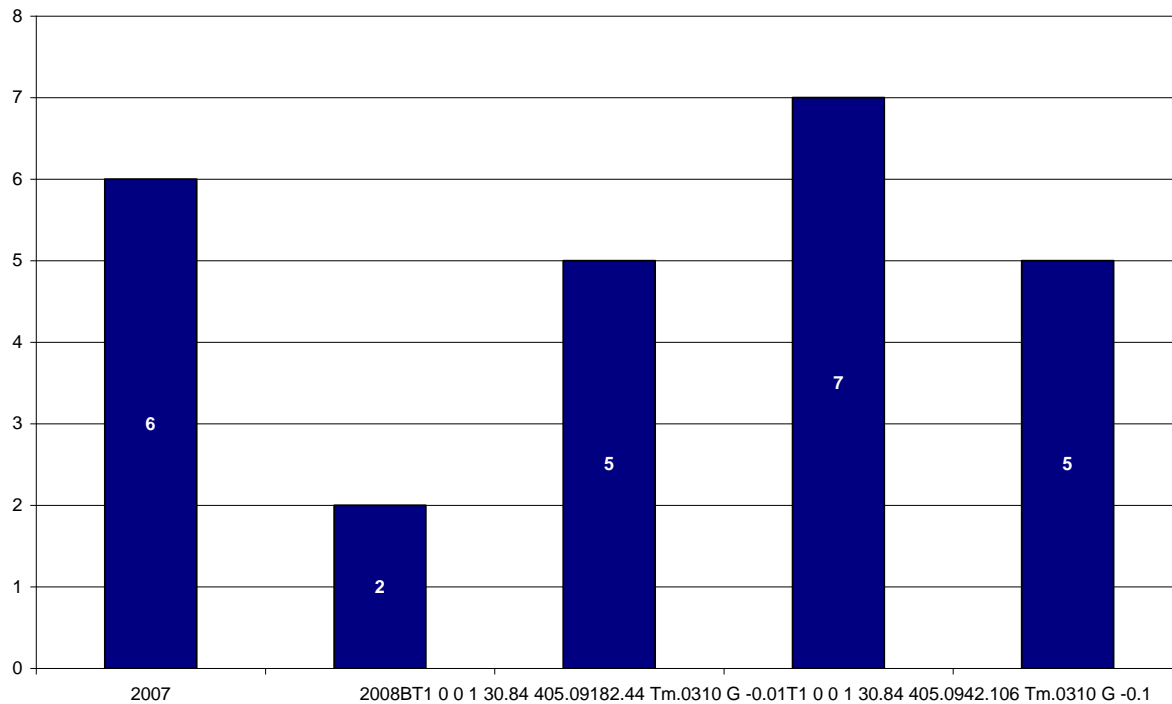
### **Women and Peace and Security**

31. On 28 October 2011, the Council reviewed progress on the implementation of its landmark resolution 1325 (2000), issuing a presidential statement which expressed concern



