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# Journal

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## Programme of meetings and agenda

### Official meetings

Monday, 15 March 2004

### Security Council

#### Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa

3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7  
 [Meeting with the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi of the Economic and Social Council]

### General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

#### Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10 a.m. . . . . 32nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3  
 1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [119]

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#### General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

#### *Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly*

The fifth meeting of the open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly under agenda item 55, chaired by the President of the General Assembly, scheduled for Monday, 15 March 2004, will now be held on *Tuesday, 16 March 2004*, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.



Strengthening the investigation functions in the United Nations ([A/58/708](#))*Introduction and general discussion*

2. Human resources management ([A/58/666](#), [A/C.5/58/L.13](#) and [A/58/283](#)) . . . . . [127]

*Introduction and general discussion*

Morning<sup>1</sup>–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Strengthening the investigation functions in the United Nations ([A/58/708](#)))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 131 and 132 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 and Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: Review of the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and for the former Yugoslavia ([A/58/677](#)))

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<sup>1</sup> Following the adjournment of the 32nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

## General Assembly

### Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. New York-based Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team
2. Partnerships Office

### United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

#### Working Group on Electronic Commerce

Forty-third session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

## International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

### Human Rights Committee

Eightieth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . .	Conference Room 2
3–6 p.m. . . . .	Conference Room 2

## Economic and Social Council

Informal “informals”

There will be informal “informals”, convened by the Permanent Mission of Bhutan, on Monday, 15 March 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room D, on the theme of the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2004 substantive session.

### Other meetings

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**Monday, 15 March 2004**

#### UNITAR orientation course for new members of permanent missions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . .	Closed meeting . . . . .	Conference Room 8
3–6 p.m. . . . .	Closed meeting . . . . .	Conference Room 8

#### Southern African Development Community (SADC): Third Committee Experts

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . .	Closed meeting . . . . .	Conference Room B
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#### Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30–2.45 p.m. . . . .	Closed meeting . . . . .	Conference Room 5
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#### Briefing by the Bureau of the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

There will be a briefing by the Bureau of the Commission on Sustainable Development on documentation for the preparatory meeting, to be convened during the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, for the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. The briefing will be held on Monday, 15 March 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

## Press conferences

*The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at [www.un.org/News/ocg/conf.htm](http://www.un.org/News/ocg/conf.htm).*

**Monday, 15 March 2004**

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

## Forthcoming official meetings

**Tuesday, 16 March 2004**

### General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

#### Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10 a.m. . . . .	33rd meeting . . . . .	Conference Room 3
Morning <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	Informal consultations (closed) . . . . .	Conference Room 5
3 p.m. . . . .	Informal consultations (closed) . . . . .	Conference Room 5

<sup>1</sup> Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

### General Assembly

#### First Committee

Informal consultations

The Chairman of the First Committee, H.E. Mr. Jarmo Sareva (Finland), will hold open-ended consultations on measures to improve the working methods of the Committee on Wednesday, 24 March 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Copies of the Chairman's non-paper are available to interested delegations in room S-2977.

#### Committee on Conferences

Organizational session

The 2004 organizational session of the Committee on Conferences will be held on Thursday, 25 March 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5. The provisional agenda for the session will be as follows:

1. Election of officers

2. Adoption of the agenda for the organizational session for 2004 ([A/AC.172/2004/L.1](#))
3. Organization of work for 2004
4. Programme of work for 2004
5. Adoption of the agenda for the substantive session of 2004
6. Other business

[In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of [A/54/32](#), and amended in paragraph 10 of [A/56/32](#), non-members who wish to participate as observers are invited to send a request in writing to Mr. Imre Karbuczky, Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (fax 1 (212) 963-7405; email [karbuczky@un.org](mailto:karbuczky@un.org)).]

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### Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its general debate on the issues before it on Monday and Tuesday, 29 and 30 March 2004. The Working Group of the Special Committee will meet from Wednesday, 31 March, to Friday 16 April. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact Mr. Wilfred Elimu (tel. 1 (917) 367-2434; e-mail [elimu@un.org](mailto:elimu@un.org)). As decided by the Bureau of the Special Committee, statements will be given in the order of inscription.

In light of the limited time period available to the Special Committee, the Bureau of the Special Committee would be grateful if delegates would limit their plenary statements to ten minutes.

