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Introduction and general discussion

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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, will be held on *Monday, 22 March 2004, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber*. An Informal Text entitled "Reordering the work of the General Assembly" was faxed to all Permanent Missions on Monday, 15 March 2004.



Morning¹–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Implementation of paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 57/323 ([A/58/723](#) and [A/58/732](#)))

¹ Following the adjournment of the 34th 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

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Draft reports
2. Administrative matters

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

Economic and Social Council

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

10–10.55 a.m. Open meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Preparatory meeting of the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council 2004, on “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”

Opening of the meeting

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 Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, DESA; and Mr. Jeffrey Sachs, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the MDGs

Remarks by H.E. Mr. Rogatien Biaou, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Benin and Chairman of the Group of the Least Developed Countries; H.E. Ms. Aicha Bassarewan, Vice Minister, Ministry of Planning and Finance of Timor-Leste; and H.E. Mr. Tertius Zongo, Ambassador of Burkina Faso to the United States

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Open meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
	<i>Round table A</i>	
	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	
11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Open meeting	Conference Room 6
	<i>Round table B</i>	
	The impact of good governance and public finance management on the mobilization of domestic resources: the experience of Benin	
3–5 p.m.	Open meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
	<i>Round table C</i>	
	Poverty reduction strategy papers (PRSPs) as a mechanism for resources mobilization: the experience of Burkina Faso	

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee

Bureau meeting

10–11 a.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2
Eightieth session		
11 a.m.–1 p.m.	2170th meeting	Conference Room 2
3–6 p.m.	2171st meeting	Conference Room 2

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 17 March 2004

African Group: Experts on Third Committee Matters

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9
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UNITAR orientation course for new members of permanent missions

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

Group of 77 (*on Fifth Committee matters*)

3 – 6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (*Commission on Population and Development*)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Arab Group (*at the ambassadorial level*)

3.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 17 March 2004*Room S-226*

Guest at 12 noon Mr. Ibrahim Gambari, Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Africa and special envoy for polio eradication in Nigeria (on the polio eradication campaign in that country)

Forthcoming official meetings**Thursday, 18 March 2004****General Assembly**

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10 a.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

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

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).]

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). 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).

Briefing

Members of the Special Committee are invited to attend a briefing on disciplinary issues, in the context of peacekeeping operations, which will be provided by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, on Friday, 19 March 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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.

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:

Thursday, 18 March 2004, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Opening of the meeting: Opening remarks by Mr. Ibrahim A. Gambari, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa; 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 Ms. Eveline Herfkens, Executive Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals Campaign.

Following the *Opening of the meeting*, 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 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).

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.

Organizational session for 2004

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations (closed) convened by the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Daw Penjo (Bhutan) on the theme of the Humanitarian Affairs Segment of the 2004 Economic and Social Council, on Friday, 19 March 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal "informals"

There will be informal "informals", convened by the facilitator, Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), on Friday, 19 March 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room B, to discuss the report of the Committee for Development Policy (Graduation of the Maldives and Cape Verde).

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.

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; copy to fidler@un.org).

The list of speakers for the session is open. Delegations wishing to address the Commission are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Commission.

Keynote addresses

Tuesday, 23 March 2004 at 11.30 a.m.: "*International Migration and Development in the 21st Century*" by Mr. Brunson McKinley, Director General, International Organization for Migration, Geneva

Wednesday, 24 March 2004 at 11.30 a.m.: "*Has the Cairo Consensus Lost Momentum: A Journalist's View*" by Ms. Barbara Crossette, Former United Nations Bureau Chief of the New York Times, New York

Thursday, 25 March at 11.30 a.m.: "*ICPD + 10 or Bucharest + 30? The longer-term view*" by Mr. Riad Tabbarah, Director, Center for Development Studies and Projects, Beirut

Members of delegations Secretariat staff and media are invited to attend.

Commission on Sustainable Development

- Briefing** There will be a briefing by the Bureau of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on preparations for the twelfth session. The briefing will be held on 22 March 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.
- 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](#)¹ 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.
- 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; copy to bawar@un.org).
- The list of speakers for the High-level Segment 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) for posting on the Secretariat's Web site devoted to the twelfth session of the Commission.

