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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

- 10 a.m. 42nd meeting Conference Room 3
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 2. Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 ([A/58/756](#) and [A/58/758](#)) [121]
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General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

- 3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10
United Nations Operations in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI)

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Monday, 17 May 2004, in the Security Council Chamber, on the “United Nations peacekeeping operations”. Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the secretariat (room S-3520; or tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from *today*, 12 May 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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**Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**

2004 regular session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 1
3–6 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 1
New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2004/R.2 and Add.1-3, 5-10)		[3 (b)]

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Third session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 2
3–6 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 2
Mandated areas		[4]
(f) Education (<i>continued</i>)		
(e) Culture		

[*Note:* Member States are reminded to inform the secretariat (fax 1 (212) 963-5305; room S-2977) formally of their participation in the third session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, in order to be correctly reflected in the final report for the session.]

Economic and Social Council*Briefing*

There will be a briefing on the operational activities segment (Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review (TCPR)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Jamaica, *today*, 12 May 2004, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal briefing

The President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), will hold an informal briefing *today*, 12 May 2004, at 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to assess the work of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and to brief on the various segments of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council 2004.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 12 May 2004

JUSCANZ Group

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

Group of 77 (*Fifth Committee matters*)

1.15–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

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

Group of 77 (*briefing on the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council*)

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

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 *today*, 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.

Press conferences

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

Wednesday, 12 May 2004

Room S-226

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 13 May 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

10 a.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning ¹	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

¹ Following the adjournment of the 43rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

General Assembly

Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council

Informal consultations

The Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council will hold informal consultations with H.E. Mr. Munir Akram (Pakistan), President of the Security Council, and other Council members, on Friday, 14 May 2004, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Panel of Governmental Experts on the Issue of Missiles in All its Aspects

Second session

The second session of the Panel of Governmental Experts on the Issue of Missiles in All its Aspects will be held from 17 to 21 May 2004. The first meeting will be held on Monday, 17 May 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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

Informal consultations

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Yashar Aliyev (Azerbaijan), will hold informal consultations on Thursday, 13 May 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9, on the multi-year work programme for the coordination segment of the Council.

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).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its annual session will take place on Wednesday, 26 May 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document [E/ICEF/2004/8](#). All delegations are invited to attend.

Annual session for 2004

The annual session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 7 to 11 June 2004 in Conference Room 2.

The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document [E/ICEF/2004/8](#). Documentation for the session is available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_20479.html).

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 4 June 2004.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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

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 4 to 5 p.m. 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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Group of 77 *(multi-year work programme for the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(multi-year work programme for the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council)* on Thursday, 13 May 2004, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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. Obo, 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).

Panel discussion on “Highlights from the Sixtieth Session of the Commission on Human Rights” (organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

There will be a panel discussion on “Highlights from the Sixtieth Session of the Commission on Human Rights”, organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, on Thursday, 13 May 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Workshop on “NGOs in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council – Rights and Responsibilities” (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

A workshop on “NGOs in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council – Rights and Responsibilities”, organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held as follows: Friday, 14 May 2004, from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; Wednesday, 19 May, and Wednesday, 26 May, from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on the Mauritius International Meeting (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

There will be informal consultations, organized by H.E. Mr. Don MacKay, Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations, from 17 to 19 May 2004, on remaining pending issues in relation to the outcome document of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. The informal consultations will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3. Members of Permanent Missions are invited to attend.

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

Monday, 10 May 2004

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2004 regular session

1st meeting

Opening of the session

The Chairperson of the 2002 and 2003 sessions opened the 2004 session and made a statement.

The President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), addressed the Committee.

Statements were made by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, the Director for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Chief, Non-Governmental Organizations Unit, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Election of officers [1]

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Ms. Paimaneh Hastaie (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Chairperson.

The Committee elected Ms. Beatriz Londoño (Colombia), on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, Mr. Octavian Stamate (Romania), on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States, and Mr. Hakan Tekin (Turkey), on behalf of the Group of Western European and Other States, by acclamation, as Vice-Chairmen.

Mr. Hakan Tekin (Turkey) also accepted to serve as Rapporteur.

A statement was made by the representative of Zimbabwe.

The election of a Vice-Chairman from the Group of African States was postponed to a subsequent meeting.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [2]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and had before the provisional agenda, as contained in document [E/C.2/2004/1](#).

Following statements by the representatives of Cuba and Germany, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda ([E/C.2/2004/1](#)).

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Germany.

2nd meeting

Election of officers [1]

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Hassan Hamid Hassan (Sudan), on behalf of the Group of African States, as Vice-Chairman.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [2]

Organization of work

The Committee approved its organization of work, as contained in Working Paper 1.

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Provisional schedule of work

The Committee approved the schedule of work.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and the United States.

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification . [3 (b)]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, Turkey, Senegal, Zimbabwe, Cameroon, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Chile, Germany, France, Romania, Colombia, India and the Sudan.

Tuesday, 11 May 2004

Security Council

4967th meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (S/2004/348)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Albania, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Serbia and Montenegro and Ukraine, 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. Harri Holkeri, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of Mission of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Holkeri.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Mr. Vuk Draskovic, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Serbia and Montenegro, under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

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

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (speaking on behalf of the European Union; and the candidate countries Bulgaria and Romania; and the EFTA countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with this statement), Japan, Iceland, Ukraine and Albania.

Mr. Holkeri responded to comments and questions raised.

