

Tuesday, 27 April 2004



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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

Tuesday, 27 April 2004

Security Council

- 10 a.m. Consultations of the whole (closed). Consultations Room
 Western Sahara ([S/2004/325](#))
 Briefing by the Chairman of Committee 1267 (1999)
 Other matters
- 3.30 p.m. 4952nd meeting Security Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda
 2. The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

(continued overleaf)

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

The General Committee will hold the 8th meeting of its open-ended informal consultations on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, *open to all delegations*, on Thursday, 29 April 2004, at 3 p.m. (venue to be announced). The consultations are to allow delegations the opportunity to make any further comments they may wish on Conference Room Papers A/58/CRP.3, A/58/CRP.4, A/58/CRP.5 and A/58/CRP.6¹.

¹ The conference room papers on revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (A/58/CRP.3 to CRP.6) can be downloaded from the ODS.



Afternoon ¹	Consultations of the whole (closed).	Consultations Room
	Iraq/Kuwait	
	Other matters	

¹ To be held following the adjournment of the 4952nd meeting.

General Assembly

Committee on Information

Twenty-sixth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	2nd meeting.	Conference Room 2
3–6 p.m.	3rd meeting.	Conference Room 2
	General debate and consideration of substantive questions	[5]

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

Third Session

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

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Thirteenth session

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

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Sustainable Development

Twelfth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 1
	Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2004-2005	[3]
	(a) Water	
	(b) Sanitation	

(c) Human settlements

Water, sanitation and human settlements (relationship among the three themes)

Poverty eradication: Interactive dialogue

Other cross-cutting issues: Interactive dialogue

3–6 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 1
	Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2004-2005	[3]
	(a) Water	
	(b) Sanitation	
	(c) Human settlements	
	Chair's summary (Part I)	

Partnerships Fair

10–11.30 a.m.	Partnerships presentations	Conference Room 6
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Interactive discussion: Practical issues of funding for partnerships	Conference Room 6
3–6 p.m.	Partnerships presentations	Conference Room 6

[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 a.m.–1 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 3
	Meeting of the working group on pronunciation	[16]
	Toponymic guidelines for map editors and other editors	[17]
3–6 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 3
	Standardization in multilingual areas	[18]
	Progress made on archiving documents pertaining to the United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names and to the sessions of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names	[19]
	Implementation of resolutions and the aims and functions of the Group of Experts	[20]

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

Informal consultations

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 9

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 9

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development
Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund**

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold informal consultations *today*, 27 April 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on the background paper on the overview of UNDP's support to poverty reduction strategies. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 27 April 2004

Group of 77 (core group on the United Nations Forum on Forests)

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (Fifth Committee matters)

1–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (Committee on Information matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

**Group of 77 (briefing by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification;
and matters before the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable)**

1.30–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

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

Asian Group of the Whole

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

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, *today*, 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).

Round table on “Do the MDGs signal an end to the era of international development cooperation?”

There will be a round table on “Do the MDGs signal an end to the era of international development cooperation?”, co-sponsored by the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the World Federation of United Nations Associations, *today*, 27 April 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Press conferences

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

Tuesday, 27 April 2004

Room S-226

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| 11 a.m. | Dr. Kerstin Leitner, Assistant Director-General for Sustainable Development and Healthy Environments, World Health Organization (WHO); and Dr. Jamie Bartram, Coordinator for Water, Sanitation and Health, WHO (to launch the “The Sanitation Challenge - Turning Commitment into Reality” and the “Evaluation of the Costs and Benefits of Water and Sanitation Improvements at the Global Level”) |
| Guest at 12 noon | Mr. Johan Scholvinck, Director of the Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (on the <i>World Youth Report 2003: The global situation of young people</i>) |
| 12.45 p.m. | Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (on the eleventh United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (13-18 June 2004, Sao Paulo, Brazil)) |
| 3.30 p.m. | H.E. Mr. Goran Persson, Prime Minister of Sweden |

Forthcoming official meetings**General Assembly**

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee

The second part of the resumed session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session will be held from 3 to 28 May 2004. The status of preparedness of documentation will be issued as document [A/C.5/58/L.67](#).

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 had established a deadline for the 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. Background information on the elections is contained on the Web site of the Economic and Social Council (www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2004 regular session

The 2004 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from 10 to 28 May 2004 in Conference Room 1. The provisional agenda with annotations is contained in document [E/C.2/2004/1](#)¹. Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the Web site of the NGO Section, DESA (www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo).

