

Saturday, 27 March 2004



# Journal

## of the United Nations

### Programme of meetings and agenda

#### Official meetings

Monday, 29 March 2004

#### Security Council

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

#### 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 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](#)))

(continued overleaf)

#### General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

*Meeting commemorating the 1994 genocide in Rwanda*

The President of the General Assembly wishes to announce that a meeting commemorating the 1994 genocide in Rwanda will be held on Wednesday, 7 April 2004, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. *[Members of Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations, academia and United Nations accredited media are invited to attend.]*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5  
 Informal consultations on agenda item 127 (Human resources management ([A/58/666](#),  
[A/C.5/58/L.13](#), [A/58/283](#), [A/56/956](#) and [A/56/956/Add.1](#)))

## General Assembly

### Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 175th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber  
 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  
 3–6 p.m. . . . . 176th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber  
 General debate

### 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  
 Draft report

### Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 245th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1  
 Documents [A/AC.182/L.115](#), [A/AC.182/L.108/Rev.3](#), [A/AC.182/L.114/Rev.1](#) and  
[A/58/33](#)

### Working Group

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1  
 Maintenance of international peace and security: Sanctions (Art. 50)

### United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

#### Working Group on Insolvency Law

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Open meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4  
 3–6 p.m. . . . . Open meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4  
 [Joint session with the Working Group on Security Interests]

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## International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

### Human Rights Committee

#### Eightieth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . .	2186th meeting . . . . .	Conference Room 2
	General comments of the Committee . . . . .	[8]
	General comment on article 2	
3–6 p.m. . . . .	2187th meeting (closed) . . . . .	Conference Room 2
	Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant. . .	[9]

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## Economic and Social Council

### Committee of Experts on Public Administration

#### Third session

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

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### Committee for Development Policy

#### Sixth session

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

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## General Assembly

### Disarmament Commission

#### Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations, convened by the Chairman of the Disarmament Commission, on the agenda for the upcoming substantive session of the Commission, on Monday, 29 March 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All Member States are invited to attend.

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### Committee on Information

#### Bureau meeting

There will be a closed meeting of the Bureau of the Committee on Information on Monday, 29 March 2004, at 11 a.m. in Room S-1027.

## Other meetings

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**Saturday, 27 March 2004**

### United Nations Information and Communications Technologies Task Force

The Sixth Meeting of the United Nations Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) Task Force will hold a closed meeting *today*, 27 March 2004, at 9 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. For additional information, please contact Ms. Enrica Murmura ([murmura@un.org](mailto:murmura@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-5913); Web site [www.unicttaskforce.org](http://www.unicttaskforce.org).

**Monday, 29 March 2004**

### Group of 77 (multi-year work programme for the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council)

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

### OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . .	Closed meeting . . . . .	Conference Room 7
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### Meeting of Southern African Ambassadors on candidatures (organized by the Permanent Mission of Namibia)

3–5 p.m. . . . .	Closed meeting . . . . .	Conference Room E
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## Press conferences

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

**Monday, 29 March 2004**

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . .	Press briefing by the Spokesman
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## Forthcoming official meetings

**Tuesday, 30 March 2004**

### General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

#### Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

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

### General Assembly

#### Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

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

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

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.

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## Economic and Social Council

### 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](http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd12/csd12.htm).

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

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

Delegations wishing to address the Commission during the high-level segment are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Commission and indicate their preferred date and thematic focus of their statements.

Delegations are reminded that statements will be limited to 3 minutes each. Delegations are invited to send electronic versions of their statements to the Secretariat ([dsd@un.org](mailto:dsd@un.org)) for posting on the Web site of the Secretariat 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 Thursday, 8 April 2004, at 10 a.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.

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### Other forthcoming meetings

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#### **Group of 77 (joint meeting of the humanitarian affairs and operational activities segments 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 Economic and Social Council*) on Tuesday, 30 March 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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#### **Briefing on “New Models of Private-Public Partnerships in Asia and the Pacific” (organized by the Financing for Development Office, DESA)**

There will be a briefing on “New Models of Private-Public Partnerships in Asia and the Pacific” organized by the Financing for Development Office (FFDO), Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 31 March 2004, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of Permanent Missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Hazem Fahmy (tel. 1 (212) 963-5900; e-mail [fahmyh@un.org](mailto:fahmyh@un.org)).