¹ To be issued.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

There will be a meeting of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC) on Thursday, 18 March 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

There will be a meeting of the OIC (at the ambassadorial level) on Thursday, 18 March 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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.

Non-Aligned Movement: Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

A meeting of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations of the Non-Aligned Movement will be held on Friday, 19 March 2004, from 12 to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal Consultations on the forthcoming session of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

There will be informal consultations regarding the forthcoming session of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, on Monday, 22 March 2004 *from 10 and to 11 a.m.* in Conference Room 6. The informal consultations will focus on such issues as composition of the Bureau, the organization of work and related procedural questions.

Informal hearing of civil society on financing for development

There will be an informal hearing of civil society on the theme “Coherence of the international financial and trading systems in support of development: national responsibilities and international obligations”, organized by the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Monday, 22 March 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The hearing, chaired by H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), President of the Economic and Social Council, will consist of two panels on the themes “Coherence of the financial system” and “Coherence of the trading system”, both to be moderated by Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. 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. Background information and the provisional programme of the hearing are posted on the Financing for Development Web site at www.un.org/esa/ffd. For further information, please contact Mr. Daniel Platz (tel. 1 (212) 963-3664; or e-mail platz@un.org).

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.

Informal hearing of the business sector on financing for development

There will be an informal hearing of the business sector on the theme “Mobilizing private investment for development”, organized by the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 24 March

2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The hearing, chaired by H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), President of the Economic and Social Council, will consist of two panels on the themes “Improving information for private investors in developing countries” and “Mitigating risks facing private investors in developing countries”. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations, the business community and the media are invited to attend. Background information and the provisional programme of the hearing are posted on the Financing for Development Web site at www.un.org/esa/ffd. For further information, please contact Mr. Krishnan Sharma (tel. 1 (212) 963-4451; or e-mail sharmak@un.org).

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

Friday, 12 March 2004

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. 2004/53).

Tuesday, 16 March 2004

General Assembly

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33rd meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [119]

Implementation of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the Investment Management Service of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/58/725)

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Management who introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/725).

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Saudi Arabia and the United States.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day Tuesday, 16 March 2004, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Ms. Katja Pehrman (Finland).

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

Status of possible funding arrangements for the capital master plan

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Management who introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/729).

The Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, the acceding countries Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; the candidate countries Bulgaria and Romania and the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area Iceland and Norway, aligned themselves with the statement), the United States, Japan, India, the Russian Federation, China and Brazil.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Thursday, 18 March 2004, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mr. Michel Tilemans (Belgium).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee

Eightieth session

2168th meeting *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant*
[6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the fifth periodic report of Colombia.

2169th meeting (closed) *Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant* . . . [9]
The Committee considered this item.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority.
Kingston, 27 March 1998

Ratification: Oman (12 March 2004)¹

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Ratification: Israel (15 March 2004)¹

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Armenia (16 March 2004)¹

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15
December 1997

Accession: Armenia (16 March 2004)¹

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York,
9 December 1999

Ratification: Armenia (16 March 2004)¹

¹ 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).

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).

Other announcements

Secretary-General's lecture series

The next lecture of the Secretary-General's lecture series will be held *today*, 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.

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 Dowlathshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Web sites

President of the General Assembly:

www.un.org/ga/president

General Assembly:

www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/

www.un.org/ga

Presidency of the Security Council:

www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency

www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/

Security Council:

www.un.org/sc

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

www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373

www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm

www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373

www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373

www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373

www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html

Economic and Social Council:

www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc

Irish presidency of the European Union:

www.eu2004.ie

<http://europa-eu-un.org>

Department of Economic and Social Affairs:

www.un.org/esa

Journal of the United Nations:

www.un.org/Docs/journal/En/lateste.pdf

www.un.org/Docs/journal/Fr/latestf.pdf

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

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Item 134 — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Implementation of paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 57/323 — Peacekeeping Reserve Fund — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

[A/58/733](#)

Item 121 — Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Request for a subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Fifth Committee

[A/C.5/58/L.58](#)

Item 120 — Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations — Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system [A C E F R S]

[A/C.5/58/L.59](#)

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