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Official meetings

Monday, 17 May 2004

Security Council

10 a.m. 4970th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. United Nations peacekeeping operations

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

3.30 p.m. 102nd meeting (closed) Conference Room 7

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities

3.30 p.m. 23rd meeting (closed) Conference Room 9

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

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 item 121 (Programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005: Strengthening the security and safety of United Nations Operations, staff and premises ([A/58/756](#) and [A/58/758](#)))

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

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

United Nations Operation in Burundi

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

Second session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2004 regular session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 11th meeting Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. 12th meeting Conference Room 1

New applications for consultative status and 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. 11th meeting Conference Room 2

Mandated areas [4]

(d) Human Rights (*continued*)

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

[*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.]

Other meetings

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Monday, 17 May 2004

JUSCANZ Group (*Small Island Developing Countries (SIDS)*)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (*draft ministerial declaration for the fortieth anniversary of the Group of 77*)

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

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 *Monday, 17 May 2004*, to Wednesday, 19 May, 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 *Monday, 17 May 2004*, to Friday, 21 May, 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), or visit the following Web site: www.un.org/ohrls.

Press conferences

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

Monday, 17 May 2004

Room S-226

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 18 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

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.

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).

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).

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 (Fifth Committee matters)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*Fifth Committee matters*) on Tuesday, 18 May 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Latin American and Caribbean Group (coordination meeting)

There will be a meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Group (*coordination meeting*) on Tuesday, 18 May 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Briefing for members of the Group of Interested States for the Special Court on Sierra Leone and other interested delegations (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

There will be a briefing, organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, for members of the Group of Interested States for the Special Court on Sierra Leone and other interested delegations, on Wednesday, 19 May 2004, from 12 noon to 1 p.m., to hear a presentation on the Court by Mr. Robin Vincent, Registrar of the Court. The briefing will take place at the Permanent Mission of Canada (One Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, 885 Second Avenue).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 20 May 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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.

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

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.

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).

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.

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).

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.

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

Friday, 14 May 2004

Security Council

4968th meeting

The situation in Timor-Leste

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

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Timor-Leste, at his 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.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document [S/2004/383](#), which had been prepared in the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution ([S/2004/383](#)) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2004/383) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1543 (2004).

The representative of Brazil made a statement.

4969th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Letter dated 26 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 (S/2004/327)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, at his 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.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council ([S/PRST/2004/15](#)).

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2004 regular session

9h meeting *Consideration of special reports* [8]

The Committee began its consideration of the item. Statements concerning a special report submitted by the Indian Movement "Tupaj Amaru" were made by the representatives of the United States, Cuba, Colombia, Germany, France, Peru, China, Chile, the Russian Federation, the Sudan, Zimbabwe, Turkey, Senegal, Pakistan and Cameroon.

A statement concerning the special report submitted by the Transnational Radical Party was made by the observer for Viet Nam, after which statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Germany, Cuba, France, China, the Sudan, Pakistan, Romania, Peru, Zimbabwe, the Russian Federation, Chile and Cameroon, and by the observers for Italy and Viet Nam.

10th meeting *New applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the previous session of the Committee* [3 (a)]

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item and heard statements by the representatives of Germany, China, Colombia, the Sudan, Cuba, Cameroon, the United States, Senegal, France, Pakistan and India, and by the observer for Nigeria.

The representatives of the Kashmiri American Council, Lawyers Without Borders and the World Youth Alliance responded to questions raised.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Third session

9th meeting *Mandated areas* [4]

(d) *Human rights*

Presentations were made by the following panelists: Mrs. Yakin Ertürk, Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women; and Mrs. Erica-Irene Daes, Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.

The Forum heard statements by the observers of the following countries and organizations: Canada; Pacific Concerns Resource Center; Montagnard Foundation Inc.; American Indian Law Alliance; Finland; International Labour Organization (ILO); Bangsa Adat Alifuru; Democratic Republic of the Congo; African Indigenous Women Organization; Conclave de los Pueblos Indígenas de America del Sud; New Zealand; Asamblea Nacional Indígena Plural por la Autonomía; International Native Traditional Interchange; Conclave de Pueblos Indígenas de Brasil; Grand Council of the Cree; Native Women's Association of Canada; and Asian Indigenous Caucus.

The following members of the Forum made statements: Mr. Ayitegan Kouevi; Mr. Fortunato Turpo Choquehuanca; Mr. Willie Littlechild; Ms. Miliani Trask; Mr. Marcos Matías Alonso; and Ms. Otila Lux de Coti.

