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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

Monday, 22 March 2004

Security Council

10 a.m. Consultations of the whole (closed). Consultations Room
 Burundi ([S/2004/210](#))
 Other matters

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

General Committee

11 a.m. Informal consultations Trusteeship Council Chamber
 Informal consultations, open to all delegations, on matters relating to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly arising from resolution 58/126 [An Informal Text by the President of the General Assembly, entitled "Reordering the work of the General Assembly", was faxed to all permanent missions on Monday 15 March 2004.]

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10 a.m. 36th meeting Conference Room 3
 Organization of work

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. Strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises
 2. United Nations Operations in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI)

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law**Working Group on Security Interests**

Fifth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Open meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3–6 p.m.	Open meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**Human Rights Committee**

Eightieth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	2176th meeting	Conference Room 2
	General comments of the Committee	[8]
3–6 p.m.	2177th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]	

Economic and Social Council**Commission on Population and Development**

Thirty-seventh session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 1
	1. Opening of the session	
	2. Election of officers	[1]
	3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	[2]
	(a) Report of the Bureau on its inter-sessional meeting (E/CN.9/2004/2)	
	(b) Agenda and organization of work (E/CN.9/2004/1 and E/CN.9/2004/L.1)	
	4. Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development (A/59/61 ¹ , E/CN.9/2004/3 , E/CN.9/2004/4 , E/CN.9/2004/NGO/1 , E/CN.9/2004/NGO/2 and E/CN.9/2004/NGO/3)	[3]
	<i>Introduction and general discussion</i>	
3–6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1
	Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development (A/59/61 ¹ , E/CN.9/2004/3 , E/CN.9/2004/4 , E/CN.9/2004/NGO/1 , E/CN.9/2004/NGO/2 and E/CN.9/2004/NGO/3)	[3]
	<i>Continuation of general discussion</i>	

¹ To be issued.

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.

General Assembly**Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization****Informal consultations**

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 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.

Other meetings

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Monday, 22 March 2004**Group of 77** (*organization of work of the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development*)

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Group of 77 (*briefing on the operational activities segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council*)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

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

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

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

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Asian Group: Working Group on the Expansion of Seats Allocated to the Asian Group in the UN Fora

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

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 Standing Committee on Nutrition

Thirty-first annual meeting

The thirty-first annual session of the United Nations Standing Committee on Nutrition will be held at Headquarters from 22 to 26 March 2004. The plenary meetings will be held in Conference Room 4, on Monday, 22 March, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.; on Tuesday, 23 March, at 10 a.m.; and on Friday, 26 March, at 10 a.m.. The *Fifth Report on the World Nutrition Situation* will be launched on Monday, 22 March.

Press conferences

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

Monday, 22 March 2004*Room S-226*

Guest at 12 noon Ms. Catherine Bertini, Under-Secretary-General for Management and Chair of the United Nations Standing Committee on Nutrition (to launch the *Fifth Report on the World Nutrition Situation*)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly**Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation
on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters
related to the Security Council**

Informal consultations

Informal consultations of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council will be held on Tuesday, 23 March 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The venue of the informal consultations will be announced in the *Journal*.

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).

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 54/237C 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 57/4B. 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

Organizational session for 2004

Briefing

The Economic and Social Council will hold a briefing for the members of the 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.

Informal “informals”

There will be informal “informals”, convened by the Permanent Missions of Bhutan and Jamaica, on Friday, 26 March 2004, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room E, to discuss the matter of the joint meeting of the humanitarian affairs and operational activities segments of the substantive session of the Council.

Commission on Population and Development

Thirty-seventh session

Keynote addresses

The Commission on Population and Development will hear keynote addresses as follows:

Tuesday, 23 March, 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, 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; and

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 representatives of the media are invited to attend.

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](#) 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.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Eastern European Group *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the Eastern European Group *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 23 March 2004, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room D.

Non-Aligned Movement *(Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations)*

There will be a meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement *(Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations)* on Tuesday, 23 March 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Group of 77 *(themes of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with international trade and financial institutions)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(themes of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with international trade and financial institutions)* on Tuesday, 23 March 2004, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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 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 Wednesday, 24 March 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on matters related to a preparatory meeting to be convened during the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

There will be informal consultations, organized by H.E. Mr. Don MacKay, Permanent Representative of New Zealand, on Wednesday, 24 March 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on matters related to 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. Members of permanent missions 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).

Asian Group of the Whole

There will be a meeting of the Asian Group of the Whole on Thursday, 25 March 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Presentation on a study entitled “World Population Growth in the 21st Century” (organized by the Permanent Mission of Austria)

There will be a presentation on a study entitled “World Population Growth in the 21st Century”, organized by the Permanent Mission of Austria, on Thursday, 25 March 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Martin Meissel (tel. 1 (212) 210-9879; email martin.meisel@bmaa.gv.at).

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 meeting (closed) *Communications concerning the status of women* [4]

The Commission met in closed session.

16th meeting

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.4/Rev.1](#)

The representative of Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community) made a statement.

