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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

Wednesday, 24 March 2004

Security Council

10 a.m. 4930th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Letter dated 18 March 2004 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council ([S/2004/225](#))

Morning¹. 4931st meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Afghanistan

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security ([S/2004/230](#))

Morning². Consultations of the whole (closed). Consultations Room

Afghanistan
Other matters

3 p.m. 4932nd meeting (closed). Economic and Social Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

¹ To be held following the adjournment of the 4930th meeting.

² To be held following the adjournment of the 4931st meeting.

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
	Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Capital master plan (A/58/729))	
3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 129 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/58/34 , A/58/64 , A/58/220 , A/58/291 , A/58/343 , A/58/343/Add.1 and A/58/343/Add.2))	

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. Budget performance in respect of the financial period 2002-2003: Proposed transfers between sections	
	3. Draft reports	

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

Morning ¹ –1 p.m.	2180th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
	Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.	[9]
3–6 p.m.	2181st meeting	Conference Room 2
	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]	
	Second periodic report of Lithuania	

¹ Following the adjournment of the Bureau meeting scheduled for 10 a.m.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Population and Development

Thirty-seventh session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 1

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

Review of the methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development
[4 (bis)]

Continuation and conclusion of general debate

2. Keynote address by Ms. Barbara Crossette, former United Nations Bureau Chief of *The New York Times*, on “Has the Cairo Consensus Lost Momentum: A Journalist’s View”

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

Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population ([E/CN.9/2004/5](#) and [E/CN.9/2004/6](#)) [5]

Introduction and general discussion

[Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolutions before the Commission will be held *today*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.]

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 *today*, 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.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Sustainable Development

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations, organized by H.E. Mr. Don MacKay, Permanent Representative of New Zealand, *today*, 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 meetings

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Wednesday, 24 March 2004

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

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B
12.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

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 C

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

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

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

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

Arab Group (*at the experts level*)

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

Eastern European Group

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

United Nations Development Programme

The fourth meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Report 2004* will take place *today*, 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, *today*, 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).

Press conferences

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

Wednesday, 24 March 2004

Room S-226

- 10.30 a.m. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Information and Communications Technology Task Force; Mr. Marcel Boisard, Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research; Ms. Julie Coppennoll, Industry and External Marketing for Wireless Networking Group, Intel Corporation; and Ms. Marianne Cooper, Vice-President for Public Sector Relations of IBM (to announce a programme to accelerate the adoption of broadband wireless Internet in underserved areas around the world)
- 11 a.m. Mr. Joseph Chamie, Director of the Population Division; Mr. Brunson McKinley, Director-General of the International Organization for Migration; and Mr. Riad Tabbarah, Director of the Center for Development Studies and Projects (Beirut) (on the thirty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development)
- Guest at 12 noon Mr. Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for West Africa (on the situation in the region)

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 25 March 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10 a.m. 38th meeting Conference Room 3
 3 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

General Assembly

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).]

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

There will be a meeting 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 on Friday, 26 March 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The venue of the meeting will be announced in the *Journal*.

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.

Committee of Experts on Public Administration

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.

Other forthcoming meetings

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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.

Western European and Other States Group

There will be a meeting of the Western European and Other States Group on Thursday, 25 March 2004, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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 Technology Task Force

The sixth meeting of the United Nations Information and Communications Technology 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).

United Nations Standing Committee on Nutrition

Thirty-first annual meeting

The United Nations Standing Committee on Nutrition will hold a plenary meeting Friday, 26 March 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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

Tuesday, 23 March 2004

Security Council

4929th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Letter dated 23 March 2004 from the Charge d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council ([S/2004/233](#))

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council invited the representatives of Bahrain, Cuba, Egypt, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Morocco, Norway, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 23 March 2004 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2004/234), requesting an invitation to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the discussion.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 23 March 2004 from Permanent Representative of Algeria (S/2004/236), the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States, His Excellency Mr. Yahya Mahmassani.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 23 March 2004 from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, His Excellency Mr. Paul Badji.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

The representative of Israel made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, the United Kingdom, Pakistan, Chile, Angola, the Russian Federation, China, the Philippines, Spain, Brazil, Benin, Romania, the United States and Germany, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of France.

