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## Programme of meetings and agenda

### Official meetings

Wednesday, 28 April 2004

### Security Council

- 10.30 a.m. . . . . 4954th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda
  2. The situation in Cyprus
- 11 a.m. . . . . 4955th meeting (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda
  2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B
- Morning<sup>1</sup> . . . . . 4956th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda
  2. Non-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

<sup>1</sup> To be held following the adjournment of the 4954th meeting.

### General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

The General Committee will hold the 8th 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. in Conference Room 2. 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.6<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> 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.



## General Assembly

### Committee on Information

Twenty-sixth session

3–6 p.m. . . . .	4th meeting . . . . .	Conference Room 2
	General debate and consideration of substantive questions . . . . .	[5]
	[There will be a closed meeting of the Bureau of the Committee on Information <i>today</i> , 28 April 2004, at 6 p.m. in the suite of offices of 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

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . .	5th meeting . . . . .	Conference Room 4
3–6 p.m. . . . .	6th meeting (closed) . . . . .	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

8.30–9.45 a.m. . . . .	Closed meeting . . . . .	Conference Room 6
	Informal ministerial meeting	
10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . .	18th meeting . . . . .	General Assembly Hall
	Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2004-2005 . . . . .	[3]
	(a) Water	
	(b) Sanitation	
	(c) Human settlements	
	High-level segment	
	Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations	
	Meeting targets, goals and timetables – Key elements for sustainable development	
	Statements	

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3–6 p.m. . . . .	19th meeting . . . . .	Conference Room 1
	Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2004-2005 . . . . .	[3]
	(a) Water	
	(b) Sanitation	
	(c) Human settlements	
	High-level segment	
	Creating an enabling environment at all levels – Policies, governance and finance	
	Statements	

### Partnerships Fair

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . .	Conference Room 6
3–6 p.m. . . . .	Conference Room 6
	Partnerships presentations

[Background information on the twelfth session of the Commission is available at [www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd12/csd12.htm](http://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](http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd12/side_event_schedule.pdf).]

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### United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

#### Twenty-second session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . .	13th meeting . . . . .	Conference Room 3
	Implementation of resolutions and the aims and functions of the Group of Experts	[20]
	Ninth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names	[21]
	Twenty-third session of the Group of Experts . . . . .	[22]
	Other matters . . . . .	[23]

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### 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

## Other meetings

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**Wednesday, 28 April 2004**

### **JUSCANZ** (*Economic and Social Council matters*)

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

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

9.15–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

### **Group of 77** (*at the ambassadorial level*)

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

### **Group of 77** (*Committee on Information matters*)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

### **Group of 77** (*matters before the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development*)

2–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

### **Arab Group** (*at the experts level*) (*revitalization of the General Assembly*)

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

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

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

### **OIC Group** (*at the ambassadorial level*)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

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

There will 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, *today*, 28 April 2004, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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**Press conferences**

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

**Wednesday, 28 April 2004***Room S-226*

- 11.30 a.m. . . . . Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- 1.15 p.m. . . . . Mayor Tadatashi Akiba of Hiroshima, President of Mayors for Peace; and Mayor Iccho Itoh of Nagasaki, Vice-President of Mayors for Peace (on the Mayors for Peace delegation to the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2005 Review Conference of States Parties to the Treaty for the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons)
- 2 p.m. . . . . Mr. Borge Brende, Chairman of the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (on the outcome of the session and the expectations for the high-level ministerial segment)

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**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 is contained in document [A/C.5/58/L.67](#).

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**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.

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**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](http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc)).

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**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](#)<sup>1</sup>. 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](http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo)).

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<sup>1</sup> To be issued.

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**Commission on Sustainable Development****Twelfth session**

The high-level segment of the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development will take place until 30 April 2004. Information on thematic topics of the high-level is available at [www.un.org.esa.sustdev/csd/csd12/csd12.htm](http://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](mailto:barrosa@un.org); copy to [bawar@un.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:barrosa@un.org); copy to [bawar@un.org](mailto:bawar@un.org)).

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**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 *today, 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 *today, 28 April 2004* a duly completed Registration Form, available on the Forum's Web site ([www.un.org/esa/forests/session-registration.html](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:gustafik@un.org)).

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**Other forthcoming meetings**

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**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.

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

There will be informal consultations of the Francophone countries (*at the level of heads of delegation participating to the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development*) organized by the Permanent Mission of France, on Thursday, 29 April 2004, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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**African Group (Fifth Committee matters)**

There will be a meeting of the African Group (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Thursday, 29 April 2004, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.