According to General Assembly resolution 51/136, those Member States “that become personnel contributors to the United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or that participate in the future in the Special Committee as Observers for three consecutive years, shall, upon request in writing to the Chairman of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Special Committee”. Member States to which this applies and which wish to become members of the Special Committee are kindly reminded to submit their written requests to the Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee, Mr. Glyn Berry (Canada).

To participate in the 2004 session of the Special Committee as an observer, Member States and observers to the United Nations are kindly requested to address a written request to that effect to the Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee, Mr. Glyn Berry (Canada).

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### Committee on Contributions

#### Sixty-fourth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its sixty-fourth session at Headquarters from 7 to 25 June 2004.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States to the President of the General Assembly at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a complete review of the requests. In accordance with this provision, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly no later than 24 May 2004. For further information, please contact the Secretary of the Committee on Contributions (room S-1841; tel. 1 (212) 963-5866 or 963-5791; or fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also consider multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee on Contributions for further information.

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## Economic and Social Council

Meeting in preparation for the high-level segment  
of the substantive session 2004

In preparation for the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council 2004, on the theme “Resources mobilization and enabling environment for poverty eradication in the context of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the decade 2001-2010”, the Economic and Social Council will hold a one and a half day meeting chaired by H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland) as follows:

*Wednesday, 17 March 2004*, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council *Opening of the session*: Opening remarks by Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; Mr. Patrizio Civili, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs; and Mr. Jeffrey Sachs, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals, as well as, remarks by H.E. Mr. Rogatien Biaou, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Benin and Chairman of the Group of LDCs; H.E. Mr. Jean-Baptiste Campaore, Minister of Finance of Burkina Faso; and H.E. Ms. Aicha Bassarewan, Vice Minister, Ministry of Planning and Finance of Timor-Leste.

In the morning, two simultaneous Round Tables (A and B) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be held at the conclusion of the *opening of the session*; and in the afternoon Round Table C will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. followed by the reports of the Chairpersons of all round tables:

Round table A: *Resources mobilization for the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the decade 2001-2010: the experience of Timor-Leste and Bangladesh*, following the adjournment of the *Opening of the session* in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Round table B: *The impact of good governance and public finance management on the mobilization of domestic resources: the experience of Benin*, in Conference Room 6.

Round table C: *Poverty reduction strategy papers (PRSPs) as a mechanism for resources mobilization: the experience of Burkina Faso*, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

*Thursday, 18 March 2004*, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council *Opening of the session*: Opening remarks by Mr. Ibrahim A. Gambari, Under-Secretary-General and

Special Adviser on Africa; and Ms. Eveline Herfkens, Executive Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals Campaign, as well as, remarks by H.E. Mr. João José Silva Monteiro, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau; H.E. Mrs. Seraphine Wakana, Minister for Planning, Development and Reconstruction of the Republic of Burundi; and H.E. Mr. Mpho Malie, Minister of Trade and Industry, Cooperatives and Marketing of Lesotho.

Following the *Opening of the session*, two simultaneous round tables (D and E) will be held from 10.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. followed by reports from the Chairpersons of all round tables and remarks by the President of the Economic and Social Council.

Round table D: *Enabling environment and resources mobilization for the LDCs emerging from conflict: the experiences of Guinea Bissau and Burundi*, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Round table E: *Trade and market access preferences – commitments, achievements, challenges and prospects: the experiences of Lesotho and Burkina Faso*, in Conference Room 6.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail [ecosocinfo@un.org](mailto:ecosocinfo@un.org)).

#### *Non-Governmental Organization/Civil Society Forum*

The Non-Governmental Organization/Civil Society Forum, sponsored by the NGO Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in cooperation with the World Federation of United Nations Associations, the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations, and LDC Watch will hold a plenary session from 3 to 6 p.m. on 18 March 2004 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting, held in preparation of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council, will focus on poverty eradication in the Least Developed Countries and the role of NGOs in promoting sustainable development in these countries.

The Non-Governmental Organization/Civil Society Forum will be preceded by a panel on NGOs Fund Development focusing on “Developing and enhancing the General Voluntary Trust Fund for UN-NGO IRENE with NGOs, IGOs, Foundations, Governments, Local Authorities and Donor Community”, to be held from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Member States, representatives of the United Nations system, civil society, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, and academia are invited to both meetings.