Statements were then made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Egypt, Yemen, Qatar and Japan.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by His Excellency Mr. Yahya Mahmassani.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, the acceding countries Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro, and the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), Jordan, Tunisia, Indonesia and Kuwait.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by His Excellency Mr. Paul Badji.

Statements were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Lebanon, South Africa, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Norway, Morocco, Malaysia and the Sudan.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

37th meeting *Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005* [121]

Request for a subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division, who introduced the report of the Secretary-General ([A/58/733](#)).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee ([A/58/7/Add.30](#)).

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, Slovakia and Slovenia; the Stabilization and Association countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey; and the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area Liechtenstein and Norway, who aligned themselves with the statement), South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Japan, Mexico, the Russian Federation, New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), the United States, the Republic of Korea, Gabon, Sierra Leone, Brazil, Costa Rica and Guatemala.

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, 23 March 2004, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. David Dutton (Australia).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee

Eightieth session

2178th–2179th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]

The Committee considered of the initial report of Uganda.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Population and Development

Thirty-seventh session

3rd meeting

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

The Commission continued its consideration of agenda item 3 and heard statements by the representatives of Bangladesh, Egypt, Jamaica and Malaysia, as well as by the observers for Cuba, Chile and Uganda.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Population Fund and the Economic Commission for Europe.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the World Bank and the World Health Organization.

The Commission heard a keynote address by Mr. Brunson McKinley, Director-General, International Organization for Migration (Geneva).

The Chairman made a statement.

A discussion followed, in which the delegations of Bangladesh, Lebanon, Indonesia, Tunisia, Canada, the Philippines, Ireland and Chile took part.

The Director of the Population Division made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

4th meeting

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

Review of the methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development
[4 (bis)]

The Commission began its joint consideration of agenda item 4 and 4 (bis) and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Norway, China, Botswana, the Netherlands, Indonesia, El Salvador, Mexico, France, Poland, Turkey, Bolivia, Luxembourg and Belgium, as well as by the observers for South Africa, Algeria, Ecuador, Canada, Croatia and Tunisia.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. New York, 9 September 2002

Signature: Bolivia (23 March 2004)

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

Signature: Congo (23 March 2004)

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Signature: Saint Kitts and Nevis (23 March 2004)

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 (with Protocols I and II). Geneva, 10 October 1980

Accession: Turkmenistan (19 March 2004)¹

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed 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. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Turkmenistan (19 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.

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.

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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

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.

International Francophonie Day

On the occasion of the International Francophonie Day, there will be a projection of the film “Gito l’ingrat” (Burundi), organized in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Burundi and the International Organization of la Francophonie, on Thursday, 25 March 2004, at 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Memorial Conference on the Rwanda Genocide

There will be a Memorial Conference on the Rwanda Genocide, co-hosted by the Permanent Mission of Canada and the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Rwanda, on Friday, 26 March 2004, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The Secretary-General will make an opening statement. The Conference will consist of two panel discussions on the following themes: “Bearing Witness – A Reflection on the 1994 Genocide and Discussion of the Lessons Learned from the International Community’s Response”, to be chaired by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Rwanda, H.E. The Honourable Charles Murigande; and “Never Again: Toward a More Effective International Response to Genocide”, to be chaired by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada, H.E. The Honourable Bill Graham. The Moderator and Rapporteur will be Dr. Ruth Iyob, Director, Africa Program, International Peace Academy. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Glyn Berry, Permanent Mission of Canada (tel. 1 (212) 848-1152); or Mr. Nicholas Shalita, Permanent Mission of Rwanda (tel. 1 (212) 679-9010).

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