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Official meetings

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Security Council

10 a.m. 4973rd meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Briefing by the High Commissioner for Refugees

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

General Committee

10 a.m. Informal consultations¹. Trusteeship Council Chamber

9th open-ended informal consultations on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, 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](#)

Morning². 5th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [8]

- (a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by several Member States ([A/58/237](#))
- (b) Request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item: note by the Secretary-General ([A/58/238](#))

¹ Open to all delegations.

² Immediately following the adjournment of the 9th open-ended informal consultations.

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. 45th meeting Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium [121]

Progress report on the capital master plan

Morning¹–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 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](#))); 142 (Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia ([A/58/639](#), [A/58/640](#) and [A/58/759/Add.1](#))); and 134 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: establishing a global procurement hub for peacekeeping missions in Brindisi, Italy ([A/58/762](#) and [A/58/794](#)); United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy ([A/58/702](#), [A/58/706](#) and [A/58/759/Add.9](#)); Strategic deployment stocks ([A/58/707](#) and [A/58/759/Add.9](#)); and Field assets control system ([A/57/765](#) and [A/58/7](#), paras. II.36 and II.37))

¹ Following the adjournment of the 45th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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

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 report

2. UNDP

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. 17th 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) [3 (a)]

3–6 p.m. 18th meeting Conference Room 1

Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations to general and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

(E/C.2/2004/CRP.2, [E/C.2/2004/2](#), [E/C.2/2004/2/Add.1](#), [E/C.2/2004/2/Add.2](#), [E/C.2/2004/2/Add.3](#), [E/C.2/2004/2/Add.4](#), [E/C.2/2004/2/Add.5](#)¹, [E/C.2/2004/2/Add.6](#)¹ and [E/C.2/2004/2/Add.7](#)) [4 (b)]

¹ To be issued.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Third session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3–6 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2
	Future work of the Forum	[5]
	Draft agenda of the fourth session of the Forum.	[6]

[There will be a briefing by the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its third session, *today*, 20 May 2004, at 9.15 a.m. in Conference Room 7. Representatives of Member States are invited to attend.]

[*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.]

Economic and Social Council*Informal consultations*

Informal consultations on the multi-year work programme for the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council, organized by the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan, *today*, 20 May 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 9.

Other meetings

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Thursday, 20 May 2004**JUSCANZ Group** (*multi-year work programme for the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council*)

9.30–9.45 a.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room C
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UNITAR briefing on the Economic and Social Council for members of the Council

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

Group of 77 (Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

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 continue *today*, 20 May 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4 and in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. 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/oss/conf.htm.

Thursday, 20 May 2004
Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon Mr. Paul Volcker, Chair of the Independent Panel on the Oil-for-food Programme (update on the work of the Panel)

Forthcoming official meetings
Friday, 21 May 2004
General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

10 a.m. 46th meeting Conference Room 3
 Morning¹ Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5
 3 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

¹ Following the adjournment of the 46th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

Third session

The Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities will hold its third session from 24 May to 4 June 2004. The session will be convened on Monday, 24 May, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document [E/CN.16/2004/1](#). Additional information on the work of the Commission and the upcoming session can be found at the following Web site address: <http://stdev.unctad.org/>.

Members of the Commission, as well as observers who wish to participate, are kindly requested to send the composition of their delegations to the Office of Mr. Mongi Hamdi, Chief, Technology for Development Section, Policies and Capacity-building Branch, Division on Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development, UNCTAD, Geneva (tel. 011-4122-917-5069; fax 011-4122-907-0197; e-mail mongi.hamdi@unctad.org). Inquiries on the upcoming seventh session can also be directed to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (room S-2950F; tel. 1 (212) 963-9963; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail gustafik@un.org).

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

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*draft ministerial declaration for the fortieth anniversary of the Group of 77*) on Friday, 21 May 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Conference Room 4.

Latin American and Caribbean Group (*Third Committee experts*) (*on the draft resolution with regard to the preparations for the forty-third session of the Commission on Social Development*)

There will be a meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Group (*Third Committee experts*) (*on the draft resolution with regard to the preparations for the forty-third session of the Commission on Social Development*) on Friday, 21 May 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Friday, 21 May 2004, from 3.30 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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 3.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS” (organized by the Permanent Mission of Botswana)

Informal consultations, organized by H.E. Mr. Alfred M. Dube, Permanent Representative of Botswana, on the draft resolution entitled “Organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS” will take place on Monday, 24 May 2004, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C. All delegations are invited to attend.

