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Official meetings

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Security Council

10 a.m. 4957th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara
([S/2004/325](#))

Morning¹. 4958th meeting Security Council Chamber

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

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia
([S/2004/315](#))

Morning². Consultations of the whole (closed). Consultations RoomGeorgia ([S/2004/315](#))

Cyprus

Other matters

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

Haiti

Other matters

¹ To be held following the adjournment of the 4957th meeting.

² To be held following the adjournment of the 4958th meeting.

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

3.30 p.m.. 99th meeting (closed) Conference Room 7



General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

3 p.m. 86th plenary meeting Conference Room 2

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields; follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution ([A/58/L.8/Rev.1](#)) [50 and 60]

General Committee

Afternoon¹ Informal consultations² Conference Room 2

8th open-ended informal consultations on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, 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

¹ Immediately following the adjournment of the 86th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

² Open to all delegations.

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

3–5 p.m. 220th meeting Conference Room 5

1. Transportation: use of motor vehicles, parking and related matters
2. Other matters

Committee on Information

Twenty-sixth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

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

Open-ended working group of the Committee on Information [6]

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. 7th meeting (closed) Conference Room 4

3–6 p.m. 8th meeting (closed) Conference Room 4

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Thirteenth session

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| 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

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| 8.30–9.45 a.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |
| | Informal ministerial meeting | |
| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | 20th meeting | Conference Room 1 |
| | Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2004-2005 | [3] |
| | (a) Water | |
| | (b) Sanitation | |
| | (c) Human settlements | |
| | High-level segment | |
| | Responding to the challenges | |
| | Releasing the energy of local entrepreneurs and partnerships | |
| | Statements | |
| 3–6 p.m. | 21st meeting | Conference Room 1 |
| | Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2004-2005 | [3] |
| | (a) Water | |
| | (b) Sanitation | |
| | (c) Human settlements | |
| | High-level segment | |
| | The role and contribution of major groups | |
| | Meeting basic needs in water, sanitation and human Settlements, with a particular focus on water | |
| | Statements | |

Partnerships Fair

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| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Conference Room 6 |
| 3–5.10 p.m. | Conference Room 6 |
| | Partnerships presentations |

5.15–6 p.m. Conference Room 6
 Closing session: Feedback from participants

[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. 14th meeting Conference Room 3
 3–6 p.m. 15th meeting Conference Room 3
 Adoption of the report [24]

Economic and Social Council

Informal “informals”

Informal “informals”, convened by the facilitator, Mr. Henri Stephan Raubenheimer (South Africa), on the draft resolutions on the Ad Hoc Advisory Groups on African Countries Emerging from Conflicts on Burundi and Guinea Bissau will be held *today*, 29 April 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Other meetings

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Thursday, 29 April 2004

Group of 77 (Fifth Committee matters)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

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

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

African Group (Fifth Committee matters)

1–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (ministerial meeting)

3.30–5 p.m. Closed meeting 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, *today*, 29 April 2004, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of exchange of views and information of the Francophone countries (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)

There will be a meeting of exchange of views and information of the Francophone countries (*at the level of ministers and heads of delegation participating to the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development*) organized by the Permanent Mission of France, *today*, 29 April 2004, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Press conferences

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

Thursday, 29 April 2004*Room S-226*

11.15 a.m. H.E. Mr. Julian Hunte, President of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly; H.E. Mr. Nandcoomar Bodha, Minister of Agriculture of Mauritius; H.E. Mr. Mabuti Mwemwenikarawa, Minister of Finance and Economic Development of Kiribati; and H.E. Mr. John Briceño, Vice-Prime Minister of Belize (on the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States)

Guest at 12 noon Mr. Miloon Kothari, Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on Adequate Housing (on his missions to Afghanistan, Kenya, the Occupied Palestinian Territory and Peru)

3.30 p.m.. Mr. Leonard Good, CEO and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (on the protection of global water resources) (sponsored by UNDP)

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](#).

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 President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), will convene the next plenary meeting of the Council on Monday, 3 May 2004, from 10 to 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, on issues before the organizational session for 2004 (Action on draft resolutions on the Ad Hoc Advisory Groups on African Countries Emerging from Conflicts on Burundi and Guinea-Bissau; and other issues before the Council).

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).

Informal meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold informal meetings to assess the Ad Hoc Advisory Groups on African Countries Emerging from Conflicts on Burundi and Guinea Bissau on Monday, 3 May 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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 until 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 the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Forum, Mr. Moncef Khane (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 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 (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.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Third session

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold its third session from 10 to 21 May 2004 at United Nations Headquarters. The session will be opened by the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council, together with an indigenous elder and an indigenous woman, on Monday, 10 May 2004, at 12 noon in Conference Room 2.

