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Official meetings

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Security Council

10 a.m.	4964th meeting	Security Council Chamber
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. Briefing by Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe	
Morning ¹	Consultations of the whole (closed).	Consultations Room
	Review of the programme of work	
	Other matters	

¹ To be held following the adjournment of the 4964th meeting.

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	1534th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9
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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda items 142 (Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (A/58/639 , A/58/640 and A/58/759/Add.1)); and 144 (Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration in Kosovo (A/58/634 , A/58/638 , A/58/638/Corr.1 , A/58/592 and A/58/759/Add.5))	

(continued overleaf)



3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda items 147 (Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (A/58/642 , A/58/642/Corr.1 , A/58/657 and A/58/759/Add.2)); and 137 (Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (A/58/631 , A/58/644 , A/58/644/Corr.1 and A/58/759/Add.4))	

General Assembly

Committee on Information

Twenty-sixth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2
	Open-ended working group of the Committee on Information	[6]
3–6 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 2
	Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session	[8]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

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

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.	18th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4
3–6 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 4

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group on Transport Law

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Open meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3–6 p.m.	Open meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Economic and Social Council

Informal panel discussion on the reform of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council will hold an informal panel discussion on the reform of the Council, organized by the Department for Economic and Social Affairs, *today*, 7 May 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The panel will be chaired by H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), President of the Council, and moderated by Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and

Social Affairs. The panellists will include H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal, Permanent Representative of Guatemala; Professor Ivan Šimonović, University of Zagreb School of Law; Mr. Jonathan Moore, Associate at the Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy, Kennedy School, Harvard University; Professor Edward Luck, Director of the Center on International Organization of the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University; Ms. Nafis Sadik, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for HIV/AIDS in the Asia and the Pacific; and Mr. James O.C. Jonah, Senior Fellow of the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies.

Members of Permanent Missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org).

Other meetings

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Friday, 7 May 2004

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

9.15–10 a.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room D
2–3 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room C

Panel discussion on the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, DESA)

There will be a panel discussion on “Regional Perspectives in the Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Outcome of the Twenty-third Special Session of the General Assembly entitled ‘Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-First Century’”, organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *today*, 7 May 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations, academia and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Division for the Advancement of Women, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3137 or 1 (917) 367-2131); or visit the following Web site www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/panel/perspectives04.

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 *today*, 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).

Press conferences

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

Friday, 7 May 2004

Room S-226

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings**Monday, 10 May 2004****General Assembly**

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

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

General Assembly

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

Briefing on the operational activities segment

There will be a briefing on the operational activities segment (Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review (TCPR)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Jamaica, on Wednesday, 12 May 2004, at 10 a.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.

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 Pocater, 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. Further information on the work of the Commission and the upcoming session can be found at the following Web site addresses: <http://stdev.unctad.org/> and http://stdev.unctad.org/un/ecn16_2004_1.doc.

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 on proposals for joint programming on Monday, 10 May 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Pre-session informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the annual session 2004, on Wednesday, 26 May 2004, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6.

Annual session 2004

The annual session 2004 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 14 to 23 June 2004 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document [DP/2004/L.2](#). Delegates, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (1 (212) 906-5634) as early as possible, but no later than Tuesday, 2 June 2004.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Briefing by the Financing for Development Office and the World Economic Forum

There will be a joint briefing by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the World Economic Forum on Monday, 10 May 2004, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7, on the start-up of a first set of “multi-stakeholder consultations” being organized as part of the Financing for Development follow-up process. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Financing for Development Office (Mr. Krishnan Sharma (room DC2-2108; tel. 1 (212) 963-4451)).

Group of 77 (*Fifth Committee matters*)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*Fifth Committee matters*) on Monday, 10 May 2004, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Group of 77 (*core group on Small Island Developing States*)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*core group on Small Island Developing States*) on Tuesday, 11 May 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Briefing on the high-level segment of the 2004 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

There will be a joint briefing by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, and the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS) on the report of the Secretary-General to the high-level segment of the 2004 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, item 2 of the provisional agenda (Resources mobilization and enabling environment for poverty eradication in the context of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010). The briefing will be held on Tuesday, 11 May 2004, from 11.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Background information is available at the following address:

www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/hl2004/esc04hilevreportapr22ap.pdf.