10th meeting *Mandated areas* [4]

(d) *Human rights*

Ms. Marisela Padrón, Director, Latin American and Caribbean Division, UNFPA, made a presentation.

The Forum continued its discussion of the item and heard statements by the observers of the following countries and organizations: Conaie-Ecuadorian; Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum; International Indigenous Women Caucus; International Indian Treaty Council; Brazil; Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum/Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati/Jumma Peoples' Network/Trinamul/Taungya and Bawm Literature Forum; Norway; Saami Council and Inuit Circumpolar Conference; Colombia/Nukak Maku; Na Koa Ikaika o Ka Lahui Hawaii/Ka Lahui Hawaii/Ilio ulaokalani Coalition/Kamakakuokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies; Consultoria de los Pueblos Indígenas en el Norte de México; Organización Regional de las Mujeres Indígenas/Confederación Nacional de Comunidades Campesinas y Nativas del Perú/Asociación de Mujeres Aymaras/Asociación de Mujeres Quechua Ayllu del Perú; Centre d'accompagnement des autochtones pygmés et minoritaires vulnérables; Indigenous World Association; Congress of Aboriginal Peoples; Rapanui Parliament; Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network; Organización Nacional Indígena de Colombia; Mbororo Social Cultural and Development Association; Foundation for Indigenous Americans of Anasasi Heritage; Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action; Community Action and Research for Development; Saami Parliamentary Council; Indigenous Parliament of the Americas; Partnership for Indigenous Peoples Environment; Clan Star Inc.; Movimiento Indígena del Perú; and the Association of Nepalese Indigenous Journalists.

The following members of the Forum made statements: Ms. Zinaida Strogalschikova; and Ms. Ida Nicolaisen.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Friday, 14 May 2004

General Assembly

International Law Commission

Fifty-sixth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

2799th meeting *Cooperation with other bodies* [10]

The Director-General of Legal Affairs of the Council of Europe addressed the Commission. An exchange of views followed.

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

610th 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 Croatia.

611th meeting The Committee read its conclusions and recommendations on Croatia to a representative of the State party.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [9]

The Committee considered individual complaints.

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

29th meeting *Consideration of reports* [6]

The Committee discussed and adopted its concluding observations on the fourth periodic report of Spain ([E/C.12/4/Add.11](#)).

The Committee thus concluded its thirty-second session.

United Nations Forum on Forests

Fourth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

10th meeting *Intersessional work* [5 (e)]

The Forum resumed its consideration of the item.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Coordinator and Head of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Mr. Pekka Patosaari, introduced the Note by the Secretariat on the progress in the

preparation for the meeting of the Ad Hoc Expert Group on Consideration with a View to Recommending the Parameters of a Mandate for Developing a Legal Framework on All Types of Forests ([E/CN.18/2004/6](#)).

Other matters [6]

The Forum began its consideration of the item and the Coordinator and Head of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Mr. Pekka Patosaari, introduced the Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007 ([E/CN.18/2004/14](#)).

Implementation of the proposal for action of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/ Intergovernmental Forum on Forests and the plan of action of the United Nations Forum on Forests: Progress in implementation [4 (a)]

Traditional forest-related knowledge [4 (a) (i)]

The Chairman of Working Group I, Mr. Xolisa Mabhongo (South Africa), reported on the outcome of negotiations held under his chairmanship and informed the Forum that no action had been taken under this sub-item.

Forest-related scientific knowledge [4 (a) (ii)]

The Chairman of Working Group I, Mr. Xolisa Mabhongo (South Africa), reported on the outcome of negotiations held under his chairmanship and introduced a draft resolution, which was contained in an informal paper.

The Forum adopted the draft resolution.

Social and cultural aspects of forests [4 (a) (iii)]

The Chairman of Working Group I, Mr. Xolisa Mabhongo (South Africa), reported on the outcome of negotiations held under his chairmanship and introduced a draft resolution, which was contained in an informal paper.

Following statements by the representatives of Norway, Canada and Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Forum adopted the draft resolution.

Monitoring, assessment and reporting, concepts, terminology and definitions [4 (a) (iv)]

Criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management [4 (a) (v)]

Intersessional work [5 (e)]

The Chairman of Working Group II, Ms. Stephanie Caswell (United States), reported on the outcome of negotiations held under her chairmanship and introduced a draft resolution on sub-items 4 (a) (iv), 4 (v) and 5 (e), which was contained in an informal paper.

The Forum adopted the draft resolution.