¹ To be issued.

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.

Delegations that have not yet inscribed on the list of speakers for the high-level segment are kindly requested to do it as soon as possible via e-mail (barrosa@un.org; copy to bawar@un.org).

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 *Wednesday, 28 April 2004* the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). *Thereafter this communication should be transmitted to the Palais des Nations (fax 011-4122-917-0079).*

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 *Wednesday, 28 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)). *Thereafter this communication should be transmitted to the Palais des Nations (fax 011-4122-917-0326).* 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.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Seventh session

The seventh session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 24 to 28 May 2004. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 24 May, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room XXVI. The provisional agenda and organization of work of the seventh session of the Commission will be issued in document [E/CN.16/2004/1](#). Further information and documentation related to the work of the Commission and to the upcoming session can be found at the following Web site address: <http://stdev.unctad.org/>

Members of the Commission, as well as observers who wish to participate, are kindly requested to send the composition of their delegations to the Office of Mr. Mongi Hamdi, Chief, Technology for Development Section, Policies and Capacity-building Branch, Division on Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development, UNCTAD, Geneva (tel. 011-4122-917-5069; fax 011-4122-907-0197; e-mail mongi.hamdi@unctad.org). Inquiries on the upcoming seventh session can also be directed to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (room S-2950F; tel. 1 (212) 963-9963; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail gustafik@un.org).

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development
Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund**
Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold informal consultations as follows: Tuesday, 4 May 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6, on the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Report 2004*; and on Wednesday, 5 May, from 3 to 4.30 p.m., on options for the joint reporting on the Multi-year Funding Framework (conference room to be announced). Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Wednesday, 28 April 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Briefing by the Office of Internal Oversight Services for members of the Fifth Committee on audits of peacekeeping activities

There will be a briefing by the Office of Internal Oversight Services for members of the Fifth Committee on audits of peacekeeping activities on Wednesday, 28 April 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Briefing on the upcoming third session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

There will be a briefing for representatives of Permanent Missions on the upcoming third session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, by the secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, on Wednesday, 28 April 2004, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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 Eastern European 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 Thursday, 29 April 2004, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations of the Francophone countries (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)

There will be informal consultations of the Francophone countries, organized by the Permanent Mission of France, on Thursday, 29 April 2004, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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 *today*, 27 April 2004, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

From 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., briefings will be given by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD; by H.E. Mr. Michel Adam, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations at 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. H.E. Mr. Ransford Smith, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations at Geneva and Chair of the Group of 77 Preparatory Committee for UNCTAD XI, will also participate.

From 3 to 5 p.m., briefings will be given by H.E. Mr. Michel Adam, on trade as well as on other substantive issues arising from the preparatory process; by the Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD; and by the Directors of UNCTAD, on key negotiating matters in each of the four substantive themes of the Conference.

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 unctadny1@un.org).

Commemorative meeting for ten years of freedom in South Africa: the role of the United Nations

The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Julian Hunte, recalling the role of the United Nations, is hosting a commemorative meeting for ten years of freedom in South Africa, to be held *today*, 27 April 2004 from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The programme will include a message from H.E. Mr. Thabo Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa, to be delivered by H.E. Mr. Dumisani Kumalo, Permanent Representative of South Africa; as well as statements by Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations; H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi, President of the Economic and Social Council and Permanent Representative of Finland; H.E. Mr. Gunter Pleuger, President of the Security Council and Permanent Representative of Germany; Mr. Ibrahim Gambari, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa and former Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid; Ms. Angela King, Assistant Secretary-General and former Chief of the United Nations Observer Mission in South Africa; H.E. Mr. Rastam Mohd Isa, Permanent Representative of Malaysia and Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement; and H.E. Mr. Filipe Chidumo, Permanent Representative of Mozambique and Chair of the African Union; as well as Chairs of the regional groups for the month of April: H.E. Mr. Le Luong Minh, Permanent Representative of Viet Nam, on behalf of the Asian States; Ms. Roksanda Ninčić, Chargé d'affaires, a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Serbia and Montenegro, on behalf of the Eastern European States; H.E. Mr. Lamuel Stanislaus, Permanent Representative of Grenada, on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States; and H.E. Mr. Dan Gillerman, Permanent Representative of Israel, on behalf of the Western European and other States.

Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme

Member States are reminded that the deadline for submission of nominations to the 2004 Fellowship Programme is Friday, 30 April 2004. Only one nomination per Member State may be submitted and should be addressed to: The Coordinator, United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme, Department for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch Palais des Nations (room D-616) 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland.