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#### **Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the global road safety crisis (organized by the Permanent Mission of Oman)**

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the global road safety crisis, organized by the Permanent Mission of Oman, will be held on Wednesday, 31 March 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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#### **Briefing on the 2005 Review of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS**

The Office of the President of the General Assembly invites members of Permanent Missions and of Permanent Observer Missions to a briefing by Dr. Kathleen Cravero, Deputy Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), on the 2005 Review of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 58/236, to be held on Wednesday, 31 March 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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#### **Discussion on “Prevention of Conflicts Through Harmony Among Cultures” (sponsored by the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)**

There will be a discussion on “Prevention of Conflicts Through Harmony Among Cultures”, sponsored by the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 1 April 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

**Panel discussion on “Employment and the Millennium Development Goals” (organized by the International Labour Organization and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)**

There will be a panel discussion on “Employment and the Millennium Development Goals”, organized by the International Labour Organization and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 1 April 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Donald Lee (tel. 1 (212) 963-8762; or Ms. Ana María Hermoso (tel. 1 (212) 697-0150, ext. 106).

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**Special presentation on the conclusions and recommendations of the Fifth Global Forum on Reinventing Government (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico and the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, DESA)**

There will be a special presentation on the conclusions and recommendations of the Fifth Global Forum on Reinventing Government (November 2003, Mexico) by representatives of the Office of the President of Mexico and the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), on Thursday, 1 April 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of Permanent Missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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**UNITAR workshop on the negotiation of international legal instruments**

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the negotiation of international legal instruments for members of Permanent Missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday, 19 April, to Thursday, 22 April 2004. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 14 April. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

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**Announcements****Security Council****Daily informal briefings**

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

**Recorded information**

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



## Summary of meetings

Thursday, 25 March 2004

### General Assembly

#### Committee on Conferences

##### Organizational session

456th meeting      The 2004 organizational session of the Committee on Conferences was opened by the Under-Secretary-General, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management.

*Election of officers* . . . . . [1]

Mr. Enno Drogenik (Austria) was elected as chairman, by acclamation, upon the nomination by the representative of Jordan. Ms. Norma Taylor Roberts (Jamaica), Mr. Saleh Manu Pisagih (Nigeria) and Ms. Laura Onisii (Romania) were elected as Vice-Chairpersons, by acclamation, upon the nomination by the representatives of Tunisia, the United States and France, respectively. Mr. Mohammad Tal (Jordan) was elected as Rapporteur upon the nomination by the representative of Argentina.

*Adoption of the agenda for the organizational session for 2004* . . . . . [2]

The provisional agenda was adopted, as contained in document [A/AC.172/2004/L.1](#).

*Organization of work for 2004* . . . . . [3]

The organization of work for 2004 was adopted.

*Programme of work for 2004* . . . . . [4]

Statements were made by the representatives of Ethiopia and the Syrian Arab Republic.

*Adoption of the agenda for the substantive session of 2004* . . . . . [5]

The draft provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2004 was adopted.

*Other business* . . . . . [6]

A statement was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Friday, 26 March 2004

### Security Council

4935th meeting      *International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991*

*International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of neighbouring States, between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document [S/2004/232](#), which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution ([S/2004/232](#)) before it.

*Decision: The draft resolution ([S/2004/232](#)), received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1534 (2004).*

4936th meeting

*Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts*

*Letter dated 19 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 ([S/2004/124](#))*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document [S/2004/238](#), prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution ([S/2004/238](#)) before it.

*Decision: The draft resolution ([S/2004/238](#)) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1535(2004).*

4937th meeting

*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](#))*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

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

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document [S/2004/249](#), which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution ([S/2004/249](#)) before it.

*Decision: The draft resolution ([S/2004/249](#)) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1536 (2004).*

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## General Assembly

### International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

#### Human Rights Committee

Eightieth session

2184th–2185th meetings (closed)

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

The Committee considered the item.

