

Friday, 14 May 2004



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## Programme of meetings and agenda

### Official meetings

Friday, 14 May 2004

### Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed). . . . . Consultations Room  
 Côte d'Ivoire  
 Democratic Republic of Congo<sup>1</sup>  
 Other matters

Morning<sup>2</sup>. . . . . 4968th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Timor Leste

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor ([S/2004/333](#))

<sup>1</sup> With a view to a formal meeting.

<sup>2</sup> To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

### 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 Wednesday, 12 May 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *five minutes*.



**General Assembly**

Fifty-eighth session

On Thursday, 20 May 2004, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, the General Committee will hold the 9th open-ended informal consultations on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, *open to all delegations*, to discuss the reform of the General Committee to increase its efficiency and effectiveness, in accordance with paragraph 1, Annex B of resolution [A/RES/58/126](#).

**General Assembly**

Fifty-eighth session

*Meeting to elect the President of the fifty-ninth session, Vice-Presidents, Chairs and Bureaux of the Main Committees*

Delegations are hereby requested to take note that on Thursday, 10 June 2004, at 10 a.m., the General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting to elect the President of the General Assembly for the fifty-ninth session (agenda item 4) and to elect the Vice-Presidents of that session (agenda item 6); consecutive meetings of the Main Committees will immediately follow for the purpose of electing their Chairpersons for the fifty-ninth session (agenda item 5); *for the first time this year*, and in accordance with paragraph 9, Annex B of resolution [A/RES/58/126](#) of 19 December 2003, the full Bureaux of the Main Committees shall similarly be elected on that day.

Any nominations for the Bureaux of Main Committees that have not yet been communicated to the General Assembly secretariat by the Chairmen of regional groups are requested to be sent as soon as possible to facilitate the scheduled elections in a timely manner. Communications may be delivered *in writing* to room S-2925, or sent by fax (1 (212) 963-4230). Telephone inquiries may be addressed to the focal point, Ms. Joyce Sulahian (tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

## 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 item 134 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations ([A/58/705](#) and [A/58/759](#)); Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services: Audit policies and procedures for recruiting Department of Peacekeeping Operations staff ([A/58/704](#)); Evaluation of the impact of the recent restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations ([A/58/746](#)); Mission liquidation activities at the United Nations ([A/56/896](#) and [A/57/622](#)); Administration of peacekeeping trust funds ([A/58/613](#)); and Peacekeeping Reserve Fund ([A/58/24](#) and [A/58/732](#)))

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](#))); 145 (Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force ([A/58/641](#), [A/58/642](#) and [A/58/759/Add.7](#)); and (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon ([A/58/637](#), [A/58/659](#) and [A/58/759/Add.6](#))); and 142 (Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia ([A/58/639](#), [A/58/640](#) and [A/58/759/Add.1](#)))

## 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

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting (closed) . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

### 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

1. Draft reports
2. United Nations Operations in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI)

### 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.	9th meeting	Conference Room 1
	Consideration of special reports ( <a href="#">E/C.2/2004/3</a> )	[8]
3–6 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 1
	New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification deferred from the previous session of the Committee (E/C.2/2004/CRP.1 and E/C.2/2004/CRP.2)	
	[3 (a)]	

### Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Third session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 2
3–6 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 2
	Mandated areas	[4]
	(e) Culture ( <i>continued</i> )	

[*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.]

[*Note:* The list of side events on the occasion of the third session of the Forum can be consulted at [www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/news/side%20events\\_3rdsession.htm](http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/news/side%20events_3rdsession.htm).]

### Other meetings

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**Friday, 14 May 2004**

#### **Group of 77 (core group on Small Island Developing Countries (SIDS))**

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9
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#### **Group of 77 (multi-year work programme for the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council Chamber)**

3–5 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3
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**African Group** (*Third Committee matters*)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

**Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)**

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

**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 *today*, 14 May 2004, from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

### Press conferences

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

**Friday, 14 May 2004**

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

### Forthcoming official meetings

**Monday, 17 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

### 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.

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### Committee on Contributions

#### Sixty-fourth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its sixty-fourth session at Headquarters from 7 to 25 June 2004.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237C in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States to the President of the General Assembly at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a complete review of the requests. In accordance with this provision, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly no later than 24 May 2004. For further information, please contact the Secretary of the Committee on Contributions (room S-1841; tel. 1 (212) 963-5866 or 963-5791; or fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also consider multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4B. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee on Contributions for further information.