Azerbaijan, Bolivia, China, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guinea Bissau, Hungary, Iceland, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Venezuela joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

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

The Commission then adopted the revised draft resolution.

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

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

A statement was made by the observer for Bangladesh.

Argentina, Armenia, Belarus, Bolivia, Botswana, the Congo, Cyprus, Ecuador, Egypt, Jamaica, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Morocco, Namibia, Qatar, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Suriname, Ukraine and Venezuela joined in sponsoring the draft resolution,

The Chairperson made a statement in which she recalled the oral revision made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

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

The Commission then adopted the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Tunisia (on behalf of the Group of African States).

[E/CN.6/2004/L.12](#)

The Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, Ms. Carmen-Rosa Arias (Peru), reported on the outcome of informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally revised the text.

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

The Commission then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Malaysia.

E/CN.6/2004/L.13

The Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, Ms. Carmen-Rosa Arias (Peru), reported on the outcome of informal consultations held on the draft decision.

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

The Commission then adopted the draft decision.

Action on draft agreed conclusions on the role of men and boys in achieving gender equality

The Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, Ms. Béatrice Maillé (Canada), introduced the draft agreed conclusions, which were submitted by her in an informal paper.

The Commission adopted the text of the draft agreed conclusions, as contained in the informal paper.

After the adoption of the draft agreed conclusions, a statement was made by the observer for Ireland (on behalf of the European Union).

Action on draft agreed conclusions on women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace-building

The Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, Ms. Tebatso Baleseng (Botswana), introduced the draft agreed conclusions which were submitted by her in an informal paper.

The Commission adopted the text of the draft agreed conclusions, as contained in the informal paper.

After the adoption of the draft agreed conclusions, statements were made by the representative of Argentina and by the observers for Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) and Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Secretariat was subsequently informed that the candidate endorsed by the Eastern European States was Ms. Farah Adjalova (Azerbaijan) not Mr. Andrej Medica (Slovenia). It was also informed that Mrs. Adekunbi Abibat Sanaike (Nigeria) had been designated to serve on the Working Group.

Co-Chairpersons' summary of the high-level round table

The Commission agreed to include the Co-Chairpersons' summary of the high-level round table, which was contained in document E/CN.6/2004/CRP.11.

Draft decision proposed by the Chairperson

On the proposal of the Chairperson, the Commission decided to take note of documents [E/CN.6/2004/2](#), [E/CN.6/2004/6](#), [E/CN.6/2004/6/Corr.1](#), [E/CN.4/2004/65-E/CN.6/2004/7](#), [E/CN.6/2004/8-E/CN.4/2004/117](#), [E/CN.6/2004/8/Corr.1-E/CN.4/2004/117/Corr 1](#), [E/CN.6/2004/CRP.5](#), [E/CN.6/2004/9](#) and [E/CN.6/2004/10](#).

Statements were made by the representatives of Sudan and Pakistan and by the observer for Saudi Arabia.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3.

Communications concerning the status of women [4]

The Commission resumed its consideration of the item.

Draft decision proposed by the Chairperson

The Chairperson read out an oral draft decision.

The Commission adopted the oral draft decision.

In the light of the adoption of the draft decision, no action was taken on draft resolution [E/CN.6/2004/L.7](#), and on the proposed amendments contained in [E/CN.6/2004/L.10](#) and draft decision [E/CN.6/2004/L.11](#).

After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands and Tunisia (on behalf of the Group of African States).

Draft decision proposed by the Chairperson

On the proposal of the Chairperson, the Commission decided to take note of documents [E/CN.6/2004/11](#) and [E/CN.6/2004/11/Add.1](#).

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 4.

Working Group on Communications concerning the Status of Women for the forty-ninth session

The Commission was informed that Xioo Mei Li (China), Andrej Medica (Slovenia), Connie Taracena (Guatemala) and Richard Wood (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) had been designated to serve on the Working Group on Communications on the Status of Women.

Adoption of the report of the Commission at its forty-eighth session [7]

The Rapporteur, Ms. Ibrahimova (Azerbaijan), introduced the draft report of the Commission, as contained in document [E/CN.6/2004/L.9](#).

The Commission agreed to annex the two summaries by the moderators of the panel discussions under agenda item 3 (c) which were contained in documents [E/CN.6/2004/CRP.9](#) and [E/CN.6/2004/CRP.10](#), as well as to include the Co-Chairperson's summary of discussion of the high-level round table, which was contained in document [E/CN.6/2004/CRP.11](#).

The Commission then adopted the draft report on its forty-eighth session and entrusted the Bureau with its completion.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 7.

Closure of the session

Concluding remarks were made by the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Tunisia (on behalf of the African Group of States) and Japan, as well as by observers for El Salvador (on behalf of Latin America and the Caribbean States), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) and Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Chairperson made a statement and declared closed the forty-eighth session of the Commission.