Group of the Least Developed Countries (*at the ambassadors and experts level*)

There will be a meeting of the Group of the Least Developed Countries (*at the ambassadors and experts level*) on Tuesday, 11 May 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8, to hear an address by the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States on issues concerning the Group.

Briefing on “High Seas Bottom Trawling and its Impact on Biological Diversity” (co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Namibia and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs)

In preparation for the forthcoming fifth meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, a briefing on “High Seas Bottom Trawling and its Impact on Biological Diversity”, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Namibia to the United Nations and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, will be held on Wednesday, 12 May 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The briefing, to be conducted in English, will be given by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), Greenpeace International and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Briefing on the Science and Technology Programme of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), UNCTAD and WIPO)

There will be a briefing on the Science and Technology Programme of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD), organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), UNCTAD and WIPO, on Thursday, 13 May 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Ejeviome E. Otobo, Chief of Policy Analysis and Monitoring Unit, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-5006); Ms. Susan Brandwayn, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD (tel. 1 (212) 963-4319); or Mr. Orobola Fasehun, Director, WIPO Office, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-4109).

UNITAR briefing on the Economic and Social Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Economic and Social Council for members of the Council. The briefing will be held on Thursday, 20 May 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

The briefing is intended primarily for representatives of those States that are members of the Council. Depending on the availability of space, delegates from other States may be able to attend as observers.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all States that are members of the Economic and Social Council in 2004. The registration deadline is Friday, 14 May 2004. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Background information on the coordination segment of the 2004 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

Background information on the coordination segment of the 2004 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council (item 4 (b) of the provisional agenda: Coordinated and integrated United Nations system approach to promote rural development in developing countries, with due consideration to least developed countries, for poverty eradication and sustainable development), is available at the following address:

www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/esc04ruraldevreportug.03v.pdf.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 5 May 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

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

Summary of meetings

Thursday, 6 May 2004

Security Council

4962nd meeting

Letter dated 31 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/287)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Fiji, Japan, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

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. Danilo Türk, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council began its consideration of the item hearing a briefing by Mr. Danilo Türk.

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

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Papua New Guinea, New Zealand (speaking on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum members represented at the United Nations, namely, Australia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Fiji, the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and New Zealand), Japan and Fiji.

Mr. Türk responded to comments and questions raised.

4963rd (closed) meeting *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor 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 6 May 2004, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 4963rd meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (UNMISET).

“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.

“Representatives of the participating troop-contributing countries, Mr. Annabi, and members of the Council had a constructive exchange of views.”

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

86th plenary meeting *Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/58/688/Add.6 and A/58/688/Add.7) [124]*

The General Assembly took note that Solomon Islands, Uganda and Vanuatu had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter (A/58/688/Add.6 and A/58/688/Add.7)

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]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda items 50 and 60.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of New Zealand (also on behalf of Australia and Canada), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey, which aligned themselves with this statement), Switzerland, Norway, Japan, Croatia and Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/58/L.8/Rev.1 (resolution 58/291).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 50 and 60.

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item: note by the Secretary-General (A/58/236) [8]

The Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, decided to include in the agenda of the fifty-eighth session an additional item entitled “Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti” and to allocate this item to the Fifth Committee.

Question of Palestine: draft resolution (A/58/L.61) [38]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 38.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The representative of Malaysia made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution [A/58/L.61](#).

Statements were made by the representatives of Yemen (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Israel, Senegal (in his capacity as Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People), Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba and the United States.

87th plenary meeting *Question of Palestine: draft resolution (A/58/L.61/Rev.1)* [38]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 38.

The representative of Malaysia made a statement, in the course of which he presented the changes incorporated in draft resolution [A/58/L.61/Rev.1](#).

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Turkey, the Russian Federation, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Iceland, Norway, Romania, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey, which aligned themselves with this statement) and Peru.

By 140 votes to 6, with 11 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution [A/58/L.61/Rev.1](#) (resolution [A/58/292](#)).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote, were made by the representatives of Ecuador, Canada, Japan, Israel, Uruguay and Guatemala.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 38.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Population and Development

Thirty-seventh session

9th meeting

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

The Commission resumed consideration of the item and had before it a draft resolution contained in [E/CN.9/2004/L.6](#), submitted by the Chairman, Mr. Alfredo Chuquihuara (Peru), on the basis of informal consultations.