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**Group of 77 (*Fifth Committee matters*)**

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 (*Fifth Committee matters*) on Thursday, 29 April 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, and on Friday, 30 April 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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**United Nations Development Programme**

The last informal meeting on the process of consultations with Member States on the *Human Development Report 2004* will be held on Tuesday, 4 May 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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**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).

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**Announcements**

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**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.

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**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

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

*Interactive dialogue (Part I)**Review of progress in implementation from a regional perspective for the UN ECA Region*

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Bolus Paul Zom Lolo (Nigeria), made an introductory statement.

The Chairman of the African Regional Implementation Meeting, H.E. Francis Babu, Minister of Housing and Urban Development of Uganda, made a presentation.

The following experts made brief “lead-off remarks”: Mr. Shehu Yahaya, Principal Industrial Economist, African Development Bank; Dr. Thomas Fofung Tata, Chairman, Interim Executive Committee, Forum of African Civil Society for Sustainable Development (FACS-SD); and Mr. Ibrahim Gambari, Under-Secretary-General, Office of the Special Adviser on Africa.

*Review of progress in implementation from a regional perspective for the UN ECA region*

Statements were made by the delegations of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia), the United Republic of Tanzania, Nigeria, South Africa, Burkina Faso, Senegal, the United States, Kenya, Algeria, Sierra Leone, Sweden and Ghana.

The representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme and UN-Habitat also made statements.

*Overall review from their country's perspective of the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the further implementation for Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation*

Statements were made by the delegations of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and the Acceding Countries Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia), Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77

and China), Australia, Norway, Turkey, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, India, Egypt, South Africa, Indonesia, the United States, the United Kingdom, Venezuela, Ethiopia and Fiji.

The observers for scientific and technological community and youth (on behalf of the major groups) also made statements.

**Monday, 26 April 2004**

## Economic and Social Council

### Commission on Sustainable Development

Twelfth session

14th–15th meeting      The summary of the 14th and 15th meetings of the Commission will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2004/82).

**Tuesday, 27 April 2004**

## Security Council

4952nd meeting      *The situation between Iraq and Kuwait*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Brahimi.

4953rd meeting      *The situation between Iraq and Kuwait*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council ([S/PRST/2004/11](#)).

## General Assembly

### Committee on Information

Twenty-sixth session

2nd meeting      *General debate and consideration of substantive questions* . . . . . [5]

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil (on behalf of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries), Brazil (on behalf of the Rio Group), Japan, Romania, the Syrian Arab Republic and the United States.

3rd meeting      *General debate and consideration of substantive questions* . . . . . [5]

Statements were made by the representatives of Angola, Colombia, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Korea, Morocco, Nigeria, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Ukraine, Venezuela and Yemen.

## Economic and Social Council

### Commission on Sustainable Development

Twelfth session

16th–17th meetings      The summary of the 16th and 17th meetings of the Commission will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2004/82).

### United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

Twenty-second session

11th meeting      *Meeting of the working group on pronunciation* . . . . . [16]

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 of the Group of Experts and the representatives of the East Mediterranean (other than Arabic), East Central and South-East Europe, Norden and China Divisions participated.

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

*Toponymic guidelines for map editors and other editors* . . . . . [17]

The Group of Experts began its consideration of this item, heard presentations and held discussions, in which the Chairperson of the Group of Experts and the representatives of the Norden, United Kingdom, United States of America-Canada, Asia South-East and Pacific South-West, East Central and South-East Europe, Romano-Hellenic, Dutch and German-speaking, Africa South, Arabic and Baltic Divisions participated.

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.

*Standardization in multilingual areas* . . . . . [18]

The Group of Experts began its consideration of this item and heard an introductory statement by the Chairperson of the Group of Experts, followed by a presentation by the United States of America-Canada Division.

12th meeting      *Standardization in multilingual areas* . . . . . [18]

The Group of Experts resumed its consideration of this item, heard presentations and held discussions, in which the Chairperson of the Group of Experts and the representatives of the Dutch and German-speaking, East Central and South-East Europe, Norden, Africa South, the United Kingdom Divisions participated.

A representative from the East Central and South-East Central Europe Division made a statement.

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

*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]

The Group of Experts began its consideration of this item, heard presentations and held discussions, in which the Chairperson on the Group of Experts and the representatives

of the East Mediterranean (other than Arabic), Dutch and German-speaking, Arabic, Norden, United States of America-Canada, East Central and South-East Europe.

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.