Common items for each session: Multi-stakeholder dialogue [5 (a)]

The Chairman drew the attention of the Forum to his summary of the multi-stakeholder dialogue ([E/CN.18/2004/CRP.2](#)), which the Forum agreed to include in its final report.

Enhanced cooperation [5 (b)]

The Chairman reported on the outcome of negotiations, held in Working Group II under the chairmanship of Mr. I. Gede Ngurah Swajaya (Indonesia), and informed the Forum that no action had been taken under this sub-item.

Country experiences and lessons learned [5 (c)]

The Chairman drew the attention of the Forum to the summary of discussions on “Africa Day” (E/CN.18/2004/CRP.1), the summary of the discussions on “The role of forests in achieving broader development goals” (E/CN.18/2004/CRP.3) and the summary of discussions on “SIDS Day” (E/CN.18/2004/CRP.4), which the Forum agreed to include in its final report.

Intersessional work [5 (e)]

Ad Hoc Expert Group on Finance and transfer of environmentally sound technologies

The Chairman of Working Group I, Mr. George Talbot (Guyana), reported on the outcome of negotiations held under his chairmanship and introduced a draft decision, which was contained in an informal paper.

The Forum adopted the draft decision.

After the adoption of the draft decision, a statement was made by the representative of New Zealand.

Process to facilitate the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests at the fifth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests

The Secretary made a statement.

The Forum had before it a draft resolution, submitted by the Chairman of Working Group II, Mr. I. Gede Ngurah Swajaya (Indonesia), which was contained in an informal paper.

Following statements by the representatives of Argentina (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, Mexico, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) and Canada, the Forum adopted the draft resolution, as amended.

Documentation considered by the United Nations Forum on Forests at its fourth session

The Forum took note of a number of documents before it.

Dates and venue of the fifth session of the Forum [7]

The Forum was reminded that by adopting decision 2003/272 of 24 July 2003, the Economic and Social Council had decided that the fifth session of the Forum would be held in New York from 16 to 27 May 2005.

The Forum thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 7.

Provisional agenda for the fifth session of the Forum [8]

The Forum approved the draft provisional agenda for its fifth session, as contained in document [E/CN.18/2004/L.2](#), and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for adoption.

The Forum thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 8.

Adoption of the report of the Forum on its fourth session [9]

The Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur, Mr. Xolisa Mabhonga (South Africa), introduced and corrected the draft report, contained in document [E/CN.18/2004/L.1](#).

The Forum adopted the draft report, as introduced by the Rapporteur, and authorized him to finalize the report, with the support of the Secretariat, by incorporating therein the proceedings of the final meeting.

The Forum thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 9 and thereby its work for the fourth session.

Closure of the fourth session

The Coordinator and Head of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests made a statement.

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

Concluding statements were made by the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Canada, the United States, Switzerland, the Russian Federation and Mexico.

A statement was also made by the representative of the NGO Indigenous Populations.

The Chairman declared closed the fourth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests.

United Nations Forum on Forests

Fifth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

1st meeting

Election of officers

The Chairman declared open the fifth session of the Forum.

The Forum elected by acclamation the following officers to the Bureau for its fifth session: H.E. Mr. Francis K. Butagira (Uganda), Mr. Adam Craciunescu (Romania), Mr. Manuel Rodríguez Becerra (Colombia) and Mr. Denys Gauer (France).

The Forum urged the Asian States Group to put forward its candidate as soon as possible, so that work could begin with the Bureau on an ad hoc basis during the intervening period, and thereafter be formally elected at the reopening of the fifth session.

The Forum authorized the members of the Bureau to determine the allocation of offices and to communicate the allocation to the members of the Forum.

The Chairman suspended the fifth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests.

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

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

*Notification under article 4 (3) of the Covenant: Peru (13 May 2004)*¹

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

*Ratification: Seychelles (13 May 2004)*¹

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

*Acceptance: Barbados (14 May 2004)*¹

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

Signature: Cameroon (13 May 2004)

Signature: Cook Islands (14 May 2004)

*Ratification: Cook Islands (14 May 2004)*¹

*Ratification: Singapore (14 May 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

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of May 2004 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Botswana

H.E. Mr. Alfred M. Dube

Asian States:

Mongolia
H.E. Mr. Baatar Choisuren

Eastern European States:

Slovakia
H.E. Ms. Klára Novotná
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Guatemala
H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal

Western European and other States:

Italy
H.E. Mr. Marcello Spatafora

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