



Information on Somalia

UN Entities

- **United Nations Political Office for Somalia (UNPOS):** <http://unpos.unmissions.org/>
UNPOS was established on 15 April 1995 to advance the cause of peace and reconciliation through contacts with Somali leaders, civic organizations and the States and organizations concerned.
- **Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea:** <http://www.un.org/sc/committees/751/index.shtml>
- **UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)**
 - **Somalia:** <http://www.unocha.org/where-we-work/somalia>
 - **ReliefWeb (OCHA) - Somalia:** <http://reliefweb.int/taxonomy/term/216>
 - **Integrated Regional Information Network (IRIN) - Somalia:** <http://www.irinnews.org/Africa-Country.aspx?Country=SO>
- **Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - Somalia:** <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/AfricaRegion/Pages/SOIndex.aspx>
- **Independent Expert appointed by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Somalia:** <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/countries/so/mandate/index.htm>
- **Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict – Developments in Somalia:** <http://www.un.org/children/conflict/english/somalia.html>
- **International Maritime Organization (IMO) – Piracy and armed robbery against ships:** : <http://www.imo.org/OurWork/Security/PiracyArmedRobbery/Pages/Default.aspx>
- **UN Development Programme (UNDP) in Somalia:** <http://www.so.undp.org/>
- **UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) – Somalia:** <http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/teaxis/vtx/page?page=49e483ad6>
- **UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) – Somalia:** <http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/somalia.html>
- **UN Office on Drugs and Crime - UNODC and piracy:** <http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/piracy/?ref=menuside>
- **World Food Programme (WFP) – Somalia:** http://www.wfp.org/country_brief/indexcountry.asp?country=706
- **World Bank – Somalia:** <http://www.worldbank.org/somalia>
- **UN Operational Satellite Applications Programme (UNOSAT) – Somalia Maps:** http://unosat.web.cern.ch/unosat/asp/prod_free.asp?id=28

Security Council Meetings on Somalia

- **2012:** 5 March, 22 February, 11 January
Meeting records, press releases and resolutions: <http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/scact2012.htm>
- **2011:** 13 December, 22 November, 31 and 24 October, 30 and 14 September, 10 August, 29 July, 24 and 21 June, 11 May, 11 April, 17 and 10 March, 25 and 14 January
Meeting records, press releases and resolutions: <http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/scact2011.htm>
- **Earlier years:** <http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/scact.htm>

Selected UN Documents

- **Special report of the Secretary-General on Somalia** (S/2012/74, 31 January 2012): <http://undocs.org/S/2012/74>
- **Report of the Secretary-General on specialized anti-piracy courts in Somalia and other States in the region** (S/2012/50, 20 January 2012): <http://undocs.org/S/2012/50>
- **Report of the Secretary-General on Somalia** (S/2011/759, 9 December 2011): <http://undocs.org/S/2011/759>
Submitted pursuant to Security Council resolution 2010 (2011); provides an update on major developments in Somalia during the period 30 Aug. 2011-30 Nov. 2011. Annex: Consultative Meeting on Ending the Transition in Somalia : statement on the adoption of the road map, Mogadishu, 6 September 2011.
- **Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of Somali natural resources and waters** (S/2011/661, 25 October 2011): <http://undocs.org/S/2011/661>
- **Report of the Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Somalia, Shamsul Bari** (A/HRC/18/48, 29 August 2011): <http://undocs.org/A/HRC/18/48>
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- **Report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Somalia** (S/2010/577, 9 November 2010): <http://undocs.org/S/2010/577>
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 - Security Council Resolutions: <http://unpos.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=9712&language=en-US>
 - Security Council Statements: <http://unpos.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=9713&language=en-US>

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- Bold Agenda in Somalia, with no more time to 'wait and see', Secretary-General tells London Conference, urging donors still wavering to 'get off the fence' (SG/SM/14121-AFR/234223, 23 February 2012): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2012/sgsm14121.doc.htm>
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- Statement on Somalia, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Valerie Amos (3 February 2012): <http://ochanet.unocha.org/p/Documents/ERC%20Amos%20on%20Somalia%203%20February%202012.pdf>
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- With Insurgents under Pressure in Somalia, Military Strategy Must Be Aligned with Political Objectives, Secretary-General Tells Security Council (SG/SM/14019-SC/10480-AFR/2304, 13 December 2011): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2011/sgsm14019.doc.htm>
Statement on Somalia, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Valerie Amos (28 November 2011): <http://ochanet.unocha.org/p/Documents/ERC%20STATEMENT%20ON%20SOMALIA%2028November2011.pdf>
- Statement on Humanitarian Situation in Somalia, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Valerie Amos (18 November 2011): <http://ochanet.unocha.org/p/Documents/ERC%20STATEMENT%20ON%20SOMALIA%2018%20November%202011.pdf>

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- Secretary-General, at Extraordinary African Summit on Security Issues, stresses need for continued attention to Côte d'Ivoire, Sudan, Somalia, Libya (SG/SM/13599-AFR/2187, 25 May 2011): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2011/sqsm13599.doc.htm>
- Holistic Anti-piracy efforts must be woven into overall solution for Somalia, Secretary-General tells Conference on Regional Responses to Global Threats (SG/SM/13511-AFR/2165, 18 April 2011): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2011/sqsm13511.doc.htm>
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 - Counter-piracy operations:
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http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/topics_50099.htm
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<http://www.globalpolicy.org/security-council/index-of-countries-on-the-security-council-agenda/somalia.html>
- **Security Council Report – Publications on Somalia:**
http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/site/c.gIKWLeMTIsG/b.2400725/k.71BF/Publications_on_Somalia.htm