A high-level panel and dialogue on "Indigenous women", to be held on Monday, 10 May 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2, will be addressed by Mrs. Njuma Ekundanayo, Vice-Chairperson of the Permanent Forum; Mrs. Kyung-wha Kang, Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women; Mrs. Noeli Pocaterra, the Second Vice-President of the National Assembly of Venezuela; Mrs. Mary Robinson, Chairperson of the Council of Women World Leaders, Executive Director of the Ethical Globalization Initiative, former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and former President of Ireland; and Ms. Stella Tamang, Chairperson of the International Indigenous Women's Caucus. The Panel will be chaired by Mr. Ole Henrik Magga.

The provisional agenda is contained in document [E/C.19/2004/1](#) and the proposed organization of work is contained in document [E/C.19/2004/L.1](#). Delegations wishing to send observers to the session are requested to inform the secretariat (fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for a particular item are requested to inform the secretariat (fax 1 (212) 963-5305; or e-mail leong@un.org).

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).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 (Fifth Committee matters)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*Fifth Committee matters*) on Friday, 30 April 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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.

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

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

Monday, 26 April 2004

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Sustainable Development

Twelfth session

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| 14th meeting | <i>Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2004-2005.</i> [3] |
| | <i>Interactive dialogue</i> |
| | <i>Review of progress in implementation from a regional perspective for the ECLAC region</i> |
| | The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Bruno Stagno Ugarte (Costa Rica), made an introductory statement. |
| | The Chief of the Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, ECLAC, Mr. José Luis Samaniego, made a presentation. |
| | The following experts made brief "lead-off remarks": Ms. Erminia Maricato, Executive Secretary of the Ministry of Cities, Brazil; Mr. Humberto Peña, General Director of Water, Ministry of Public Works, Chile; Mr. Miguel Solanes, member of the Technical Committee of the Global Water Partnership; and Ms. Mirta Roses, Pan American Health Organization. |

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, the United States and Argentina.

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

Statements were also made by representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

The representative of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) summarized the discussion.

Review of progress in implementation from a regional perspective for the ESCWA region

The Chairman, Mr. Toru Shimizu (Japan), made an introductory statement.

The Minister of Water and Environment of Yemen, Dr. Mohammad El-Eryani, made a presentation on the outcome from the West Asia Regional Meeting.

The following experts made brief “lead-off remarks”: Mr. Adly Hussein, Governor of Kalyoubiah, Egypt; Mr. Khaled Fakhro, Advisor to the Prime Minister of Bahrain; and Ms. Fatma El-Mallah, Head of Environment and Sustainable Development Division, League of Arab States.

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

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following major group: trade unions.

15th meeting

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

(a) *Water*

(b) *Sanitation*

(c) *Human settlements*

Relationship among the three themes: water, sanitation and human settlements

The Commission continued its consideration of the item.

Interactive dialogue (Part I)

Role of local authorities

The following experts made brief “lead-off” remarks: Mark Hildebrand, Executive Director, Cities Alliance; and Kaarin Taipale, former Chair, ICLEI, Finland.

Statements were made by the delegations of Qatar, 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 candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey; 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; and the EFTA countries and members of the EEA Iceland and Liechtenstein), Burkina Faso, Japan, Senegal, France, South Africa, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Finland, Sweden, Australia, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America, Mexico and Jordan.

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

The experts made concluding remarks.

Interactive dialogue (Part II)

How to provide the poor with entitlements and assets

The following experts made brief “lead-off” remarks: Miloon Kothary (India), United Nations Commission on Human Rights Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing; and Jamie Bartram, Coordinator, Water, Sanitation and Health Programme, WHO.

Statements were made by delegations of Norway, Pakistan, the United States, Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77), Finland, Colombia and Switzerland.

Statements were made by representatives of the following major groups: youth and children; trade unions; indigenous people; and farmers.

The experts made concluding remarks.

The Chairman summarized the discussion.

Tuesday, 27 April 2004

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Sustainable Development

Twelfth session

16th meeting *Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2004-2005.* [3]

(a) *Water*

(b) *Sanitation*

(c) *Human settlements*

Relationship among the three themes: water, sanitation and human settlements

The Commission continued its consideration of the item.

