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## Programme of meetings and agenda

### Official meetings

Monday, 24 May 2004

### General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

- 10 a.m. . . . . 88th plenary meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3
- Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items . . . . . [8]
- (a) Fourth report of the General Committee ([A/58/250/Add.3](#))
- (b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item: note by the Secretary-General ([A/58/239](#))

### Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

- Morning<sup>1</sup> . . . . . 47th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3
1. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti ([A/58/800](#) and [A/58/809](#)) [168]  
*Introduction and general discussion*
  2. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor ([A/58/636](#), [A/58/645](#), [A/58/795](#) and [A/58/809](#)) . . . . . [140]  
*Introduction and general discussion*

<sup>1</sup> Following the adjournment of the 88th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

(continued overleaf)

### Security Council

The Security Council meeting in connection with *United Nations peacekeeping* has been postponed to a later date to be determined.



- Morning<sup>1</sup>–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5
- Informal consultations on agenda items 134 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support account for peacekeeping operations ([A/58/703](#), [A/58/703/Add.1](#), [A/58/715](#) and [A/58/760](#))); 168 (Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti ([A/58/800](#) and [A/58/809](#))); and 134 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Peacekeeping Reserve Fund ([A/58/724](#) 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](#)))

<sup>1</sup>Following the adjournment of the 47th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

## 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

### 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

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4  
 3–6 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

### 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. Common services briefing by the Office of Central Support Services
2. Special Political Missions

### Group of Governmental Experts on Disarmament and Development

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. . . . . 21st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in 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](#)<sup>1</sup>, [E/C.2/2004/2/Add.4](#)<sup>1</sup>, [E/C.2/2004/2/Add.5](#)<sup>1</sup>, [E/C.2/2004/2/Add.6](#)<sup>1</sup>  
 and [E/C.2/2004/2/Add.7](#)<sup>1</sup>) . . . . . [4 (b)]

3–6 p.m. . . . . 22nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification  
 (E/C.2/2004/R.2, E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.1, E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.2, E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.3,  
 E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.5, E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.8, E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.9,  
 E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.16, E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.4<sup>1</sup>, E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.6<sup>1</sup>,  
 E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.7<sup>1</sup>, E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.10<sup>1</sup> and E/C.2/2004/R.3) . . . . . [3 (b)]

<sup>1</sup> To be issued.

## Other meetings

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**Monday, 24 May 2004**

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

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

**Group of 77** (*issue of mainstreaming a gender perspective of the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council*)

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

**African Group** (*Third Committee*)

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

**Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)**

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

**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.

## Press conferences

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

**Monday, 24 May 2004**

*Room S-226*

Guest at 12 noon . . . . H.E. Mr. Luis Gallegos (Ecuador), President of the General Assembly Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral Convention on Protection of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (on the two-week session of the committee and the drafting of an international convention on the rights of persons with disabilities)

## Forthcoming official meetings

**Tuesday, 25 May 2004**

### General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

#### Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

|                                |   |                   |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 10 a.m. . . . .                | 48th meeting . . . . .                    | Conference Room 3 |
| Morning <sup>1</sup> . . . . . | Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . | Conference Room 5 |
| 3 p.m. . . . .                 | Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . | Conference Room 5 |

<sup>1</sup> Following the adjournment of the 48th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

### 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 *Monday, 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.

#### United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea Fifth Meeting

The fifth Meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea will be held at Headquarters from 7 to 11 June 2004. The Meeting will be convened on Monday, 7 June 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The format and annotated provisional agenda of the Meeting are contained in document [A/AC.259/L.5](#).

## United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

### Meeting of States Parties

#### Fourteenth Meeting

The Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea will be held at Headquarters from 14 to 18 June 2004. The Meeting will be convened on Monday, 14 June 2004, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The provisional agenda for the Meeting is contained in document [SPLOS/L.37](#).

With regard to the composition of delegations, States Parties that have not yet done so are requested to submit their credentials to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (room DC2-0450; fax 1 (212) 963-5847).

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## Economic and Social Council

### *Informal consultations*

Informal consultations on issues before the general segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council will be held under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jagdish Koonjul (Mauritius), Vice-President of the Council, on Tuesday, 25 May 2004 from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on agenda item 6 (a): "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development", and on agenda item 1 on the proposed theme for the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council of 2005, will be held under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jagdish Koonjul (Mauritius), Vice-President of the Council, on Wednesday, 26 May 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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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.