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

Friday, 23 April 2004

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Sustainable Development

Twelfth session

12th meeting (parallel) *Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2004-2005*. [3]

(b) Sanitation

Thematic discussion on sanitation

The Commission continued its consideration of the sub-item.

Interactive dialogue (Part I)

Hygiene, sanitation and water management at the household and community levels

The following experts made brief “lead-off” remarks: Yasumoto Magara, Professor, Hokkaido University, Japan; T.V. Luong, Consultant, United Nations Children’s Fund, East Asia and Pacific Regional Office; and Edgar Quiroga, Director, CINARA, Colombia.

Statements were made by the delegations of Canada, India, Senegal, Switzerland, Japan, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Jamaica, France, Sweden, Lesotho, Venezuela and Côte d’Ivoire.

Statements were made by representatives of the following major groups: trade unions; youth and children; business and industry; non-governmental organizations; and women.

The experts responded to questions raised and comments made.

Interactive dialogue (Part II)

Technologies – potential for and key obstacles to scaling up and marketing of ecological sanitation

The following experts made brief “lead-off” remarks: Edgar Quiroga, Director, CINARA, Colombia; Christine Werner, Project Team Leader, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), Germany; and Mi Hua, Project Officer, Rural Water and Sanitation Program Office, Guangxi Province, China.

Statements were made by the delegations of Uganda, Sweden, South Africa, Switzerland, France, Burkina Faso, the United States, the United Kingdom, Kenya and Japan.

Statements were made by representatives of the following major groups: non-governmental organizations; indigenous people; and women.

The experts responded to questions raised and comments made.

The Chairman summarized the discussion.

13th meeting The summary of the 13th meeting of the Commission will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2004/81).

13th meeting (parallel) *Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2004-2005*. [3]

(c) *Human settlements*

Thematic discussion on sanitation

The Commission continued its consideration of the sub-item.

Interactive dialogue (Part I)

Planning the sustainable city: partnerships and city development strategies

The following experts made brief “lead-off” remarks: Pietro Garau, Professor, Co-chairman, MDG Task Force on Slum Dwellers; Krishnaswamy Rajivan, Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Urban Development Fund, India; and Adepoju G. Onibokun, Professor and Secretary General, Centre for African Settlement Studies and Development, Nigeria.

Statements were made by the delegations of Brazil, Canada, the United States, Venezuela, China, Greece, the United Republic Tanzania, the United Kingdom.

Statements were made by representatives of the following major groups: scientific and technological community; and trade unions.

The experts responded to questions raised and comments made.

Interactive dialogue (Part II)

Reconstruction and recovery following conflicts and natural disasters

The following experts made brief “lead-off” remarks: Teodor Antic, former Assistant Minister of Justice, Administration and Local Government, Croatia; and Nabeel Hamdi, Director, Centre for Development and Emergency Planning, Oxford Brookes University, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Statements were made by delegations of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Switzerland, India, Venezuela, Japan, the United States, Croatia and Canada.

Statements were made by representatives of the following major groups: women; and trade unions.

The experts responded to questions raised and comments made.

The Chairman summarized the discussion.

Monday, 26 April 2004

General Assembly

Committee on Information

Twenty-sixth session

1st meeting *Opening of the session* [1]

The Chairman opened the session.

Adoption of the agenda and programme of work [2]

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda and the programme of work ([A/AC.198/2004/1](#)).

Statement by the Chairman [3]

The Chairman made a statement.

The Chairman informed the Committee of the withdrawal from the membership of the Bureau by one of its Vice-Chairmen (Algeria). The Committee then proceeded to elect a new Vice-Chairman (Tunisia) for the remainder of the term.

The Chairman informed the Committee that Iceland, Luxembourg, Madagascar and Qatar had requested to become members of the Committee.

The Chairman also informed the Committee that there would be no debate in the morning on Wednesday, 28 April 2004, and that the speakers listed for the morning would be accommodated in the afternoon meeting.

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information [4]

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information made a statement.

General debate and consideration of substantive questions [5]

Statements were made by the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Tunisia, Egypt, Algeria and Ecuador.

Economic and Social Council

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

8th meeting

Special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization (E/2004/50)

The President of the Council made an opening statement.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations addressed the meeting.

The President of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly addressed the meeting.