Interactive dialogue (Part I)

Poverty eradication

The following experts made brief “lead-off” remarks: Margaret Catley-Carlson, Chair, Global Water Partnership, Canada; Sir Richard Jolly, Professor, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, United Kingdom; and Pietro Garau, Professor, Co-chairman, MDG Task Force on Slum Dwellers.

Statements were made by the delegations of Switzerland, Kenya, Uganda, Kazakhstan, Australia, Norway, 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 candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey; 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; and the EFTA countries and members of the EEA Iceland and Liechtenstein), Canada, Fiji, Senegal, South Africa, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States.

The representative of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, an intergovernmental organization, made a statement.

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

The representative of the Economic Commission for Europe made a statement.

The experts made concluding remarks.

Interactive dialogue (Part II)

Other cross-cutting issues

Statements were made by 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 candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey; 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; and the EFTA countries and members of the EEA Iceland and Liechtenstein), France, South Africa, the Niger and Tunisia.

Statements were made by representatives of the following major groups: scientific and technological community; youth and children; and farmers.

17th meeting

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

Interactive dialogue

Chairman's Summary – Part I

The Chairman opened the floor to discussion of the Chairman's Summary (Part I).

Statements were made by representatives of India, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries), Qatar, the United States, Mexico, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Switzerland, the Russian Federation, Australia, Japan and Argentina.

Wednesday, 28 April 2004

Security Council

4954th meeting

The situation in Cyprus

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. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Prendergast.

4955th meeting (closed)

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

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

“On 28 April 2004, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 4955th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO).

“The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Peace-keeping Operations.”

4956th meeting

Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document [S/2004/326](#), submitted by France, the Philippines, Romania, the Russian Federation, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution ([S/2004/326](#)) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution ([S/2004/326](#)) received 15 votes in favour, none against, and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1540 (2004).

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

General Assembly

Committee on Information

Twenty-sixth session

4th meeting

General debate and consideration of substantive questions [5]

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Monaco, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Switzerland, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement on a point of order.

The representatives of Cuba and the United States made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Sustainable Development

Twelfth session

18th–19th meeting

The summary of the 18th and 19th meetings of the Commission will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2004/83).

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

Twenty-second session

13th meeting *Implementation of resolutions and the aims and functions of the Group of Experts* [20]

The Group of Experts resumed its consideration of this item, heard presentations and held discussions, in which the Chairperson on the Group of Experts and the representatives of the United States of America-Canada, East Mediterranean (other than Arabic), Baltic, Dutch and German-speaking, Norden, Arabic, China, Latin America and Africa West Divisions participated.

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

Ninth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names [21]

The Chairperson of the Group of Experts made a statement.

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

Twenty-third session of the Group of Experts [22]

The Group of Experts began consideration of this item and heard an introductory statement by the Chairperson of the group of Experts, followed by a discussion, in which the representatives of the United States of America-Canada, United Kingdom, Norden, East Central and South East Europe, Arabic, Asia South-East and Pacific South-West, Dutch and German-speaking, East Mediterranean (other than Arabic), Baltic and Africa South Divisions participated.

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

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

Other matters [23]

The Group of Experts heard a presentation by the representative of the Latin America Division and heard statements by the Chairperson of the Group of Experts and Mr. Peter Roper, former Chairman of the Group of Experts, in his capacity as observer.

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

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters**Wednesday, 28 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

5th meeting *Consideration of reports* [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of Lithuania (E/1990/5/Add.55).

6th meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Greece (E/1990/5/Add.56). 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]

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

*Notification under article 87: Italy (28 April 2004)*¹

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

Signature: Turkey (28 April 2004)

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Signature: Belarus (28 April 2004)

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

Signature: Azerbaijan (28 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 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.

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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**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 *today*, 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 *today*, 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.

World Press Freedom Day (3 May)

There will be an observance of World Press Freedom Day, organized by the Department of Public Information, on Monday, 3 May 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2, as part of the twenty-sixth session of the Committee on Information. The opening segment will include remarks by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Chairman of the Committee on Information, the Director of the UNESCO Office in New York and the President of the United Nations Correspondents Association. This segment will be followed at 10.50 a.m. by a panel discussion on “Reporting and Under-reporting: Who Decides?”. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Event on the theme “New Approaches to the Challenges of HIV/AIDS and Development”

An event on the theme “New Approaches to the Challenges of HIV/AIDS and Development”, organized by the HIV/AIDS Group, UNDP, and the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development, will take place on Tuesday, 4 May 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Roma Stibravy, Co-Chair (tel. 1 (212) 703-5069); or Mr. Joe Annan (tel. 1 (212) 906-5074).

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