## Economic and Social Council

### Commission on Population and Development

Thirty-seventh session

8th meeting

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

*Draft decision* [E/CN.9/2004/L.5](#)

The Commission had before it a draft decision contained in [E/CN.9.2004/L.5](#), submitted by the Chairman, Mr. Alfredo Chuquihuara (Peru), on the basis of informal consultations.

The Commission adopted the draft decision.

*Review of the methods of work of the Commission on Population.* . . . . . [4 bis]

*Action on draft decision* [E/CN.9/2004/L.4](#)

The Commission had before it a draft decision contained in [E/CN.9.2004/L.4](#), submitted by the Chairman, Mr. Alfredo Chuquihuara (Peru), on the basis of informal consultations.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Chile.

The Secretary of the Commission made a statement.

*Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population* . . . . . [5]

*Action on the draft resolution entitled "Work programme in the field of population"*

The Commission had before it a draft resolution, submitted by the Chairman, Mr. Alfredo Chuquihuara (Peru), on the basis of informal consultations, contained in an informal paper, in English only.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution.

*Oral decision*

Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Commission took note of documents [E/CN.9/2004/3](#), [E/CN.9/2004/4](#), [E/CN.9/2004/5](#) and [E/CN.9/2004/6](#).

*Provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session of the Commission* . . . . . [6]

The Commission began its consideration of the item and had before it document [E/CN.9/2004/2/Rev.1](#).

The Secretary made a correction to the document.

The Commission adopted the provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session, as contained in document [E/CN.9/2004/L.2/Rev.1](#), as orally corrected.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of the item.

*Review of the methods of work of the Commission on Population.* . . . . . [4 bis]

*Action on draft decision* [E/CN.9/2004/L.4](#)

The Commission resumed its consideration of the draft decision contained in document [E/CN.9/2004/L.4](#).

Following a revision introduced by the Chairman, the Commission adopted draft decision [E/CN.9/2004/L.4](#).

*Suspension of the thirty-seventh session of the Commission*

The Commission suspended its thirty-seventh session.

## **Signatures, Ratifications, etc.**

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

*Statutes of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology. Madrid, 13 September 1983*

*Accession:* United Arab Emirates (22 March 2004)<sup>1</sup>

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

*Ratification:* Bhutan (22 March 2004)<sup>1</sup>

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

*Ratification:* Belize (26 March 2004)<sup>1</sup>

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

*Notification under article 87, paragraphs 1 (a) and 2:* Samoa (26 March 2004)<sup>1</sup>

*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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Other announcements**

#### **Women's International Forum**

The next meeting of the Women's International Forum will be held on Monday, 29 March 2004, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

**DPI/NGO briefing**

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be “United Nations and Iraq: The Next Steps”. The briefing will be held on Thursday, 1 April 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).

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**Chairmen of regional groups**

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

*African States:*

Tunisia  
H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani

*Asian States:*

Myanmar  
H.E. Mr. Kyaw Tint Swe

*Eastern European States:*

Russian Federation  
H.E. Mr. 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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**Web sites***Presidency of the General Assembly:*

[www.un.org/arabic/ga/58/president/bio.htm](http://www.un.org/arabic/ga/58/president/bio.htm)  
[www.un.org/chinese/ga/58/presskit/bio.htm](http://www.un.org/chinese/ga/58/presskit/bio.htm)  
[www.un.org/ga/president](http://www.un.org/ga/president)  
[www.un.org/french/ga/president/58/office/president.html](http://www.un.org/french/ga/president/58/office/president.html)  
[www.un.org/russian/ga/58/presskit/bio.htm](http://www.un.org/russian/ga/58/presskit/bio.htm)  
[www.un.org/spanish/aboutun/organs/ga/58/presidente/president.html](http://www.un.org/spanish/aboutun/organs/ga/58/presidente/president.html)

*General Assembly:*

[www.un.org/arabic/ga/58/](http://www.un.org/arabic/ga/58/)  
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[www.un.org/french/ga/58/](http://www.un.org/french/ga/58/)

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[www.un.org/spanish/ga/58/](http://www.un.org/spanish/ga/58/)

*Department of General Assembly and Conference Management:*

[www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index\\_arabic.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_arabic.htm)  
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