The President of the Council introduced the following panellists from governmental and intergovernmental organizations, who made statements: the Minister of Finance of Qatar and Chairman of the Group of 77 (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); the Minister of Finance of Ireland and Chairman of the European Union (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; and the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro, which aligned themselves with this statement); the Minister of Finance of Nigeria and Acting Chairperson of the Development Committee; the Designated Representative of the Chairman of the International Monetary and Finance Committee; and the President of Trade and Development Board.

Organizational matters

The President made a procedural statement.

The Council adjourned its plenary meeting and moved to Round Tables A to F.

9th meeting

Special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization (E/2004/50)

The President of the Council opened the meeting.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) (Round Table A); the Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs of Pakistan (Round Table B); the Minister of Economy, Finances and Budget of Madagascar (Round Table C); the Minister of International Development of Norway (Round Table D); the Senior Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund (Round Table E); and the Minister of the Economy of Albania (Round Table F) reported on the outcome of the six round tables.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of a non-governmental organization (Third World Network) and of the business sector (Business Council for the United Nations).

Exchange of views among participants

The representatives of the United States, Brazil (on behalf of the Rio Group), Tunisia, Ecuador, India, Argentina and Peru made statements.

The representative of the Economic Commission for Europe made a statement, on behalf of the regional commissions.

Closing of the meeting

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

The President of the Economic and Social Council made a statement and declared the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization closed.

Commission on Sustainable Development

Twelfth session

14th-15th meetings

The summaries of the 14th and 15th meetings of the Commission will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2004/81).

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

Twenty-second session

9th meeting

Meeting of the Working group on Terminology [10]

The Group of Experts began its consideration of this item, heard presentations and held discussions, in which the convenor of the working group and the representatives of the Dutch and German-speaking, Africa West and Arabic Divisions participated.

The Chairperson of the Group of Experts and Mr. Peter Raper, former Chairman of the Group of Experts, in his capacity as observer, also participated.

The Group of Experts thus concluded its consideration of this item.

Meeting of the working group on publicity and funding [13]

The Group of Experts began its consideration of this item, heard presentations and held discussions, in which the convenor of the working group and the representatives of the Arabic, China, Asia South West (other than Arabic), Romano-Hellenic, Africa South, Africa East and Norden Divisions participated.

The Chairperson of the Group of Experts and Mr. Peter Raper, former Chairman of the Group of Experts, in his capacity as observer, also participated.

The Group of Experts thus concluded its consideration of this item.

Meeting of the working group on evaluation and implementation [14]

The Group of Experts began its consideration of this item and heard a special presentation by Mr. Peter Raper, former Chairman of the Group of Experts, which was followed by a discussion, in which the representatives of the Africa West, Africa South, Asia South-East and Pacific South-West and Africa East Divisions participated. The Chairperson of the Group of Experts also participated.

The representative of the secretariat of the Group of Experts responded to questions raised.

10th meeting

Meeting of the working group on evaluation and implementation [14]

The Group of Experts resumed its consideration of this item, heard presentations and held discussions, in which the convenor of the working group and the representatives of the Africa South, United States of America-Canada, Arabic, Asia South-East and Pacific South-West, United Kingdom and East Mediterranean (other than Arabic) Divisions participated.

The Chairperson of the Group of Experts and Mr. Peter Raper, former Chairman of the Group of Experts, in his capacity as observer, also participated.

The representative of the secretariat of the Group of Experts responded to questions raised.

The Group of Experts thus concluded its consideration of this item.

Meeting of the working group on exonyms [15]

The Group of Experts began its consideration of this item, heard presentations and held discussions, in which the convenor of the working group, the Chairperson on the Group of Experts and the representatives of the United Kingdom, Dutch and German-speaking, East Mediterranean (other than Arabic), Norden, United States of America-Canada, Romano-Hellenic, East Central and South East Europe Divisions participated.

The Group of Experts thus concluded its consideration of this item.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Monday, 26 April 2004

Economic and Social Council

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Thirty-second session

United Nations Office at Geneva

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| 1st meeting | <p>The thirty-second session of the Committee was declared open by Ms. María Francisca Ize-Charrin, Chief of the Treaties and Commission Branch, on behalf of the Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights.</p> <p><i>Adoption of the agenda</i> [1]</p> <p>The Committee adopted the provisional agenda, as contained in document E/C.12/2004/1.</p> <p><i>Organization of work</i>. [2]</p> <p>The Committee discussed and adopted its programme of work, as contained in document E/C.12/2004/L.1.</p> |
| 2nd meeting | <p><i>Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</i> [3]</p> <p>The Committee held hearings of non-governmental organisations with respect to the reports scheduled for consideration at the current session.</p> |

