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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

Tuesday, 23 March 2004

Security Council

3 p.m. Consultations of the whole (closed). Consultations Room

Haiti

Iraq¹

Other matters

¹ With a view to a formal meeting.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10 a.m. 37th meeting Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

Request for a subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone ([A/58/733](#) and [A/58/7/Add.30](#))

Introduction and general discussion

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

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Request for a subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone ([A/58/733](#) and [A/58/7/Add.30](#)))

(continued overleaf)

¹ Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda items 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)); and 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))	

**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

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber
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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
	Strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises	

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group on Security Interests

Fifth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Open meeting	Trusteeship 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.	2178th meeting	Conference Room 2
3–6 p.m.	2179th meeting	Conference Room 2
	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]	
	Consideration of the initial report of Uganda	

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Population and Development

Thirty-seventh session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 1
	1. Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development (A/59/61 , 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]	

2. General debate on national experience in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development. [4]

3. Keynote address by Mr. Brunson McKinley, Director-General, International Organization for Migration (Geneva)

3–6 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 1

General debate on national experience in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development. [4]

Continuation of general debate

[Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolutions before the Commission will be held *today*, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.]

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 23 March 2004

Eastern European Group (*Fifth Committee matters*)

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

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

10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

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

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room C

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

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

Group of 77 (*Fifth Committee matters*)

1.30–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

OIC Group (*at the experts level*) (*on issues related to agenda item 127 (Human resources management); and their implications on the work of the Commission on Population and Development*)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

United Nations Standing Committee on Nutrition

Thirty-first annual meeting

The United Nations Standing Committee on Nutrition will hold plenary meetings in Conference Room 4, *today*, 23 March, at 10 a.m.; and on Friday, 26 March 2004.

Press conferences

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

Tuesday, 23 March 2004

Room S-226

11 a.m. Dr. Laurence Konmla Bropleh, World Council of Churches; Mr. Wilfred Grey, NGO Committee on Africa and the Caribbean; H.E. Mr. Orlando Requeijo Gual, Permanent Representative of Cuba; and others (to launch an appeal to further support the official United Nations Flash Appeal for Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti) (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 24 March 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

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

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

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 175th, 176th, 177th and 178th meetings on Monday and Tuesday, 29 and 30 March 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The provisional agenda for the meetings will be as follows:

1. Election of Bureau
2. Organization of the Committee's work in accordance with its mandate as set forth in General Assembly resolution 57/336
3. General debate

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.

The following documents will be made available during the deliberations: [A/57/723](#), [A/57/725](#), [A/57/732](#), [A/57/767](#), [A/57/776](#), [A/57/789](#), [A/58/474](#), [A/58/582](#) and [A/58/694](#).

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 “informal” consultations, convened by the facilitator, Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), on Thursday, 25 March 2004, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room D, to discuss the report of the Committee for Development Policy (Graduation of Maldives and Cape Verde).
- 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:

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.

Committee of Experts on Public Information

Third session

The third session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration will be held at Headquarters from 29 March to 2 April 2004. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document [E/C.16/2004/1](#). Further information is available at the following Web site: <http://www.unpan.org/cepa-3.asp>.

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.

Informal consultations

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.

Other forthcoming meetings

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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.

Briefing on the global road safety crisis (organized by the Permanent Mission of Oman)

There will be a briefing on the global road safety crisis, 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.

Group of 77 (*joint meeting of the humanitarian affairs and operational activities segments of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council*)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (joint meeting of the humanitarian affairs and operational activities segments of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council) on Wednesday, 24 March 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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).

United Nations Information and Communications Technologies Task Force

The sixth meeting of the United Nations Information and Communications Technologies Task Force will take place from 25 to 27 March 2004. The Global Forum will be held on 25 and 26 March 2004 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. On Saturday, 27 March, the Task Force will hold a closed meeting. For additional information, please contact Ms. Enrica Murmura (murmura@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5913).