Friday, 19 March 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

35th meeting *Human resources management (A/58/666, A/C.5/58/L.13 and A/58/283)*. [127]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Officer-in-Charge of the Office of Human Resource Management, who replied to questions raised at the 32nd meeting of the Fifth Committee held on Monday, 15 March 2004.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Canada, Costa Rica, Brazil, Kuwait, New Zealand, Norway, Australia, Malaysia, Bangladesh, India, the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan, Venezuela and Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group).

The representative of Egypt spoke on a point of order.

The Acting Legal Counsel of the Office of Legal Affairs, the Officer-in-Charge of the Office of Human Resource Management, the Director of the General Legal Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division and the Secretary of the Fifth Committee replied to questions raised.

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

General Assembly

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee

Eightieth session

2174th meeting *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant* [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Suriname.

2175th meeting (closed)

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant . . . [9]

The Committee considered the item.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Accession: Kiribati (17 March 2004)¹

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Notification under article 87 (1) and (2): Lesotho (17 March 2004)^{1*}

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Declaration under article 14: Liechtenstein (18 March 2004)¹

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.

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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

UNDP special event

The United Nations Development Programme is coordinating the launch of the book entitled “Structural Adjustment: The SAPRI Report” on Monday, 22 March 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact the UNDP office (tel. 1 (212) 906-5051).

United Nations University panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion, organized by the United Nations University, on the occasion of the launch of a UNU report entitled “The Risk of Zinc Deficiency in Populations and Options for its Control”, on Tuesday, 23 March 2004, from 8.30 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 9. For on-line registration and further information on the event, please visit the UNU Web site (www.ony.unu.edu).

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be “Girls and Technology: New Educational Opportunities”. The briefing will be held on Thursday, 25 March 2004, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlathshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

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

Web sites*Presidency of the General Assembly:*

www.un.org/arabic/ga/58/president/bio.htm
www.un.org/chinese/ga/58/presskit/bio.htm
www.un.org/ga/president
www.un.org/french/ga/president/58/office/president.html
www.un.org/russian/ga/58/presskit/bio.htm
www.un.org/spanish/aboutun/organs/ga/58/presidente/president.html

General Assembly:

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www.un.org/spanish/ga/58/

Department of General Assembly and Conference Management:

www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_arabic.htm

www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_chinese.htm

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Presidency of the Security Council:

www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency/

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Security Council:

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www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/

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*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

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

Economic and Social Council:

www.un.org/arabic/ecosoc/

www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/

www.un.org/french/ecosoc/2004/

www.un.org/russian/ecosoc

www.un.org/spanish/documents/esc/index.htm

www.un.org/chinese/ecosoc/2004/index.html

Department of Economic and Social Affairs:

www.un.org/esa

Irish presidency of the European Union:

www.eu2004.ie

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

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

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 19 March 2004.

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Main title</i>
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A/58/7/Add.30	Item 121 — Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Request for a subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone — Thirty-first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/58/734-S/2004/205	Items 37 and 84 — The situation in the Middle East — Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories — Identical letters dated 15 March 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
	Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities Third session
A/AC.265/2004/1	Letter dated 3 March 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
Security Council	Documents
S/2004/131	Letter dated 17 February 2004 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/58/734-S/2004/205	Identical letters dated 15 March 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2004/208	Letter dated 15 March 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2004/209	Letter dated 15 March 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2004/210	Report of the Secretary-General on Burundi [A C E F R S]

S/Agenda/4927	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/4928	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia	
S/AC.29/2004/(03)/1	Note verbale dated 3 March 2004 from the Permanent Mission of the Niger to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
S/AC.29/2004/(03)/2	Note verbale dated 12 March 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
S/AC.29/2002/6/Add.1	Note verbale dated 27 February 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Slovenia to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
S/AC.29/2002/17/Add.1	Note verbale dated 5 March 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
S/PRST/2004/5	Statement by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

Documents

Resumed organizational session of 2004

E/2004/L.1/Add.3	Item 4 — Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments — Election of five members of the International Narcotics Control Board from among candidates nominated by Governments — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	
Third session	
E/C.19/2004/3	Item 4 (a) of the provisional agenda — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]
E/C.19/2004/5/Add.1	Item 4 of the provisional agenda — Mandated areas — Information received from the United Nations system — Note by the Secretariat — United Nations Children's Fund [A C E F R S]
E/C.19/2004/5/Add.2	Item 4 of the provisional agenda — Mandated areas — Information received from the United Nations system — Note by the Secretariat — World Intellectual Property Organization [A C E F R S]

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[E/CN.17/2004/10/Add.3](#) Item 3 of the provisional agenda — Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2004/2005: Discussion papers submitted by major groups — Note by the Secretariat — Contribution by the scientific and technological community [A C E F R S]

**United Nations Forum on Forests
Fourth session**

[E/CN.18/2004/4/Add.1](#) Item 5 (a) of the provisional agenda — Common items for each session: multi-stakeholder dialogue — Note by the Secretariat — Discussion paper contributed by the small forest land owners major group [A C E F R S]

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Permanent Missions to the United Nations — Changes in the Permanent Missions [E]

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