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Official meetings

Tuesday, 20 April 2004

Security Council

10 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed).	Consultations Room
	Non-proliferation of WMD	
	Other matters	
3 p.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed).	Consultations Room
	Cyprus	
	Other matters	

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Thursday, 22 April 2004, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; or tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from Monday, 19 April 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. *Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statement to no more than four minutes.*

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

General debate

(21–24 September 2004, 27 September–1 October 2004)

Delegations are reminded that *Friday, 23 April 2004*, is the deadline to inform the Secretariat of their participation at the general debate in the plenary of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be communicated, in writing, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940B or S-2925).

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Sustainable Development

Twelfth session

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. 6th meeting Conference Room 1
- Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2004-2005 ([E/CN.17/2004/2](#),
[E/CN.17/2004/11](#), [E/CN.17/2004/12](#), [E/CN.17/2004/13](#), [E/CN.17/2004/14](#),
[E/CN.17/2004/16](#), [E/CN.17/2004/17](#), [E/CN.17/2004/19](#) and [E/CN.17/2004/20](#)). . . [3]
- (a) Water
- Integrated approach to thematic discussion on water, including cross-cutting issues
([E/CN.17/2004/4](#))
- Water policies and reforms to make the use and governance of water resources more
effective and sustainable
- Building capacity for cooperative management of water and provision of water services
- Interactive dialogue
- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. 6th meeting (parallel) Conference Room 2
- Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2004-2005 [3]
- (a) Water
- (b) Sanitation
- (c) Human settlements
- Major groups' contributions to the three themes ([E/CN.17/2004/10](#),
[E/CN.17/2004/10/Add.1](#), [E/CN.17/2004/10/Add.2](#), [E/CN.17/2004/10/Add.3](#),
[E/CN.17/2004/10/Add.4](#), [E/CN.17/2004/10/Add.5](#), [E/CN.17/2004/10/Add.6](#),
[E/CN.17/2004/10/Add.7](#), [E/CN.17/2004/10/Add.8](#) and [E/CN.17/2004/10/Add.9](#))
- 3–4.30 p.m. 7th meeting Conference Room 1
- Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2004-2005 ([E/CN.17/2004/2](#),
[E/CN.17/2004/11](#), [E/CN.17/2004/12](#), [E/CN.17/2004/13](#), [E/CN.17/2004/14](#),
[E/CN.17/2004/16](#), [E/CN.17/2004/17](#), [E/CN.17/2004/19](#) and [E/CN.17/2004/20](#)). . . [3]
- (a) Water
- Review of progress in implementation from a regional perspective for the United
Nations ESCAP region ([E/CN.17/2004/7](#) and [E/CN.17/2004/Add.3](#))
- 4.30–6 p.m. 7th meeting (resumed) Conference Room 1
- Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2004-2005 ([E/CN.17/2004/2](#),
[E/CN.17/2004/11](#), [E/CN.17/2004/12](#), [E/CN.17/2004/13](#), [E/CN.17/2004/14](#),
[E/CN.17/2004/16](#), [E/CN.17/2004/17](#), [E/CN.17/2004/19](#) and [E/CN.17/2004/20](#)). . . [3]
- (a) Water
- Review of progress in implementation from a regional perspective for the United
Nations ECE region ([E/CN.17/2004/7](#) and [E/CN.17/2004/Add.2](#))

3–6 p.m.	7th meeting (parallel)	Conference Room 2
	Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2004-2005	[3]
	(a) Water (E/CN.17/2004/4)	
	Balancing water issues – water for people, environment, food and other uses	
	Water demand management and water conservation – untapped potential?	

Partnerships Fair

10–11.30 a.m.		Conference Room 6
	Presentations: Human settlements partnerships	
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.		Conference Room 6
	Interactive discussion: Human settlements partnerships	
3–4.30 p.m.		Conference Room 6
	Partnerships presentations	
4.30–6 p.m.		Conference Room 6
	Interactive discussion: Tools for management of partnerships information	

[Background information on the twelfth session of the Commission is available at www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd12/csd12.htm.]