#### *Briefing by the President of the International Narcotics Control Board*

The Council will hold a briefing for the members of the Economic and Social Council on the functions and activities of the International Narcotics Control Board, which will be given by the President of the Board, Dr. Philip Emafo, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, 25 March 2004 in Conference Room 6. The briefing will be chaired by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland). Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

**Commission on Population and Development**

## Thirty-seventh session

The thirty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from 22 to 26 March 2004 at Headquarters. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 22 March, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document [E/CN.9/2004/1](#) and the proposed organization of work in document [E/CN.9/2004/L.1](#). Background information and official documents before the session may be found on the following Web site: [www.un.org/esa/population/unpop](http://www.un.org/esa/population/unpop).

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; tel. 1 (212) 963-2322; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail [khane@un.org](mailto:khane@un.org); copy to [fidler@un.org](mailto:fidler@un.org)).

The list of speakers for the session will be open on Monday, 15 March 2004. Delegations wishing to address the Commission are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Commission.

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**Commission on Sustainable Development**

## Twelfth session

The twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held from 14 to 30 April 2004 at Headquarters. The first meeting will be convened on Wednesday, 14 April, at 10 a.m. The annotated provisional agenda of the session is contained in document [E/CN.17/2004/1](#)<sup>1</sup> and the proposed organization of work and other background information are available at the following Web site: [www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd12/csd12.htm](http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd12/csd12.htm).

The high-level segment of the session will take place from 28 to 30 April. Information on thematic topics of the High-level Segment is contained in the proposed organization of work mentioned above.

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail [barrosa@un.org](mailto:barrosa@un.org); copy to [bawar@un.org](mailto:bawar@un.org)).

The list of speakers for the High-level Segment opens on Tuesday, 16 March 2004 and will remain open until 26 March 2004. Delegations wishing to address the Commission during the high-level segment are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Commission and indicate their preferred date and thematic focus of their statements.

Delegations are reminded that statements will be limited to 3 minutes each. Delegations are invited to send electronic versions of their statements to the Secretariat ([dsd@un.org](mailto:dsd@un.org)) for posting on the Secretariat's Web site devoted to the twelfth session of the Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> To be issued.

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### Other forthcoming meetings

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**Group of 77** (*core group on the eighth special session of the GC/GMEF of UNEP*)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*core group on the eighth special session of the GC/GMEF of UNEP*) on Tuesday, 16 March 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

**Group of 77** (*eighth special session of the GC/GMEF of UNEP*)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*eighth special session of the GC/GMEF of UNEP*) on Tuesday, 16 March 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Group of 77** (*draft resolutions on the Ad Hoc Advisory Groups on Burundi and Guinea-Bissau*)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*draft resolutions on the Ad Hoc Advisory Groups on Burundi and Guinea-Bissau*) on Tuesday, 16 March 2004, from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Group of 77** (*core group on the United Nations Forum on Forests*)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*core group on the United Nations Forum on Forests*) on Friday, 19 March 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Global Road Safety Crisis (item 160) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Oman)**

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution on Global Road Safety Crisis (item 160), organized by the Permanent Mission of Oman, on Tuesday, 16 March 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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**Financing for development spring hearings with non-institutional stakeholders**

The financing for development spring hearings with representatives of civil society and the business sector will be held at Headquarters on 22 and 24 March 2004. For further information, please contact Mr. Alexandre Trepelkov, Financing for Development Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-7633).

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**United Nations Development Programme**

The fourth meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Report 2004* will take place on Wednesday, 24 March 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

## Announcements

### Security Council

#### Daily informal briefings

As from Tuesday, 2 March 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

#### Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

## Summary of meetings

Thursday, 11 March 2004

## Economic and Social Council

### Commission on the Status of Women

Forty-eighth session

14th meeting

*Communications concerning the status of women* . . . . . [4]

The Commission resumed its consideration of the item and heard the introduction of a draft decision, which was circulated in an informal paper, by the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the African States Group.

*Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"* . . . . . [3]

The Commission resumed its consideration of the item.

*Action on draft proposals*

[E/CN.6/2004/L.1/Rev.1](#)

The Commission was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Argentina, Croatia, Liechtenstein, Norway, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania and Thailand joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Commission then adopted the revised draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

[E/CN.6/2004/L.2](#)

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 39 to 1, with 1 abstention.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of the United States.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Argentina, the Russian Federation, Canada and Peru.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the observer for Israel; after the vote, a statement was made by the observer for Qatar.