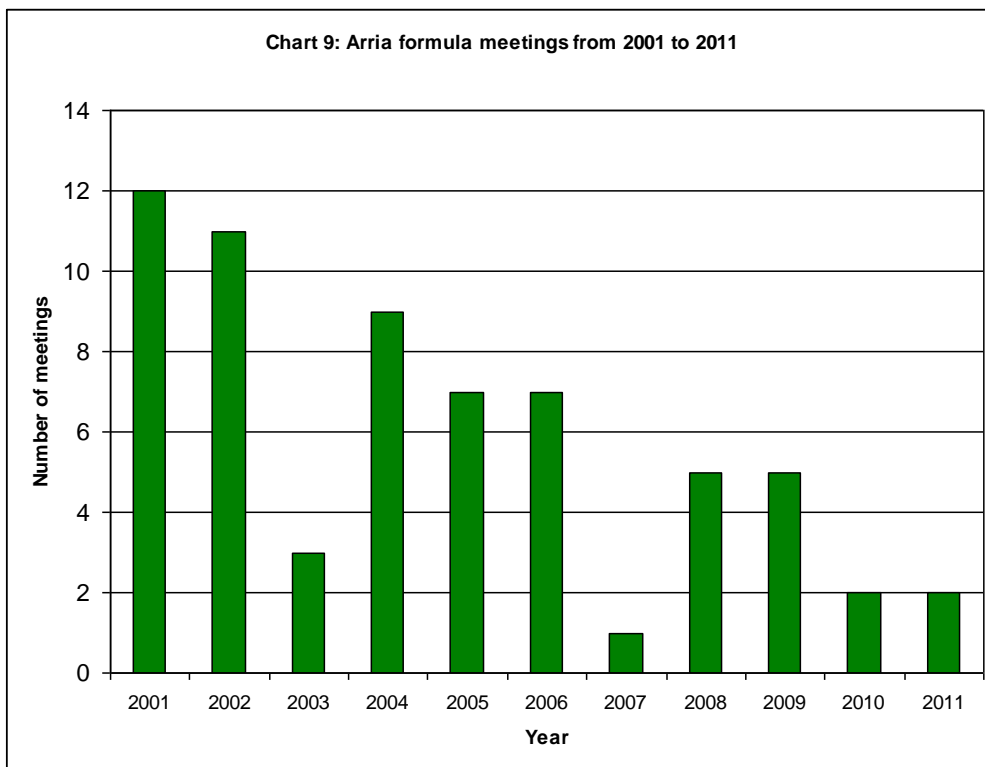
may, in the long run, aggravate certain existing threats to international peace and security and that the loss of territory of some States caused by sea-level rise, particularly in small low-lying 4(nd se)3(c)4(u)-

Chart 8: Informal Interactive Discussions from 2007 to 2011



35. *Arria- Formula meetings*

Chart 9: Arria formula meetings from 2001 to 2011



## **Agenda management**

36. *Utilization of existing agenda items:* In 2011, the Council continued to discuss country/region-specific situations under existing agenda items: Under “Peace and security in Africa”, the Council considered the following: Eritrea, briefing by the United Nations Office to African Union (UNOAU), Kenya and Libya; Under “Peace consolidation in West Africa”, United Nations Office in West Africa (UNOWA) and piracy and armed robbery at sea in the Gulf of Guinea were discussed. Furthermore, in 2011 the Council took up two new subjects for discussion under the existing thematic agenda item entitled “Maintenance of international peace and security”: (i) the interdependence between security and development, and (ii) new challenges



24. The situation in the Great Lakes region	Great Lakes region
25. The situation in the Middle East	Middle East
26. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question	Middle East, incl. Palestinian question
27. The situation in Timor-Leste	Timor-Leste

## 2) 24 thematic/cross-cutting agenda items

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Short description</b>
1. Admission of new members	Admission of new members
2. Briefing by the Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe	Briefing by OSCE
3. Briefing by the President of the International Court of Justice	Briefing by ICJ President
4. Briefings by Chairmen of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council	Briefings by Chairmen of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council
5. Children and armed conflict	Children and armed conflict
6. Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly	Security Council report to the GA
7. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security	Cooperation with regional/subregional organizations
8. Election of members of the International Court of Justice	Election of members of the ICJ
9. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committee-4(i)6(on	

16. Non-proliferation/Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Non-proliferation/DPRK
17. Post-conflict peacebuilding	Post-conflict peacebuilding
18. Protection of civilians in armed conflict	Protection of civilians in armed conflict

## ANNEX 2: Format of Security Council meetings<sup>14</sup>

Names of Meetings	Participation of Non-Council Members <sup>15</sup> in the Discussion	Official Records
<p><b>Open debate</b></p> <p><b>Public meetings</b></p> <p><b>Meetings of the Security Council</b></p>	<p>Non-Council members may be invited to participate in the discussion upon their request</p>	