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**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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**Eastern European Group** (*on Fifth Committee matters*)

There will be a meeting of the Eastern European Group (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Tuesday, 25 May 2004, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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**African Group** (*Solemn meeting in commemoration of the forty-first anniversary of Africa Day*)

There will be a meeting of the African Group (*Solemn meeting in commemoration of the forty-first anniversary of Africa Day*) on Tuesday, 25 May 2004, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

**OIC Group** (*at the ambassadorial level*)

There will be a meeting of the OIC (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Tuesday, 25 May 2004, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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

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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, 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.

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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.

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**Round table on “The role of Science and Technology in advancing the Millennium Development Goals”**

There will be a round table on “The role of Science and Technology in advancing the Millennium Development Goals”, co-sponsored by the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the World Federation of United Nations Associations, on Thursday, 27 May 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

**Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)**

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Thursday, 27 May 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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

On Tuesday, 25 May 2004, the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities will give a briefing to the Security Council pursuant to paragraph 12 of resolution 1526 (2004). Member States wishing to make statements at the meeting about their experiences in implementing the sanctions measures stipulated in paragraph 1 of resolution 1526 (2004) and any other issues related to the mandate of the Committee are invited to contact the Chairman's office (Ms. Carla Serazzi (e-mail [CSerazzi@chileun.org](mailto:CSerazzi@chileun.org); fax 1 (212) 832-8714)) and the Committee secretariat (Ms. Tatiana Cosio (e-mail [Cosio@un.org](mailto:Cosio@un.org); fax 1 (212) 963-1300)).

**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](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).

### 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, 21 May 2004

### Security Council

4974th meeting

*The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Prendergast.

4975th meeting

*The situation in Burundi*

*Report of the Secretary-General on Burundi (S/2004/210 and S/2004/210/Add.1)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Burundi, 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.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 19 May 2004 from the representative of the Chairperson of the African Union to the United Nations (S/2004/415), the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Mr. Filipe Chidumo to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2004/410, which had been prepared in the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2004/410) before it.

*Decision: The draft resolution (S/2004/410) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1545 (2004).*

## General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

### Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

46th meeting *Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia* . . . . . [165]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division who introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/744) and a note by the Secretary-General (A/58/792).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/798).

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

*Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo* . . . . . [138]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division who introduced a note by the Secretary-General (A/58/772).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/794).

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group) made a statement on both agenda items.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on agenda item 138 would begin on that day, Friday 21 May, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Asdrubal Pulido León (Venezuela), Vice-Chairman of the Committee and following that on agenda item 165 under the chairmanship of Mr. Jaideep Mazumdar (India).

#### *Organization of work*

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

## Economic and Social Council

### Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2004 regular session

- 19th meeting *Consideration of special reports* . . . . . [8]
- The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.
- The representative of Cuba introduced a draft resolution which was contained in an informal paper.
- A statement was made by the Chief, Non-Governmental Organizations Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.
- Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Colombia and Cuba, after which the meeting was suspended.
- Upon resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the United States, the Sudan and Senegal.
- The representative of Cuba called for a vote on the proposal of the United States to suspend consultative status of the organization Indian Movement “Tupaj Amaru” for one year.
- The Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council the suspension of consultative status for one year of the organization Indian Movement “Tupaj Amaru” by a roll-call vote of 10 to 4, with 5 abstentions
- Explanations of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of China, France, Peru, Romania, Colombia, Turkey, Zimbabwe, Chile and the Russian Federation.
- Explanations of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Sudan, Senegal and Pakistan.
- After the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Cuba.
- The Committee then decided not to take action on document [E/C.2/2004/L.2](#).

### Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Third session

- 16th meeting *Future work of the Forum* . . . . . [5]
- The Forum heard statements by the following observers: Khmer Kampuchea-Krom Federation; Haudenosaunee Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy; and Consejo de Pueblos Nahuas del Alto Balsas, Guerrero.
- Mr. Wayne Lord, member of the Permanent Forum, made a statement.
- Draft agenda of the fourth session of the Forum* . . . . . [6]
- The Forum heard statements by the following observers: Red de Cooperación Amazonia; Indigenous Women Caucus; IPACC; Inuit Circumpolar Conference; and Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus.
- Ms. Ida Nicolaisen, member of the Permanent Forum, made a statement.
- 17th meeting The President of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly made a statement.
- Adoption of the report of the Forum on its third session* . . . . . [7]

The Rapporteur introduced the draft report.

The Secretary made an oral statement on programme budget implications.

The Forum decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of draft decisions [E/C.19/2004/L.3](#) (as orally amended), [E/C.19/2004/L.4](#) (as orally amended) and [E/C.19/2004/L.5](#) (as amended).