*Implementation of resolutions and the aims and functions of the Group of Experts* [20]

The Group of Experts began its consideration of this item, heard presentations and held discussions, in which the Chairperson on the Group of Experts and the representatives of the Dutch and German-speaking, Asia South-East and Pacific South-West, United States of America-Canada, Africa South, Norden, East Central and South-East Europe and United Kingdom Divisions participated.

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

## Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Tuesday, 27 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

3rd–4th meetings	<i>Consideration of reports</i> . . . . . [6]
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The Committee began the consideration of the initial report of Lithuania (E/1990/5/Add.5). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

## Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

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

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

*Signature:* Kiribati (27 April 2004)

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

*Signature:* India (27 April 2004)

*Signature:* Russian Federation (27 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 *today*, 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](mailto:treaty@un.org)).

**OLA/UNITAR Seminar on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and 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)).

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## Other announcements

### 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).

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### 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.

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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)

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[www.un.org/spanish/aboutun/organs/ga/58/presidente/president.html](http://www.un.org/spanish/aboutun/organs/ga/58/presidente/president.html)

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*Department of General Assembly and Conference Management:*

[www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index\\_arabic.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_arabic.htm)  
[www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index\\_chinese.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_chinese.htm)  
[www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index\\_eng.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_eng.htm)  
[www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index\\_french.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_french.htm)  
[www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index\\_russian.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_russian.htm)  
[www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index\\_spanish.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_spanish.htm)

*Presidency of the Security Council:*

[www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency/](http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency/)  
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*Security Council:*

[www.un.org/arabic/sc/](http://www.un.org/arabic/sc/)  
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*Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:*

[www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373](http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373)  
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[www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html](http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html)

*Economic and Social Council:*

[www.un.org/arabic/ecosoc/](http://www.un.org/arabic/ecosoc/)  
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*Department of Economic and Social Affairs:*

[www.un.org/esa](http://www.un.org/esa)

*Irish presidency of the European Union:*

[www.eu2004.ie](http://www.eu2004.ie)  
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*Journal of the United Nations:*

[www.un.org/Docs/journal/En/lateste.pdf](http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/En/lateste.pdf)  
[www.un.org/Docs/journal/Fr/latestf.pdf](http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/Fr/latestf.pdf)



## 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 27 April 2004.*

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<a href="#">A/58/PV.66</a>	Meeting held on 2 December 2003, 10 a.m. [F]
	<b>Fifth Committee</b>
<a href="#">A/C.5/58/SR.1</a>	Meeting held on 30 September 2003, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]
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<a href="#">A/58/759/Add.1</a>	Items 134 and 142 — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia — 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 Observer Mission in Georgia — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
<a href="#">A/58/759/Add.3</a>	Items 134 and 146 — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone — 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 Mission in Sierra Leone — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
<a href="#">A/58/759/Add.6</a>	Items 134 and 145 (b) — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon — 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 Interim Force in Lebanon — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
<a href="#">A/58/759/Add.7</a>	Items 134 and 145 (a) — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force — 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 Disengagement Observer Force — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
<a href="#">A/58/776</a>	Item 60 — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — Letter dated 20 April 2004 from the Permanent Representatives of Ireland and Mozambique to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

**Special Committee on the Situation with regard  
to the Implementation of the Declaration on the  
Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries  
and Peoples**

- [A/AC.109/2004/11](#) New Caledonia — Working paper prepared by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]  
[A/AC.109/2004/13](#) Montserrat — Working paper prepared by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

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**Documents**

- [S/2004/214/Corr.1](#) Letter dated 10 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/2004/253](#) Letter dated 22 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/2004/315](#) Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia [A C E F R S]  
[S/2004/325](#) Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara [A C E F R S]

**Economic and Social Council**

**Documents**

**Committee for Programme and Coordination  
Forty-fourth session**

- [E/AC.51/2004/2](#) Item 3 (c) of the provisional agenda — Programme questions: evaluation — Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on further development of topics for a pilot thematic evaluation — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

**United Nations Children's Fund  
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- [E/ICEF/2004/P/L.9](#) Item 4 of the provisional agenda — Draft country programme document — Philippines [A C E F R S]

**Convention on the Elimination of All  
Forms of Discrimination against Women**

**Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination  
against Women**

- [CEDAW/C/GNQ/4-5](#) Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Combined fourth and fifth periodic reports of States parties — Equatorial Guinea [A C E F R S]

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Country programmes and related matters — Draft country programme document for Tajikistan (2005-2009) [E F S (only)]

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