United Nations resolutions specifically concerning the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, from 1947 to the present, including the main 1948–57 resolutions and the related Security Council resolutions adopted during the 1965 India–Pakistan war.

For the originals, use the UN Digital Library. Its records identify the official document symbol and, where available, provide the original English PDF and other language versions. These are primary-source UN documents, not modern summaries.



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The first Security Council resolution specifically addressing it was Resolution 38, adopted on 17 January 1948. India's initial complaint was dated 1 January 1948.



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1. Security Council resolutions specifically concerning Kashmir, 1948–1957

Open the official record for each resolution and select English — PDF or the language you need.

Resolution and date	Main subject	Official original
Resolution 38 (1948) — 17 January 1948	Called on India and Pakistan to take measures to improve the situation and avoid aggravating the dispute.	Open official UN record
Resolution 39 (1948) — 20 January 1948	Established a UN Commission for India and Pakistan.	Open official UN record
Resolution 47 (1948) — 21 April 1948	Addressed restoration of peace and order and proposed a process involving the withdrawal of forces and a plebiscite.	Open official UN record
Resolution 51 (1948) — 3 June 1948	Directed the UN Commission to proceed without delay to the areas in dispute.	Open official UN record
Resolution 80	Appointed a UN Representative for India and Pakistan and	Open

(1950) — 14 March 1950	terminated the Commission.	official UN record
Resolution 91 (1951) — 30 March 1951	Continued UN involvement and addressed the appointment of a UN Representative and the question of the State's final disposition.	Open official UN record
Resolution 96 (1951) — 10 November 1951	Addressed progress towards demilitarisation.	Open official UN record
Resolution 98 (1952) — 23 December 1952	Addressed negotiations over a plan for demilitarisation.	Open official UN record
Resolution 122 (1957) — 24 January 1957	Reaffirmed that the final disposition of Jammu and Kashmir should be determined in accordance with the will of the people, expressed through a free and impartial plebiscite under UN auspices.	Open official UN record
Resolution 123 (1957) — 21 February 1957	Continued the Security Council's efforts to facilitate negotiations between India and Pakistan.	Open official UN record
Resolution 126 (1957) — 2 December 1957	Addressed further negotiations and the UN Representative's efforts to resolve the India–Pakistan dispute.	Open official UN record

The titles and subjects above are based on the United Nations' own records.



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2. Related Security Council resolutions from the 1965 India–Pakistan war

These are relevant to the wider conflict and ceasefire, although they should be distinguished from the earlier resolutions focused on Kashmir's final political disposition.

Resolution and date	Main subject	Official original
Resolution 209 (1965) — 4 September 1965	Called for an immediate ceasefire between India and Pakistan.	Open official UN record
Resolution 210 (1965) — 6	Requested strengthening of the UN Military	Open official

September 1965	Observer Group in India and Pakistan.	UN record
Resolution 211 (1965) — 20 September 1965	Demanded an immediate ceasefire and subsequent withdrawal of armed personnel.	Open official UN record
Resolution 214 (1965) — 27 September 1965	Called on the parties to observe the ceasefire and withdraw military personnel.	Open official UN record
Resolution 215 (1965) — 5 November 1965	Called on India and Pakistan to agree on a schedule for the withdrawal of their troops.	Open official UN record

The UN's records describe these as resolutions under the India–Pakistan question.



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3. The two key UN Commission resolutions of 1948 and 1949

These are particularly important. They are often discussed alongside Security Council resolutions, but they were adopted by the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan (UNCIP), not by the Security Council itself.

1948

13 August

UNCIP Resolution of 13 August 1948 — ceasefire and truce

This resolution dealt with a ceasefire, the truce arrangements, and the steps contemplated for resolving the dispute.

Download the original UN document S/995 (English PDF)

The 33-page document reproduces the Commission's resolution and related correspondence between the Commission and the two governments.



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1949

5 January

UNCIP Resolution of 5 January 1949 — plebiscite principles

This resolution set out principles concerning a free and impartial plebiscite to determine the question of accession of the State of Jammu and Kashmir to India or Pakistan.

Download the original UN document S/1196 (English PDF)

The full document is the Commission's second interim report, dated 10 January 1949. The resolution is reproduced in paragraph 15.



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4. Where to find the original records, votes and meeting transcripts

For documentary research, I recommend keeping the resolution itself alongside the meeting transcript and voting record. The resolution shows what was adopted; the meeting transcript shows what delegates said during the debate.

- UN Security Council resolutions — official catalogue — browse adopted resolutions by year.



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- UN Security Council Repertoire: India–Pakistan question — official background on the Council's handling of the dispute.



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- Resolution 47 (1948), official UN record — includes the resolution's document symbol and associated meeting record, S/PV.286.



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Security Council resolutions and UNCIP resolutions are different instruments. Also, the Security Council's 1948–57 resolutions, the Commission's 1948 and 1949 resolutions, and the 1965 ceasefire resolutions need to be read in their respective historical contexts.