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. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603C; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

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, 26 May 2004, 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 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.

UNITAR/Columbia University Summer Institute on Global Issues Facing the United Nations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and Columbia University are jointly organizing the Summer Institute on Global Issues Facing the United Nations. The opening meeting will be held on Monday, 7 June 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Members of Permanent Missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603C; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

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

Tuesday, 18 May 2004

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2004 regular session

- 13th meeting *New applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the previous session of the Committee* [3 (a)]
- The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Cuba, China, the Sudan, Zimbabwe, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Colombia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, India, Senegal, the United States, Germany, France, Turkey, Peru, Romania, Cameroon and Chile.
- 14th meeting The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 3 (a) and heard statements by the representatives of Turkey, Cuba, Pakistan, France, India and Germany.
- The representative of Cuba made a statement, in which he proposed that the Committee not recommend to the Council granting consultative status to the organization International Association Promoting Human Rights.
- Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Germany, France, Romania, China, Cuba, Cameroon, the Sudan and Chile. A clarification on the application of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council was made by the representative of the Office of Legal Affairs.
- Following a statement by the representative of Cuba, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion proposed by the United States under rule 50 of the rules of procedure to delay the action on the proposal until 27 May.
- The representatives of Germany and the United States made statements in favour of the motion to delay the action. The representative of China made a statement against the motion to delay the action.
- Subsequently, the Committee, by a roll-call vote of 6 to 10, with 2 abstentions, rejected the motion to delay the action on the proposal not to recommend granting the consultative status to the organization International Association Promoting Human Rights.
- Following a statement by the representative of the United States, the Committee then proceeded to take action on the proposal made by Cuba.
- Subsequently, the Committee, by a roll-call vote of 12 to 1, with 5 abstentions, decided not to recommend to the Council granting of consultative status to the organization International Association Promoting Human Rights.
- General statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, France, Germany, Romania and the United States.

Wednesday, 19 May 2004

Security Council

4971st meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by the representatives of the United States and the United Kingdom.

4972nd meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Letter dated 17 May 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2004/393)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Israel to participate, at his request, 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 a letter dated 19 May 2004 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2004/406), requesting an invitation to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the discussion.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2004/400), submitted by Algeria and Yemen.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2004/400) received 14 votes in favour, none against, and 1 abstention (United States of America), and was adopted as resolution 1544 (2004).

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

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

The representative of Israel made a statement.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

44th meeting

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

Analysis of establishing a global procurement hub for peacekeeping missions in Brindisi, Italy

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Director of Facilities and Commercial Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services, who introduced the report of the Secretary-General ([A/58/762](#)).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee ([A/58/796](#)).

Closed peacekeeping missions

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General ([A/58/778](#)).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee ([A/58/799](#)).

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union; the 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 Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), China and India.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on the question of closed peacekeeping missions would begin on that day, Wednesday 19 May, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Razzif Aljunied (Singapore).

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

Human resources management [127]

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

Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items and heard a statement by the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management, who introduced the report of the Secretary-General ([A/58/777](#)).

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union; the 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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), South Africa, the Syrian Arab Republic, India, Nigeria, Cuba, New Zealand and Mexico.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

Possibility of operating guided tours, bookstores and gift shops at the United Nations Office at Nairobi and the cost implications thereof (A/58/727)

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it a note by the Secretariat ([A/58/727](#)).

The Chairman proposed and the Committee agreed to note the information contained in document [A/58/727](#).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2004 regular session

15th 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 Mexico, Romania, Chile, France, the United States, Cuba, Turkey, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Sudan, China, Germany, Senegal, Cameroon and the Russian Federation.

16th meeting The summary of the 16th meeting of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2004/98).

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Third session

14th meeting *Mandated areas* [4]

(c) *Health*

Presentations were made by the following panellists: Ms. Mililani Trask, Vice-Chairperson of the Permanent Forum; and Ms. Siri Damman, University of Oslo, Norway.