The Chairperson of the Working Group, Mrs. Kitty van der Jeijden (Netherlands), reported on the outcome of the working group.

The Secretary of the Commission read out an amendment to the draft resolution.

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of European Union, 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; the EFTA countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with this statement; Canada, New Zealand and Switzerland also requested to be associated with this statement), Brazil, Nicaragua, Chile and Egypt.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

The Commission thus concluded consideration of the item.

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-seventh session. [7]

The Commission had before it a draft report contained in document [E/CN.9/2004/L.3](#).

The Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur introduced the document.

The Commission adopted the draft report and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize the report.

The Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) made a statement.

The Director of the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made a statement.

The Chairman of the Commission made a statement.

The Commission thus concluded its session.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Thursday, 6 May 2004

General Assembly

International Law Commission

Fifty-sixth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

2794th meeting *Diplomatic protection [3]*

The Commission continued its consideration of the Special Rapporteur's fifth report on the topic ([A/CN.4/538](#)) and referred draft article 26, together with the alternative formulation for article 21, to the Drafting Committee.

Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Committee against Torture

Thirty-second session

United Nations Office at Geneva

598th meeting	<i>Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention</i> [7] The Committee examined the third periodic report of Croatia (CAT/C/54/Add.3). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.
599th meeting	<i>Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention</i> [7] The Committee listened to the responses of the delegation of Monaco to the questions posed the previous day in connection with their report (CAT/C/38/Add.2). <i>Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention</i> [9] The Committee considered the item.

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

17th meeting	<i>Consideration of reports</i> [6] The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Ecuador (E/1990/6/Add.36).
18th meeting	<i>Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</i> [3] The Committee held a meeting with the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the open-ended working group to consider options regarding the elaboration of an optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. <i>Consideration of reports</i> [6] The Committee began to adopt the concluding observations on the initial report of Lithuania (E/1990/5/Add.55).

United Nations Forum on Forests

Fourth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

8th meeting	<i>Common items for each session: Multi-stakeholder dialogue</i> [5 (a)] The Chairman opened the multi-stakeholder dialogue and made a statement. Mr. Christian Mersmann served as moderator and made introductory remarks.
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Presentations were made by the representatives of the following major groups: indigenous people; women; children and youth; workers and trade unions; farmers and small forest landowners; non-governmental community; scientific and technological communities; and business and industry.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guatemala, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), the Gambia, Algeria, Brazil, Finland, Russian Federation, Nigeria, Germany, Indonesia, Sweden, Pakistan, Kenya, Canada and Ecuador.

The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization made a statement.

The representative of the International Union for the conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) and the representative of the International Centre for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF), two intergovernmental organizations, also made statements.

The representatives of the major groups responded to questions raised.

The Chairman made some concluding remarks.

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 (1) and (2): Sierra Leone (30 April 2004)*¹

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, until 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.

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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 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

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www.un.org/arabic/ga/58/president/bio.htm
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Department of General Assembly and Conference Management:

www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_arabic.htm
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Presidency of the Security Council:

www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency/
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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm
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www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html

Economic and Social Council:

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www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/
www.un.org/french/ecosoc/2004/
www.un.org/russian/ecosoc
www.un.org/spanish/documents/esc/index.htm
www.un.org/chinese/ecosoc/2004/index.html

Department of Economic and Social Affairs:

www.un.org/esa

Irish presidency of the European Union:

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

Journal of the United Nations:
www.un.org/Docs/journal/En/lateste.pdf
www.un.org/Docs/journal/Fr/latestf.pdf

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 6 May 2004.

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Letter dated 21 April 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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[S/AC.37/2004/\(1455\)/17](#) Note verbale dated 23 March 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

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Item 3 — Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Commission, on the basis of informal consultations — Follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development [A C E F R S]

**United Nations Children's Fund
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[E/ICEF/2004/P/L.3](#)

Item 4 of the provisional agenda — Draft country programme document — Madagascar [E F S (only)]

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Item 15 of the provisional agenda — United Nations Population Fund — Draft country programme document for the Islamic Republic of Iran [E F S (only)]

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