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

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

*Ratification: Lebanon (26 April 2004)*¹

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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

Signature: Afghanistan (26 April 2004)

Signature: Armenia (26 April 2004)

Signature: Bhutan (26 April 2004)

Signature: Cambodia (26 April 2004)

Definitive signature: China (26 April 2004)

Signature: Georgia (26 April 2004)

Signature: Indonesia (26 April 2004)

Signature: Iran (Islamic Republic of) (26 April 2004)

Definitive signature: Japan (26 April 2004)

Signature: Kazakhstan (26 April 2004)

Signature: Kyrgyzstan (26 April 2004)

Signature: Lao People's Democratic Republic (26 April 2004)

Signature: Mongolia (26 April 2004)

Signature: Myanmar (26 April 2004)

Signature: Nepal (26 April 2004)

Signature: Pakistan (26 April 2004)

Signature: Republic of Korea (26 April 2004)

Signature: Sri Lanka (26 April 2004)

Signature: Tajikistan (26 April 2004)

Signature: Thailand (26 April 2004)

Signature: Turkey (26 April 2004)

Definitive signature: Uzbekistan (26 April 2004)

Signature: Viet Nam (26 April 2004)

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

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 5 (1), the above Agreement shall be open for signature by States which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) at Shanghai, China, until 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 was 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).

OLA/UNITAR Seminar on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and Registration Registration of Treaties

Wednesday and Thursday, 26 and 27 May 2004 (United Nations Headquarters)

The primary objective of the two-day seminar is to provide an overview of the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and the registration of treaties. In view of the annual treaty event entitled “Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians”, which will be held from 21 to 24 September 2004 during the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, there will be a particular emphasis on treaties relating to the protection of civilians.

The seminar is intended, in particular, for members of permanent missions and representatives from capitals, and other legal personnel, especially legal counsellors and legal advisers, involved with the preparation of treaty actions to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General, and with the registration of treaties pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter as well as matters of public international law, specifically treaty law.

The seminar will provide participants with practical hands-on experience on the basic aspects of international treaty law and practice, as well as the technical aspects of undertaking treaty actions such as signatures, ratifications, accessions, etc. It will consist of core lectures, case studies and practical exercises to assist the participants in undertaking multilateral treaty actions more effectively.

Invitations to the Permanent Missions along with details relating to time, venue and registration will be forthcoming. For more information, please contact the Treaty Section (Ms. Lynne Moorhouse (tel. 1 (212) 963-1373)).

Other announcements**Eighteenth anniversary of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant***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 *today*, 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.

Film screening

There will be a screening of the Academy Award-winning film “Chernobyl Heart” *today*, 27 April 2004, from 6 to 7.15 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

[*Note:* Anyone wishing to attend the screening must RSVP to chernobylevent@un.org.]

Launch of the SIPRI Yearbook in Arabic (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

On the occasion 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, there will be a seminar to launch of the SIPRI Yearbook in Arabic, organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, *today*, 27 April 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be “Rice: The Challenge of Global Food Security (highlighting the International Year of Rice)”. The briefing will be held on Thursday, 29 April 2004 from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and 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).

Thirteenth International Conference on Health and Environment (Global Partners for Global Solution)

The Thirteenth International Conference on Health and Environment (Global Partners for Global Solution) on the theme “Linking Conflict with Environment and Population” will be held on Thursday, 29 April 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, and on Friday, 30 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The conference is organized by World Information Transfer and co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Ukraine and Croatia, WHO, UNAIDS and Physicians Weekly, in collaboration with UNEP. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Web sites*Presidency of the General Assembly:*

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

www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
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Economic and Social Council:

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

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 26 April 2004.

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A/58/759/Add.10	Items 134 and 138 — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo — Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/58/760	Item 134 — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 for the support account for peacekeeping operations — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
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A/C.5/58/L.67	Status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the second part of the resumed fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]
Security Council	Documents
S/2004/226	Letter dated 19 March 2004 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/2004/317	Letter dated 21 April 2004 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/4951	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council**Documents****Special high-level meeting**

E/2004/50	Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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E/2004/100	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters — Annotated provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
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Committee for Programme and Coordination**Forty-fourth session**

E/AC.51/2004/4	Item 3 (c) of the provisional agenda — Programme questions: evaluation — Triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-first session on the in-depth evaluation of sustainable development — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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