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## Economic and Social Council

### *Informal consultations*

Informal consultations of the Economic and Social Council will be held on Friday, 21 May 2004, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, under the chairmanship of the Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Yashar Aliyev (Azerbaijan), on the issue of mainstreaming a gender perspective of the coordination segment.

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### 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](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](mailto:mongi.hamdi@unctad.org)). Inquiries on the upcoming seventh session can also be directed to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (room S-2950F; tel. 1 (212) 963-9963; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail [gustafik@un.org](mailto:gustafik@un.org)).

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## **Committee for Programme and Coordination**

### **Forty-fourth session**

#### *Organizational session and substantive session*

The organizational session of the forty-fourth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held on Tuesday, 1 June 2004, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, and its substantive session from 7 June to 2 July 2004.

The annotated provisional agenda for the session and a note by the secretariat on the status of documentation are contained in documents [E/AC.51/2004/1](#) and [E/AC.51/2004/L.1](#), respectively.

Delegations are reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating at the forty-fourth session to the Secretary of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Mr. Movses Abelian (room S-2633A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

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## **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](http://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.

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**Other forthcoming meetings**

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**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)**

The 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 continue on Wednesday, 19 May 2004, and on 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.

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**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.

**Workshop for the national focal points on the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries**

The workshop for the national focal points on the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Islands Developing States (OHRLLS), in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the World Bank, will be held from 17 to 21 May 2004 at United Nations Headquarters.

The workshop will begin on Monday, 17 May, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, with opening remarks by Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative; Mr. Zéphrin Diabré, Associate Administrator of UNDP; Mr. Oussou Edouard Aho-Glele (Benin), Chairman of the LDC Group; and H.E. Mr. Jean de Ruyt, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Belgium to the United Nations, as the representative of the host country of the LDC III. For further information, please contact Mrs. Zamira Eshmambetova (tel. 1 (917) 367-5225; e-mail [eshmambetova@un.org](mailto:eshmambetova@un.org)), or visit the following Web site: [www.un.org/ohrls](http://www.un.org/ohrls).

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**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 *today*, 14 May 2004. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

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**Western European and Other States Group**

There will be a meeting of the Western European and Other States Group on Friday, 21 May 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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**UNITAR seminar on the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and the registration of treaties**

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly organizing a seminar on the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and the registration of treaties. The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 26 May 2004, in Conference Room 2, and on Thursday, 27 May, in Conference Room 6.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the Permanent Missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 19 May. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603C; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

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#### **Informal consultation of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)**

In preparation for the annual session of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, the United Nations Office for Project Services will hold a second informal consultation on various issues pertaining to the Office, on Thursday, 27 May 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

### **Announcements**

#### **Postponement of the Mauritius International Meeting**

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, wishes to announce that the Government of Mauritius has requested postponement of the International Meeting and has proposed that the Meeting be held from 10 to 14 January 2005, preceded by the informal consultations on 8 and 9 January 2005. Steps are being initiated to have the matter considered by the General Assembly of the United Nations for a decision regarding the new dates.

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

Background information on the 2004 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council is available on the Council Web site ([www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc](http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc)).

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 also available at the following address:  
[www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/esc04ruraldevreportug.03v.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/esc04ruraldevreportug.03v.pdf).

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#### **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, 13 May 2004

### General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

#### Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

43rd meeting

*Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations* . . . . . [134]

*Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services*

*Audit policies and procedures for recruiting staff for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations*

*Evaluation of the impact of the recent restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations*

*Review of the administration of peacekeeping trust funds*

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services, who introduced the reports of that Office ([A/58/704](#), [A/58/746](#) and [A/58/613](#)).

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union; candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey; 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 Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand) and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on these questions.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these and other questions would begin on Friday, 14 May 2004, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mr. Michel Tilemans (Belgium).

*Organization of work*

The Chairman made a statement.

## Economic and Social Council

### Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2004 regular session

7th 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 the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, the United States, Cuba, Germany, Turkey, Senegal, Cameroon, Romania and Chile.

The representative of the National Coalition for Haitian Rights, a non-governmental organization, responded to questions raised by members of the Committee.

8th meeting *Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters* . . . . . [2]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard a presentation by the Chief, Non-Governmental Organization Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on requests for hearings at the 2004 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, after which statements were made by the representatives of Germany and Colombia.