[*Note:* The list of side events on the occasion of the twelfth session of the Commission can be consulted at www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd12/side_event_schedule.pdf.]

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

Twenty-second session

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 3
	Opening of the session	[1]
	Adoption of the agenda (GEGN/22/1)	[2]
	Report of the Chairperson	[3]
	Report of the Secretary	[4]
	Reports of the divisions.	[5]
3–6 p.m.	2nd meeting.	Conference Room 3
	Reports of the divisions.	[5]

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 20 April 2004

JUSCANZ Group (*Commission on Sustainable Development*)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (*situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem*)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting General Assembly Hall

Group of 77 (*special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization; and UNCTAD*)

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

Group of 77 (*Committee on Information matters*)

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

UNITAR workshop on the negotiation of international legal instruments

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

UNITAR workshop on population dynamics and the environment

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Bank Institute and the Environment Department of the World Bank a workshop on population dynamics and the environment for members of Permanent Missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held *today*, 20 April 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603C; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Mr. José Luis Machinea, invites the Governments of the member countries and the associates member countries of ECLAC to participate in the twenty-second session of the Committee of the Whole and the seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group established pursuant to resolution 553 (XXVI). The meeting, to be held *today*, 20 April 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, will be presided by H.E. Mr. Ronaldo Sardenberg (Brazil).

Informal meeting

The Ambassadors of the Latin American and Caribbean member countries of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean are invited to a meeting presided by H.E. Mr. Ronaldo Sardenberg (Brazil), to be held *today*, 20 April 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to discuss issues to be addressed at the session of the Committee of the Whole in the afternoon.

Press conferences

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

Tuesday, 20 April 2004

Room S-226

- 11.15 a.m. Ms. Sulafa Al-Bassam, Chief of the United Nations Regional Commissions Liaison Unit; Mr. Erdenebileg Sandagdorj, Programme Officer for the High-level Representative for Least Developed Countries and Landlocked Developing States; and Mr. Palitha Kohona, Chief of the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (on the agreement to complete a 140,000-kilometer highway network linking 32 Asian nations, which will be open for signature on 26 April in Shanghai, China)
- Guest at noon Mr. Martin Barber, Director of the United Nations Mine Action Service (on the status of the anti-personnel mine-ban treaty and on the Nairobi Summit for a Mine-Free World)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Committee on Information

Twenty-sixth session

The twenty-sixth session of the Committee on Information will take place at Headquarters from 26 April to 7 May 2004. The Committee will hold its general debate from 26 to 28 April 2004 in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers should contact the secretariat (tel. 1 (212) 963-6555).

There will be an interactive dialogue between the Department of Public Information and the delegations attending the session on Monday, 26 April 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Preparatory Committee for the 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Third Session

The third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will be held from 26 April to 7 May 2004 at United Nations Headquarters.

A general debate on issues related to all aspects of the work of the Preparatory Committee is expected to be held on 26 and 27 April. The list of speakers for the general debate is open as of 5 April. States parties wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat of the Preparatory Committee (Ms. Bertha Mae Ortiz (tel. 1 (212) 963-0846)).

States parties are also kindly requested to provide the secretariat in writing with information regarding the composition of their delegations by *today*, 20 April. This information should be sent to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Silvana F. da Silva (room S-3140A; fax 1 (212) 963-8892).

Informal consultations The Chairman-designate of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will hold open-ended informal consultations, in connection with the forthcoming session of the Preparatory Committee, on Thursday, 22 April 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 220th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Thursday, 29 April 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document [A/50/26](#), paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420B; fax 1 (212) 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

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

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on 4 and 5 May 2004. The agenda for the session is contained in document [E/2004/2/Add.1](#). In accordance with past practice, the Bureau of the Council has established a deadline for submission of candidatures at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 April 2004. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the Secretary-General, with a copy to Ms. Nancy Beteta in the Economic and Social Council Affairs Division (room S-2950K; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The Chairmen of the regional groups for the month of April are likewise kindly invited to advise the Secretariat of any endorsed candidates as well as other candidatures from their groups. A list of candidates for these elections will be available in the office of the Secretary of the Council (room S-2950), from Friday, 23 April 2004.

