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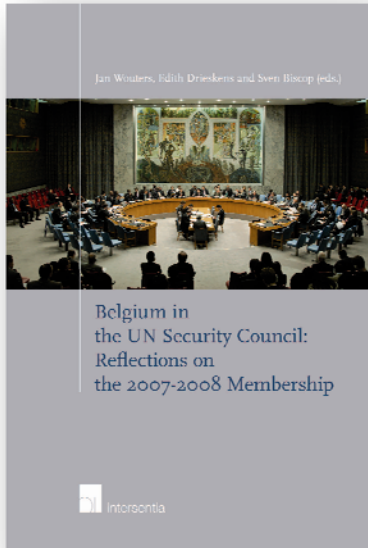
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In 2007 and 2008, Belgium was once more a privileged observer of the international community's approach to peace and security, serving as non-permanent member at the UN Security Council (UNSC). Participating in this 'global core cabinet' for the fifth time already, it would build upon its historical expertise, especially in relation to Central Africa. Yet its role would not be limited to the region of the Great Lakes only: the government aimed to contribute in a substantial way to all major issues, 'from North Korea to Haiti', taking the role of 'bridge builder'. In fact, in these two years, the agenda of the UNSC was filled with expectable and less expectable hot spots..

This volume contains a variety of essays in light of Belgium's 2007-2008 membership of the UNSC, covering issues that were high on the international agenda as well as more horizontal ones. Contributions of policy officials and academics will give a comprehensive overview of these two years and provide insight into the limits and opportunities of a smaller EU Member State in UNSC politics more generally.



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