The Forum decided to adopt the recommendations under items: 4 (d) “Human Rights” (as orally amended); 4 (a) “Economic and social development”; 4 (b) “Environment” (as orally amended); 4 (c) “Health”; and 5 “Future work of the Forum” (as orally amended).

The Forum adopted the draft report on its third session.

The Forum heard statements by the observers of the following country and organization: Brazil (on behalf of the Rio Group); and IPACC.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA, made a statement.

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

The third session was then declared closed.

## Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Wednesday, 19 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

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| 616th meeting | <i>Organizational and other matters</i> . . . . . [5]<br>The Committee considered this item.<br><i>Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention</i> . . . . . [8]<br><i>Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention</i> . . . . . [9]<br>The Committee considered these items.   |
| 617th meeting | <i>Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention</i> [7]<br>The Committee adopted in closed session its conclusions and recommendations on the report submitted by Bulgaria under article 19 of the Convention.<br><i>Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention</i> [7]<br>The Committee read in public session its conclusions and recommendations on the reports submitted by Chile and New Zealand. |

Friday, 21 May 2004

## General Assembly

### International Law Commission

Fifty-sixth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

2802nd meeting      *Responsibility of international organizations.* . . . . . [2]  
 The Commission continued its consideration of the Special Rapporteur's second report (A/CN.4/541).

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

#### Committee against Torture

Thirty-second session

United Nations Office at Geneva

618th meeting      *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention*  
 [7]  
 The Committee read in public session its conclusions and recommendations on the report submitted by Bulgaria under article 19 of the Convention.  
*Organizational and other matters* . . . . . [5]  
 The Committee considered this item.

619th meeting      *Organizational and other matters* . . . . . [5]  
 The Committee continued its debate on organizational and other matters and adopted its annual report.  
*Closure of the session*  
 The session was declared closed.

### Convention on the Rights of the Child

#### Committee on the Rights of the Child

Thirty-sixth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

953rd–954th meetings      *Consideration of reports of States parties* . . . . . [4]  
 The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of Rwanda (CRC/C/70/Add.22). In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

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

*Amendments to Articles 25 and 26 of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. 17 February 2004*

*Acceptance:* Sweden (20 May 2004)<sup>1</sup>

*Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998*

*Ratification:* Australia (20 May 2004)<sup>1</sup>

*Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001*

*Ratification:* Australia (20 May 2004)<sup>1</sup>

*International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999*

*Objection to the declaration made by Jordan upon ratification:* Italy (20 May 2004)<sup>1</sup>

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

*Accession:* Grenada (21 May 2004)<sup>1</sup>

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

*Accession:* Grenada (21 May 2004)<sup>1</sup>

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

*Accession:* Grenada (21 May 2004)<sup>1</sup>

*Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001*

*Accession:* Grenada (21 May 2004)<sup>1</sup>

*United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003*

*Signature:* Canada (21 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.

<sup>1</sup> Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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 [blue@un.org](mailto:blue@un.org)).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Other announcements

### 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?" and presentations will be made by the following speakers: H.E. Ms. Najat Al-Hajjaji, Chair of the 59th session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights; Professor Ali Mazrui, Binghamton University, SUNY; and Dr. William F. Schulz, Executive Director of Amnesty International USA. 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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### DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Economic and Social Council High-Level Segment: A Focus on Poverty Eradication (In Observance of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries)." The briefing will be held on Thursday, 27 May from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlathshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

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### 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 Choisureen

*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

**Web sites***Presidency of the General Assembly:*

[www.un.org/arabic/ga/58/president/bio.htm](http://www.un.org/arabic/ga/58/president/bio.htm)  
[www.un.org/chinese/ga/58/presskit/bio.htm](http://www.un.org/chinese/ga/58/presskit/bio.htm)  
[www.un.org/ga/president](http://www.un.org/ga/president)  
[www.un.org/french/ga/president/58/office/president.html](http://www.un.org/french/ga/president/58/office/president.html)  
[www.un.org/russian/ga/58/presskit/bio.htm](http://www.un.org/russian/ga/58/presskit/bio.htm)  
[www.un.org/spanish/aboutun/organs/ga/58/presidente/president.html](http://www.un.org/spanish/aboutun/organs/ga/58/presidente/president.html)

*General Assembly:*

[www.un.org/arabic/ga/58/](http://www.un.org/arabic/ga/58/)  
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[www.un.org/russian/ga/58/](http://www.un.org/russian/ga/58/)  
[www.un.org/spanish/ga/58/](http://www.un.org/spanish/ga/58/)