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

Monday, 22 March 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

36th meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Morocco, Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), India, Australia, Ireland and Pakistan.

Following a suspension of the meeting, the Chairman of the Committee made a statement regarding the programme of work.

The Secretary of the Committee then informed the Committee of the programme of work for the remainder of the session.

General Assembly

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee

Eightieth session

- 2176th meeting *General comments of the Committee* [8]
 The Committee considered the draft general comment on article 2.
- 2177th meeting *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant*
 [6]
 The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Uganda.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Population and Development

Thirty-seventh session

- 1st meeting *Opening of the session*
 The Chairman of the thirty-sixth session, H.E. Mr. Gediminas Šerkšnys (Lithuania), opened the session.
 Election of the Chairman
 The Commission elected Mr. Alfredo Chuquihuara (Peru) as Chairman of the thirty-seventh session, by acclamation.
 Election of officers [1]
 The Commission elected H.E. Mr. Gediminas Šerkšnys (Lithuania), Mr. Mohamed El-Farnawany (Egypt), Mrs. Kitty van der Jeijden (Netherlands) and Mr. Khandker M. Talha (Bangladesh) as Vice-Chairpersons of the session.
 The Commission elected Mr. Mohamed El-Farnawany (Egypt) to also serve as Rapporteur.
 Opening statements
 Opening statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.
 Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [2]
 (a) *Report of the Bureau on its inter-sessional meeting*
 The Chairman of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission, H.E. Mr. Gediminas Šerkšnys (Lithuania), introduced document [E/CN.9/2004/2](#).
 The Commission decided to take note of document [E/CN.9/2004/2](#).
 (b) *Agenda and organization of work*
 Following a correction made by the Secretary of the Commission, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda for the session ([E/CN.9/2004/1](#)), as orally corrected.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement on the organization of work and orally corrected document [E/CN.9/2004/L.1](#).

The Commission adopted its organization of work ([E/CN.9/2004/L.1](#)), as orally corrected.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 2.

Follow-up action to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development [3]

The Commission began its consideration of agenda item 3 and heard introductory statements by the Director of the Population Division, the Chief, Population Studies Branch, Population Division, and the Chief, Population and Development Branch, Technical Support Division, UNFPA.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia), the United States and the Russian Federation, as well as by the observer for Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)

2nd meeting

The Commission continued its consideration of agenda item 3 and heard statements by the representatives of Madagascar, Norway, Japan, Peru, Guyana, Luxembourg, the Islamic Republic of Iran, China and Mexico, as well as by the observers for Brazil, Ethiopia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Switzerland.

The representative of Partners in Population and Development made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The representative of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Statements were also made by the observers for Cuba (in his capacity as Chairman of ECLAC's sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development) and Switzerland (in his capacity as host of the European Population Forum (Geneva, 12-14 January 2004), organized with ECE and UNFPA).

*Corrigendum***Economic and Social Council****Commission on the Status of Women**

Forty-eighth session

Corrigendum to the summary of the 16th meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women (see *Journal* No. 2004/55, pp. 12-13):

- (a) The fourth paragraph under *Action on draft agreed conclusions on women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace-building* should be deleted; and
- (b) The text under *Working Group on Communications concerning the Status of Women for the forty-ninth session* should read as follows:

The Commission was informed that Xiao 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.

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

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Signature: Ecuador (22 March 2004)

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

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”, *today*, 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 Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members

The Nineteenth Annual Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members will be observed at a ceremony, organized by the United Nations Staff Council Standing Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service, to be held on Thursday, 25 March 2004, at 11.30 a.m. at the UNCA Club on the 3rd floor of the Secretariat Building. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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. Gennady M. Gatilov
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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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www.un.org/arabic/ga/58/president/bio.htm
www.un.org/chinese/ga/58/presskit/bio.htm
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Presidency of the Security Council:

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

Security Council:

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www.un.org/spanish/docs/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
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www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373
www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html

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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

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www.eu2004.ie
<http://europa-eu-un.org>

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