A statement was also made by the observer for Palestine.

[E/CN.6/2004/L.3/Rev.1](#)

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Commission then adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representative of Dominican Republic and the observer for Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

[E/CN.6/2004/L5](#)

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Azerbaijan orally revised the text.

Algeria, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia and Senegal joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The fourth preambular paragraph of the draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 41 to 1.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

After the adoption of the fourth preambular paragraph, statements were made by the representatives of Azerbaijan and Malaysia.

*Provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session of the Commission . . . . .* [6]

The Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women introduced the provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session of the Commission, contained in document [E/CN.6/2004/L.8](#).

The Commission then adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document [E/CN.6/2004/L.8](#).

*Expression of sympathy to the Government and people of Spain*

The observer for Ireland, on behalf of the European Union, expressed sympathy to the Government and people of Spain in the aftermath of the tragedy that had occurred.

The observer for Spain made a statement.

*Organization of work*

A statement was made by the Chairperson.

**Friday, 12 March 2004**

## Security Council

4924th meeting

*The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document [S/2004/188](#), which had been prepared in the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution ([S/2004/188](#)) before it.

*Decision: The draft resolution ([S/2004/188](#)) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1531 (2004).*

4925th meeting

*The situation in Liberia*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document [S/2004/189](#), which had been prepared in the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution ([S/2004/189](#)) before it.

*Decision: The draft resolution ([S/2004/189](#)) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1532 (2004).*

4926th meeting

*The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo*

*Fourteenth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo ([S/2003/1098](#))*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document [S/2004/192](#), which had been prepared in the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution ([S/2004/192](#)) before it.

*Decision: The draft resolution ([S/2004/192](#)) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1533 (2004).*

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Pakistan.

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## General Assembly

### Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

277th meeting

*Election of officers*

The Committee elected H.E. Mr. Paul Badji (Senegal) as Chairman, H.E. Mr. Ravan Farhadi (Afghanistan) and H.E. Mr. Orlando Requeijo Gual (Cuba) as Vice-Chairmen, and H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri (Malta) as Rapporteur.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement in his capacity as Permanent Representative of Senegal. A statement was also made by the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

The Chairman made a statement on a number of activities and events which had taken place since the last meeting of the Committee.

*Draft programme of work of the Committee*

The Chairman, on behalf of the Bureau, introduced the draft programme of work of the Committee for 2004 (A/AC.183/2004/CRP.1).

The representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic made a statement.

The Chairman responded to the statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of South Africa, Guinea, Malaysia and the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

The Committee adopted its programme of work for 2004.

*Report by the Rapporteur on the United Nations regional meeting for Asia and the Pacific on the Question of Palestine of Palestine, 16-17 December 2003, and the Public Forum in Support of Middle Peace, 18 December 2003, Beijing*

The Rapporteur made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

*Other matters*

The representative of Cuba and the Chairman made statements.

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## Economic and Social Council

### Commission on the Status of Women

Forty-eighth session

15th and 16th meetings The summary of the 15th and 16th meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2004/51).

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## General Assembly

### International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

#### Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Sixty-fourth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

**Thursday, 11 March 2004**

1639th meeting

*Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention. . . . .* [6]

The Committee discussed the concluding observations on Lebanon and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

- 1640th meeting *Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.* . . . . . [6]  
 The Committee discussed the General Recommendation XXX on Discrimination against Non-Citizens.
- Friday, 12 March 2004**
- 1641st meeting The Committee observed a minute of silence for the victims of the bombings that took place in Madrid on Thursday, 11 March 2004.  
*Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.* . . . . . [6]  
 The Committee discussed the concluding observations on Nepal, the Netherlands and Brazil.
- 1642nd meeting *Organizational and other matters.* . . . . . [4]  
 The Committee considered this item.

### Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

#### [Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

*United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000*

*Ratification:* Egypt (5 March 2004)<sup>1</sup>

*Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000*

*Ratification:* Egypt (5 March 2004)<sup>1</sup>

*Vienna Convention on succession of States in respect of treaties. Vienna, 23 August 1978*

*Accession:* Cyprus (12 March 2004)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

*Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network. Bangkok, 18 November 2003*

### **Opening for signature**

In accordance with its article 5 (1), the above Agreement shall be open for signature by States which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) at Shanghai, China, from 26 to 28 April 2004, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 1 May 2004 to 31 December 2005. The signature ceremony in Shanghai will be held during the sixtieth session of ESCAP on Monday, 26 April 2004, at the Shanghai International Convention Center.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. *Full powers* are distinct from *credentials*. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General additionally notes that States may become party to the Agreement by definitively signing the Agreement, by signing the Agreement subject to ratification, acceptance or approval followed by ratification, acceptance or approval, or by accession. *Since the Agreement provides for two legally distinct types of signature, States wishing to sign the Agreement must confirm that they are signing the Agreement definitively or subject to ratification, acceptance or approval in the instrument of full powers.* If full powers are not required, then such confirmation should be communicated by means of a formal note.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail [treaty@un.org](mailto:treaty@un.org)).

*Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects (Protocol V, entitled Protocol on explosive remnants of war). Geneva, 28 November 2003*

### **Opening for consent to be bound**

The Protocol is open for consent to be bound by all States in accordance with article 4 of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects, 1980.

Consistent with the current practice, States wishing to deposit instruments of consent to be bound to the Protocol are advised to contact the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, N.Y. 10017 (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail [treaty@un.org](mailto:treaty@un.org)).

**Other announcements****Secretary-General's lecture series**

The next lecture of the Secretary-General's lecture series will be held on Wednesday, 17 March 2004, from 1.10 to 2.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, will speak on the topic "God's Word and World Politics." The Secretary-General hosts this lecture series at United Nations Headquarters for delegates, Secretariat staff and members of civil society affiliated with the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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**DPI/NGO briefing**

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Rwanda Ten Years After: Overcoming a Genocide (In Observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 21 March)." The briefing will be held on Thursday, 18 March from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

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**Chairmen of regional groups**

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of March 2004 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States:*

Tunisia

H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani

*Asian States:*

Myanmar

H.E. Mr. Kyaw Tint Swe

*Eastern European States:*

Russian Federation

H.E. Mr. Sergey V. Lavrov

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*

El Salvador

H.E. Mr. Victor Manuel Lagos Pizzati

*Western European and other States:*

Iceland

H.E. Mr. Hjálmar W. Hannesson

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**Web sites***President of the General Assembly:*[www.un.org/ga/president](http://www.un.org/ga/president)*General Assembly:*[www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/](http://www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/)[www.un.org/ga](http://www.un.org/ga)

*Presidency of the Security Council:*

[www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency](http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency)  
[www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/](http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/)

*Security Council:*

[www.un.org/sc](http://www.un.org/sc)

*Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:*

[www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373](http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373)  
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[www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html](http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html)

*Economic and Social Council:*

[www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc](http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc)

*Irish presidency of the European Union:*

[www.eu2004.ie](http://www.eu2004.ie)  
<http://europa-eu-un.org>

*Department of Economic and Social Affairs:*

[www.un.org/esa](http://www.un.org/esa)

*Journal of the United Nations:*

[www.un.org/Docs/journal/En/lateste.pdf](http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/En/lateste.pdf)  
[www.un.org/Docs/journal/Fr/latestf.pdf](http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/Fr/latestf.pdf)

**Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters**

*With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 12 March 2004.*

*Symbol**Main title***General Assembly****Official records****Fifty-eighth session**[A/58/PV.79](#)

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[A/C.5/58/SR.17](#)

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Item 134 — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Peacekeeping Reserve Fund — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

[A/58/725](#)

Item 119 — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the Investment Management Service of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

[A/58/729](#)

Item 121 — Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Status of possible funding arrangements for the capital master plan — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

[A/58/730](#)

Item 156 — Measures to eliminate international terrorism — Letter dated 9 March 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

[A/RES/58/206](#)

Item 93 (a) — Women in development [A C E F R S]

**Tenth emergency special session**[A/ES-10/260-S/2004/187](#)

Item 5 — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory — Identical letters dated 10 March 2004 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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Modernization and integrated management of United Nations libraries and in-depth review of library activities — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

**Disarmament Commission**[A/CN.10/202](#)

Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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Draft resolution [A C E F R S]

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