Briefing by the President of the Council

The President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), will brief the Economic and Social Council on Wednesday, 21 April 2004, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council, on issues before the Council, particularly those relating to the Special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization.

Informal “informals”

Informal “informals” of the Economic and Social Council, convened by the Permanent Mission of Bhutan and the Permanent Mission of Jamaica, to discuss the matter of transition from relief to development, will take place on Friday, 23 April 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization

The special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization will take place on Monday, 26 April 2004, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Member States are requested to convey to the secretariat of the Council the composition of their delegation for this meeting at the earliest. This information may be sent to the Economic and Social Council secretariat (fax 1 (212) 963-5935), with a copy to DESA/OESC (fax 1 (212) 963-3351).

Member States are also invited to indicate to the Economic and Social Council secretariat (Ms. Lorna Fidler (fax 1 (212) 963-5935) or in person (room S-2950I)), by the close of business, on Thursday, 22 April, in which of the six round tables listed below, the head of delegation wishes to participate. The six round tables, to be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., will address the overall theme of the meeting (Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus). Institutional stakeholders and other United Nations organizations are also invited to indicate (Economic and Social Council secretariat) their preferences for participating in the round tables.

Round table A: Theme 1 “Impact of private investment and trade-related issues on financing for development”

Round table B: Theme 1 “Impact of private investment and trade-related issues on financing for development”

Round table C: Theme 2 “Role of multilateral institutions in reaching the Millennium Development Goals”

Round table D: Theme 2 “Role of multilateral institutions in reaching the Millennium Development Goals”

Round table E: Theme 3 “Debt sustainability and debt relief”

Round table F: Theme 3 “Debt sustainability and debt relief”

Thematic identity between the round tables A-B, C-D, and E-F is intended to make the discussions as participatory and interactive as possible.

It is emphasized that the nature of the meeting will be a free-flowing discussion and *would therefore have no list of speakers in advance or introductory or written statements*. The time limit per intervention will be of 3 minutes.

Background information on the coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, to be used as a basis for discussion, is available on the following Web sites: www.un.org/esa/ffd and www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/.

Commission on Sustainable Development

Twelfth session

The high-level segment of the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development will take place from 28 to 30 April 2004. Information on thematic topics of the high-level is available at www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd12/csd12.htm.

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).

Delegations are reminded that statements during the high-level segment 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 Web site of the Secretariat devoted to the twelfth session of the Commission.

United Nations Forum on Forests

Fourth session

The fourth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests will be held from 3 to 14 May 2004 at the United Nations Office at Geneva. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 3 May 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/CN.18/2004/1.

Delegations of Member States of the United Nations Forum on Forests and observers wishing to attend the fourth session of the Forum are kindly requested to communicate by 27 April 2004 the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Representatives of Member States of the United Nations Forum on Forests, specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council *not* holding a valid UNHQ or UNOG ground pass are kindly requested to transmit by 27 April 2004 a duly completed Registration Form, available on the Forum's Web site (www.un.org/esa/forests/session-registration.html) to the Forum's secretariat (Ms. María Luz Aragon (room DC2-2386; fax 1 (917) 367-3186)). Such ground passes will become available by Friday, 30 April 2004 (afternoon), at the Security Identification Unit, Villa les Feuillantines, 13 Avenue de la Paix, 1211 Geneva 10. To collect their ground passes, delegates shall present the original or a copy of their registration form and a valid passport or national photo-identity card.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Briefing on human security

There will be a briefing on human security, organized by the Peacekeeping Best Practices Unit, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, on Wednesday, 21 April 2004, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of Permanent Missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Paula Souverijn-Eisenberg (tel. 1 (917) 367-0067; e-mail souverijn-eisenberg@un.org).

Non-Aligned Movement (*States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons*)

There will be a meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (*States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons*) on Thursday, 22 April 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

African Group (*on Fifth Committee matters*)

There will be a meeting of the African Group (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Friday, 23 April 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

UNITAR workshop series on policy awareness and training in information technology

As part of the series on policy awareness and training in information technology, the first high-level seminar of this year on "Policy awareness and security issues in information technology" and the official launching ceremony for the 2004 series, organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 23 April 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend. The seminar will focus on the role of technology in distance learning.