The Forum heard statements by the observers of the following countries and organizations: Pan American Health Organization (Regional Office of WHO); Association of Iroquois/Allied Indians; Canada; Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus; Mexico; African Indigenous Women Organization/African Indigenous Peoples Caucus on Health; Nepal; Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation; Indigenous Peoples Caucus; Guatemala; WHO; Foundation for Aboriginal And Islander Research Action/National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organization/World Council of Churches; Concern Women Action for Peace/Maasai Women Development Organization/Indigenous Information Network; Enlace Continental de Mujeres Indígenas; Association Tunfa/TARA; Conclave Indígena de los Pueblos Indígenas de América; Conclave de Pueblos Indígenas de Brasil; Jay College of Criminal Justice/Proyecto de la Memoria Histórica Dirección Nacional de Salud de los Pueblos

Indígenas/CONAIE/ECUARUNARI/CONMIE/FENOCIN/Association of Shor Peoples/RAIPON; Centre d'accompagnement des autochtones pygmées et minoritaires vulnérables/Action d'appui pour la protection des minoritaires d'Afrique Centrale/Programme d'intégration et de développement du peuple pygmée au Kivu/Union pour l'émancipation de la femme autochtone/Action chrétienne pour la promotion des défavorisés; Tebtebba Foundation/Asia Indigenous Women Network/Cordillera People's Alliance; Pacific Concerns Resource Center/Bangsa Adat Alifuru/Dewan Adat Papua/Na Koa Ikaika o Ka Lahui Hawaii/Rapa Nui Parliament/Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu/Ngati Tuwharetoa/Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission/Foundation for Association of Community Legal Centres/National Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation/World Council of Churches; Asian Indigenous Peoples Caucus; Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs/Indigenous Network on Economies and Trade; Consejo Regional Indígena del Guaviare Crigua II; International Native Traditional Interchange; Red de Mujeres Indígenas Wayuu; Foundation for Indigenous Americans of Anasasi Heritage; and Rapa-Nui Parliament.

The following members of the Forum made statements: Mr. Ayitegan Kouevi; Ms. Otila Lux de Coti; Mr. Wilton Littlechild; and Ms. Ida Nicolaisen.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Wednesday, 19 May 2004

General Assembly

International Law Commission

Fifty-sixth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

2801st meeting *Responsibility of international organizations.* [2]

The Commission continued its consideration of the Special Rapporteur's second report ([A/CN.4/541](#)).

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

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Accession: Sudan (18 May 2004)¹

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Accession: Sudan (18 May 2004)¹

Convention on the International Maritime Organization. Geneva, 6 March 1948

Acceptance: Tuvalu (19 May 2004)¹

Amendments to articles 17 and 18 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 15 September 1964

Acceptance: Tuvalu (19 May 2004)¹

Amendment to article 28 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 28 September 1965

Acceptance: Tuvalu (19 May 2004)¹

Amendments to articles 10, 16, 17, 18, 20, 28, 31 and 32 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 17 October 1974

Acceptance: Tuvalu (19 May 2004)¹

Amendments to the title and substantive provisions of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 14 November 1975 and 9 November 1977

Acceptance: Tuvalu (19 May 2004)¹

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization relating to the institutionalization of the Committee on Technical Co-operation in the Convention. London, 17 November 1977

Acceptance: Tuvalu (19 May 2004)¹

Amendments to articles 17, 18, 20 and 51 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 15 November 1979

Acceptance: Tuvalu (19 May 2004)¹

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Tuvalu (19 May 2004)¹

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Geneva, 3 September 1992

Ratification: Marshall Islands (19 May 2004)¹

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Belgium (19 May 2004)¹

Amendment to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 21 December 2001

Acceptance: Netherlands (19 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.

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).

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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**DPI/NGO briefing**

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be “Understanding DPI/NGO Communications: A Focus on Projects and Innovations”. The workshop will be held *today*, 20 May 2004, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, and from 2 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 3. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Isolda Oca, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-8305) or Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Secretary-General’s Lecture Series

The next lecture in the Secretary-General’s Lecture Series will be held on Tuesday, 25 May 2004, from 1.25 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Chamber. The topic of the lecture will be “Who is Afraid of Human Rights?”. The Secretary-General hosts this lecture series on topics at the forefront of the humanities and natural sciences, as part of a continuing effort to create a strengthened framework for dialogue and mutual understanding within the United Nations community. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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