

Table 1. The Secretary-General Alerts the Security Council. This table describes the instances in which the Secretary-General (SG) has brought to the attention of the Security Council (SC) new matters which posed a threat to international peace and security. Thus, the Secretary-General exercised the substance of the responsibilities conferred upon him by Article 99 of the UN Charter. However, by a strict application of Article 99, formal invocation of the Article has occurred only three times, arising from the crises in the Congo (1960), Iran (1979) and Lebanon (1989). The table covers the period up to end of the term of Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar (December 1991).