This is the third annual series, presented under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation. For further information please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

UNITAR/WIPO workshop on international intellectual property

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) a workshop on international intellectual property for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Monday, 26 April 2004, from 9.45 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the WIPO Office. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603C; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

Briefing on the process of the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

There will be a briefing for members of the European Union and the JUSCANZ Group on the process of the implementation of the Convention of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) by the Executive Secretary, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, on Monday, 26 April 2004, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 10.

Briefing on the Paris Ministerial Forum on Financing for Development (organized by the delegations of France and the United Kingdom to the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization)

There will be a briefing on the Paris Ministerial Forum on Financing for Development by the delegations of France and the United Kingdom to the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization on Monday, 26 April 2004, at 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6, or immediately following the adjournment of the special high-level meeting in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Heads of delegation or their representatives are invited to attend.

Briefing on the activities of the Global Commission on International Migration

There will be a briefing on the activities of the Global Commission on International Migration (GCIM), organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Tuesday, 27 April 2004, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Joseph Chamie, Director, Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179).

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled “Policy awareness and training in information technology” under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. Modules 1 to 4 of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. Module 5, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology.

Cycle II of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held between 7 May and 1 July and on 9 September 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Announcements

Briefing on UNCTAD XI

The President of General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Julian Hunte, will host a one-day informal briefing on the status of preparations for UNCTAD XI (Sao Paulo, Brazil, 13-18 June 2004), to be held on Tuesday, 27 April 2004, in Conference Room 3.

In the morning, briefings will be given by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD; by H.E. Mr. Michel Adam, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations in Geneva, who will speak on behalf of H.E. Mr. Zukang Sha, Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations at Geneva and Chair of the Preparatory Committee of UNCTAD XI; by H.E. Mr. Luiz Felipe de Seixas Correa, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations at Geneva and representative of the host country of UNCTAD XI, as well as by the Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

In the afternoon, briefings will be given by H.E. Mr. Michel Adam, on the major substantive issues arising from the preparatory process; by the Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD; and the Directors of UNCTAD, on key negotiating matters in each of the four thematic subgroups.

There will be opportunities for questions and answers in both morning and afternoon sessions. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. A copy of the programme is available from the New York Office of UNCTAD (room DC2-1120; tel. 1 (212) 963-6893; e-mail unctadnyo1@un.org).

Security Council**Daily informal briefings**

As from Monday, 5 April 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.

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, 19 April 2004

Security Council

4945th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Letter dated 19 March 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council ([S/2004/303](#))

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council invited the representatives of Bahrain, Cuba, Egypt, India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Norway, 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 19 April 2004 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations ([S/2004/305](#)), 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 19 April 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria ([S/2004/306](#)), 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 19 April 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 Angola, Benin, Algeria, Brazil, Spain, the Russian Federation, Pakistan, the United States, the United Kingdom, the Philippines, China, Chile, Romania and France, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Germany.

A statement was made by the representative of Egypt.

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.

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 the Syrian Arab Republic and 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 country Bulgaria; and the Stabilization and Association Process country The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, which aligned themselves with the statement).

Statements were also made by the representatives of Yemen, Morocco, the United Arab Emirates, India, Malaysia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Sudan, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Lebanon, Tunisia, Jordan, Japan, Cuba, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mauritania and Norway.

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission

2004 substantive session

263rd meeting

The meeting was opened by the Chairman.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Indonesia, Ireland, Qatar and the United States.

The Chairman announced that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 21 April 2004.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Sustainable Development

Twelfth session

4th meeting

Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2004-2005. [3]

- (a) *Water*
- (b) *Sanitation*
- (c) *Human settlements*

The Commission began its consideration of the item.

Opening statements

The Chairman made introductory remarks.

His Royal Highness Prince Willem, Prince of the Netherlands, addressed the Commission.