*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, Romania, Cuba, China, France, the United States, Pakistan, Cameroon, Senegal, the Islamic Republic of Iran, India and the Sudan.

The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations responded to questions raised by members of the Committee: Tarumitra; VIVAT International; and Morality in Media.

### Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Third session

7th meeting *Mandated areas* . . . . . [4]

#### (e) Culture

The Forum continued its discussion of the item and heard statements by the observers of the following countries and organizations: Pacific Caucus; Guatemala; Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission; Viet Nam; Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; Servicios en Comunicación Intercultural; FAO; Conclave de América Latina; Defensoría de los Pueblos Indígenas del Ecuador en América; Taymaynut-IPACC; Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum; Tebtebba Foundation; World Hmong Peoples' Congress; Asociación de Cabildos Indígenas del Norte del Cauca; Asian Indigenous Caucus; and Conclave de Pueblos Indígenas de Brasil.

The following members of the Forum made statements: Ms. Njuma Ekundanayo; Mr. Marcos Matías Alonso; Mr. Ayitegan Kouevi; Mr. Parshuram Tamang; and Ms. Ida Nicolaisen.

- 8th meeting      *Mandated areas* . . . . . [4]
- (e) *Culture*
- The Forum concluded its discussion of the item and heard statements by the observers of the following countries and organizations: La Red Xicana Indígena/International Network of Indigenous Women; Norway; Enlace Continental de Mujeres de Sudamérica; Muscogee (Creek) Nation; First Nation North and South; Armenian Sisters; Consejo Indio de Sudamérica; Gambella Development Agency; and Consejo Nacional de la Cultura Nahuatl de México.
- Mandated areas* . . . . . [4]
- (d) *Human Rights*
- Statements were made by the observers of the following countries and organizations: Indonesia, Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordination Committee; Habitat Pro Association; National Aboriginal Women Association; Femmes Autochtones du Québec Inc.; Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus; Conive-Red de Mujeres Indígenas Wayuu de Venezuela/Segunda Vice-Presidenta de la República Bolivariana (Venezuela); World Hmong Peoples Congress; Unissons-nous pour la promotion des Batwa; Bangsa Adat Alifuru/'Ilio 'ulaokalani Coalition/Prince Kujio Hawaiian Civil Club/The Koani Foundation/Rapa Nui Parliament/Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu/Te Rapunga o Poutama/Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission/National Association for Community Legal Centres/National Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation/Presentation Association/World Council of Churches/Bureau of Consultation for West Papua Indigenous Community Development; Te Runanga o NGAI TAHU/Treaty Tribes Coalition; Peace Campaign Group; Consejo de Pueblos Nahuas del Alto Balsas Guerrero; Feminist Alliance for International Action; and Bawm Literature Forum.
- The following members of the Forum made statements: Mr. Ayitegan Kouevi; and Mr. Willie Littlechild.

## Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Wednesday, 12 May 2004

### General Assembly

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

##### Committee against Torture

Thirty-second session

United Nations Office at Geneva

- 606th meeting (closed)      *Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention* . . . . . [9]
- The Committee examined the item.
- 607th meeting      *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [7]
- The Committee listened to the responses of the representative of the delegation of New Zealand to the questions posed the previous day in connection with their report (CAT/C/49/Add.3).

Thursday, 13 May 2004

## General Assembly

### International Law Commission

Fifty-sixth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

2798th meeting      *Shared natural resources* . . . . . [7]

The Commission continued its consideration of the Special Rapporteur's second report on the topic ([A/CN.4/539](#) and [A/CN.4/539/Add.1](#)).

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

#### Committee against Torture

Thirty-second session

United Nations Office at Geneva

608th meeting (closed)      *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [7]

The Committee adopted in closed session its conclusions and recommendations on the report submitted by the Czech Republic.

609th meeting      The Committee read its conclusions and recommendations on the Czech Republic to a representative of the State party.

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

The Committee adopted in closed session its conclusions and recommendations on the report submitted by Monaco.

## 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

27th–28th meetings      *Consideration of reports* . . . . . [6]

The Committee discussed and adopted its concluding observations on the second periodic report of Ecuador ([E/1994/104/Add.26](#)), the initial report of Greece ([E/1990/5/Add.56](#)) and the fourth periodic report of Spain ([E/C.12/4/Add.11](#)).

**Signatures, Ratifications, etc.****[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]**

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

*Signature: Djibouti (13 May 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, 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](mailto:treaty@un.org)).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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