*Department of General Assembly and Conference Management:*

[www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index\\_arabic.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_arabic.htm)  
[www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index\\_chinese.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_chinese.htm)  
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[www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index\\_spanish.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_spanish.htm)

*Presidency of the Security Council:*

[www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency/](http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency/)  
[www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/](http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/)  
[www.un.org/spanish/docs/presidency/](http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/presidency/)

*Security Council:*

[www.un.org/arabic/sc/](http://www.un.org/arabic/sc/)  
[www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/](http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/)  
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[www.un.org/russian/sc/](http://www.un.org/russian/sc/)  
[www.un.org/spanish/docs/sc/](http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/sc/)

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

[www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373](http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373)  
[www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm](http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm)  
[www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373](http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373)  
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*Economic and Social Council:*

[www.un.org/arabic/ecosoc/](http://www.un.org/arabic/ecosoc/)  
[www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/](http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/)  
[www.un.org/french/ecosoc/2004/](http://www.un.org/french/ecosoc/2004/)  
[www.un.org/russian/ecosoc](http://www.un.org/russian/ecosoc)  
[www.un.org/spanish/documents/esc/index.htm](http://www.un.org/spanish/documents/esc/index.htm)  
[www.un.org/chinese/ecosoc/2004/index.html](http://www.un.org/chinese/ecosoc/2004/index.html)

*Department of Economic and Social Affairs:*  
[www.un.org/esa](http://www.un.org/esa)

*Irish presidency of the European Union:*  
[www.eu2004.ie](http://www.eu2004.ie)  
<http://europa-eu-un.org>

*Journal of the United Nations:*  
[www.un.org/Docs/journal/En/lateste.pdf](http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/En/lateste.pdf)  
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| <a href="#">A/58/688/Add.8</a>      | Item 124 — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations — Letter dated 20 May 2004 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]  |
| <a href="#">A/58/797-S/2004/391</a> | Item 30 — Question of Cyprus — Letter dated 13 May 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]  |
| <a href="#">A/58/801</a>            | Item 44 — Letter dated 14 May 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]  |
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| <a href="#">A/58/809</a>            | Items 140 and 168 — Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor — Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti — Interim budget for the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2004 — Interim budget for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 May to 31 December 2004 — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S] |

[A/58/810-S/2004/413](#) Items 37, 38, 83 and 84 — The situation in the Middle East — Question of Palestine — United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East — Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories — Letter dated 20 May 2004 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

#### **Fifty-ninth session**

[A/59/6](#) (Prog. 26) Item 112 of the preliminary list — Programme planning — Proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007 — Part two: biennial programme plan — Programme 26 — Jointly financed activities [A C E F R S]

[A/59/38](#) (Part I) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women — Thirtieth session [A C E F R S]

#### **Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples**

[A/AC.109/2004/12](#) Falkland Islands (Malvinas) — Working paper prepared by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

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[A/58/797-S/2004/391](#) Letter dated 13 May 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

[A/58/803-S/2004/398](#) Letter dated 17 May 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

[S/2004/412](#) Letter dated 20 May 2004 from the representatives of Canada, Ireland, Jordan, Liechtenstein and Switzerland addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

[A/58/810-S/2004/413](#) Letter dated 20 May 2004 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

[S/Agenda/4973](#) Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

### **Economic and Social Council**

#### **Documents**

#### **Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

#### **Third session**

[E/C.19/2004/L.3](#) Item 3 — Indigenous women — Draft recommendations [A C E F R S]

[E/C.19/2004/L.5](#) Item 4 (e) — Mandated areas: culture — Draft recommendations [A C E F R S]

[E/C.19/2004/L.6](#) Draft report — Chapter I — Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention [A C E F R S]

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**Convention on the Elimination  
of All forms of Discrimination  
against Women**

**Documents**

**Committee on the Elimination  
of Discrimination of Women**

[CEDAW/C/FIN/5](#)

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Fifth periodic report of States parties — Finland [A C E F R S]

[CEDAW/C/ITA/4-5](#)

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Combined fourth and fifth periodic reports of States parties — Italy [A C E F R S]

[CEDAW/C/KHM/1-3](#)

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Programme and of the  
United Nations Population Fund**

**Documents**

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[DP/2004/L.2](#)

Item 1 of the provisional agenda — Organizational matters — Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan — Note by the Executive Board secretariat [A C E F R S]

[DP/DCP/MKD/1](#)

Item 5 of the provisional agenda — Country programmes and related matters — Draft country programme document for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (2005-2009) [E F S (only)]

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