Introductory statements were also made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

Reports on the outcomes of inter-sessional events

Presentations were made by Mr. Abdellah Benmellouk (Morocco) on the Marrakech Meeting on Sustainable Consumption and Production; H.E. Mr. Rashid Alimov (Tajikistan) on the Dushanbe International Fresh Water Forum; Ms. Damla Say, Permanent Mission of Turkey, on the Istanbul Meeting on Governance for WSSD Implementation in Countries in Transition; H.E. Mr. Bjørn Skogmo, Assistant Secretary-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway, on “Water for the Poorest” – International Conference in Stavanger, Norway; Mr. Alberto Gagliardi, Under-Secretary for Regional Affairs of Italy, on the International Forum on Partnerships for Sustainable Development; H.E. Mr. Zhang Yishan (China) on Implementing the WSSD Plan of Implementation at the Municipal Level – Sustainable Development Leadership Forum, Hong Kong, SAR, China; and The Honourable Arcado Ntagazwa, Minister of the Environment of the United Republic of Tanzania, on the eighth special session of UNEP GC/GMEF.

Statements (Part I – Brief opening remarks)

Statements were made by the representatives of the Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the European Community, 15 Member States and the 10 acceding countries), Australia, the Russian Federation, Indonesia, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries), South Africa, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

Statements by major groups

Statements were also made by the representatives of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP).

Statements (Part II – Overall review of the implementation of agenda 21)

Statements were made by the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Ireland (on behalf of the European Community, 15 Member States and the 10 acceding countries).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement and indicated that the continuation of the overall review would take place on Wednesday, 21 April, in the morning.

5th meeting The summary of the 5th meeting of the Commission will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2004/76).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Peru (14 April 2004)¹

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

Ratification: Burkina Faso (16 April 2004)¹

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

Ratification: Greece (16 April 2004)¹

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Accession: Romania (16 April 2004)¹

Agreement on International Railways in the Arab Mashreq. Beirut, 14 April 2003

Ratification: Jordan (16 April 2004)¹

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Accession: Myanmar (19 April 2004)¹

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network. Bangkok, 18 November 2003

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 5 (1), the above Agreement shall be open for signature by States which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) at Shanghai, China, from 26 to 28 April 2004, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 1 May 2004 to 31 December 2005. The signature ceremony in Shanghai will be held during the sixtieth session of ESCAP on Monday, 26 April 2004, at the Shanghai International Convention Center.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

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

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

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

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

Opening for consent to be bound

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

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

Other announcements

United Nations University workshops

The United Nations University will hold two workshops as follows: Wednesday, 21 April 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9, on “An Introduction to United Nations Water Virtual Learning Centre”; and Friday, 23 April 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D, on “An Overview of Integrated Water Resource Management” (IWRM)).

For more information, please visit www.ony.unu.edu. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be “The Global Compact: An Update”. The briefing will be held on Thursday, 22 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 Dowlatsahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Annual Chernobyl Charity Bazaar

On the occasion of the eighteenth anniversary of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine to the United Nations are organizing a traditional International Chernobyl Charity Bazaar. This event will take place on Tuesday, 27 April 2004, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. in the South Lobby of the Secretariat building. The proceeds will be used to benefit the children of the 1986 Chernobyl disaster. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and all interested are invited to participate in this charity event.

Web sites

Presidency of the General Assembly:

www.un.org/arabic/ga/58/president/bio.htm

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

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www.un.org/spanish/documents/esc/index.htm
www.un.org/chinese/ecosoc/2004/index.html

Department of Economic and Social Affairs:

www.un.org/esa

Irish presidency of the European Union:

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

Journal of the United Nations:

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

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With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 19 April 2004.

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	Disarmament Commission
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A/CN.10/PV.259	Meeting held on 7 April 2004, 3 p.m. [E]
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A/58/768	Item 94 (d) — Environment and sustainable development: further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States — Letter dated 6 April 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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S/2004/292	Letter dated 7 April 2004 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

S/2004/293	Letter dated 8 April 2004 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/58/770-S/2004/297	Letter dated 15 April 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2004/298	Letter dated 17 March 2004 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2004/299	Letter dated 15 April 2004 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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