His Excellency Mr. Draskovic made a further statement.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2004 regular session

- 3rd meeting *New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification* [3 (b)]
- The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Germany, Chile, France, the Sudan, Romania, Cuba, Turkey, the United States, India and the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- 4th meeting The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 3 (b) and heard statements by the representatives of Germany, the Russian Federation, India, Pakistan, Cuba, Turkey, Senegal, the Sudan, Chile, France, Romania, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States, Cameroon and Colombia.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Third session

- 3rd meeting *Special theme: "Indigenous women"* [3]
- The following members of the Forum made statements: Ms. Otila Lux de Coti, Ms. Njuma Ekundanayo, Mr. Marcos Matias Alonso, Mr. Antonio Jacanamijoy, Mr. Parshuram Tamang and Ms. Ida Nicolaisen.
- Statements were made by the observers of the Pacific Caucus; the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); Chile; Mexico; the Native Women's Association of Canada/Assembly of First Nations; Denmark; and the Enlace Continental de Mujeres Indígenas.
- Mandated areas* [4]
- (f) *Education*
- The Chairperson made a statement.
- Presentations were made by the following panellists: Ms. Qin Xiaomei, member of the Forum; Ms. Tove Skutnabb-Kangas, Department of Languages and Culture, University of Roskilde, Denmark; Mr. Abo Akademi, University, Department of Education, Vasa, Finland; and Ms. Linda King, Section for Education for Peace and Human Rights, UNESCO.
- A statement was made by Mr. Willie Littlechild, member of the Permanent Forum.
- Statements were made by the observers of UNICEF, the First Nations North and South, and Ms. Erica-Irene Daes.
- 4th meeting *Special theme: "Indigenous women"* [3]
- The Forum concluded its discussion of the item and heard statements by the observers of the following countries and organizations: Indonesia; Bangladesh Indigenous People's Forum; Asian Indigenous Women Network; International Indigenous Women's Caucus; Tetuwan Oyate; Maasai Women for Education and Economic Development; Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee; Confederación de Comunidades Campesinas y Nativas de Perú; Association of Indigenous Village Leaders in Suriname; Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation; Comunidad de Estudiantes de las Primeras Naciones de América; Asian Indigenous and Tribal People Network; Zeliangrong Women's Union; Mejlis of Crimean Tatar People; IPPAC/Tamaynut; Anywaa Survival Organization; International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs; Defensoría de la Mujer

Indígena de Guatemala; Sherpa Association of Nepal; Defensoria de los Pueblos Indígenas del Ecuador en América; Peace Campaign Group; Clan Star Inc.; and the Institute for Indigenous People.

The representatives of the Inter-Agency Support Group and the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations made statements.

Mandated areas [4]

(f) Education

Statements were made by the observers of the Indigenous Women's Caucus; Ecuador; and the Pacific Caucus.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Tuesday, 11 May 2004

General Assembly

International Law Commission

Fifty-sixth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

2796th meeting *Diplomatic protection* [3]

The Commission continued its consideration of the Special Rapporteur's fifth report on the topic ([A/CN.4/538](#)) and recommended that the Drafting Committee consider elaborating a provision on the connection between the protection of ships crews and diplomatic protection.

Fragmentation of international law: difficulties arising from the diversification and expansion of international law [8]

The Chairman of the Study Group on Fragmentation of International Law made a statement.

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

Committee against Torture

Thirty-second session

United Nations Office at Geneva

604th meeting *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [7]

The Committee examined the third periodic report of New Zealand (CAT/C/49/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.

- 605th meeting *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention*
[7]
The Committee listened to the responses of the representatives of the delegation of Chile to the questions posed the previous day in connection with their report (CAT/C/39/Add.5).

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

- 23rd meeting *Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights* [3]
The Committee continued its discussions on a general comment on article 6 of the Covenant (The right to work).
- 24th meeting *Consideration of reports* [6]
The Committee continued to adopt the concluding observations on the initial report of Lithuania ([E/1990/5/Add.55](#)).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. New York, 9 September 2002

Ratification: Serbia and Montenegro (7 May 2004)¹

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

Signature: United States of America (10 May 2004)

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Portugal (10 May 2004)¹

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Portugal (10 May 2004)¹

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Portugal (10 May 2004)¹

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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

Opening for signature

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

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 “The Family Today: Emerging Issues on the International Agenda” (in observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family). The briefing will be held on Thursday, 13 May 2004, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media representatives are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatsahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

High-level seminar on “The Family at the Root of Social Development in All Societies” (organized by the IYF+10 Committee and sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the United States)

On the occasion of the International Day of Families 2004, there will be a high-level seminar on “The Family at the Root of Social Development in All Societies”, organized by the IYF+10 Committee, as part of the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (1994). The seminar, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the United States, will take place on Thursday, 13 May 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organization and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Hugh Dugan, Permanent Mission of the United States (tel. 1 (212) 415-4462).

Web sites

Presidency of the General Assembly:

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

www.un.org/chinese/ga/58/presskit/bio.htm

www.un.org/ga/president

www.un.org/french/ga/president/58/office/president.html

www.un.org/russian/ga/58/presskit/bio.htm

www.un.org/spanish/aboutun/organs/ga/58/presidente/president.html

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Department of General Assembly and Conference Management:

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www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_chinese.htm
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_eng.htm
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_french.htm
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_russian.htm
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_spanish.htm

Presidency of the Security Council:

www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency/
www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/
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