

Wednesday, 26 May 2004



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## Programme of meetings and agenda

### Official meetings

Wednesday, 26 May 2004

### Security Council

- 10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed). . . . . Consultations Room
- Briefing by the Chairman of Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia
- Letter dated 25 May 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council ([S/2004/425](#))
- Other matters
- 3.30 p.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed). . . . . Consultations Room
- Iraq
- Other matters

### General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

#### Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

- 10 a.m. . . . . 49th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3
- Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [121]
- Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council ([A/C.5/58/20/Add.1](#))
- Introduction and general discussion*



- Morning<sup>1</sup>–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5
- Informal consultations on agenda item 167 (Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire ([A/58/788](#) and [A/58/806](#))); and 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](#)))
- 3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5
- Informal consultations on agenda items 140 (Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor ([A/58/795](#) and [A/58/809](#))); and 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](#)); Investigation into the fraudulent diversion of \$4.3 million by a senior staff member of the Reconstruction Pillar of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo ([A/58/592](#) and [A/58/592/Corr.1](#)); and consideration of a draft resolution on cross-cutting issues)

<sup>1</sup> Following the adjournment of the 49th 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. . . . .	5th meeting . . . . .	Conference Room 4
3–6 p.m. . . . .	6th meeting . . . . .	Conference Room 4

### Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3.30–6 p.m. . . . .	Closed meeting . . . . .	Conference Room 10
	1. Draft report	
	2. Administrative matters	

### 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

3–6 p.m. . . . .	Informal consultations (closed) . . . . .	Economic and Social Council
	Informal consultations, convened by the Vice-President of Economic and Social Council, H.E. Jagdish Koonjul (Mauritius), on the following items:	
	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters: theme for the high level segment 2005 . . . . .	[2]
	Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits: Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of resolution 57/270B . . . . .	[6]
	[Background information of the report of the Secretary-General is available on the Economic and Social Council Web site <a href="http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/">www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/</a> ]	

### Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2004 regular session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . .	25th meeting . . . . .	Conference Room 1
3–6 p.m. . . . .	26th 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)]
	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.4, E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.5, E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.6,	

E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.7, E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.8, E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.9, E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.10, E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.11, E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.16, E/C.2/2004/R.2/Add.12-15 <sup>1</sup> and E/C.2/2004/R.3)	[3 (b)]
Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations to general and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council	[4 (a)]
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, and E/C.2/2004/2/Add.3-7 <sup>1</sup> )	[4 (b)]
Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat (E/C.2/2004/CRP.6-9 <sup>1</sup> )	[5]
Review of methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304 (E/C.2/2004/R.3)	[6]
(a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations	
(b) Consideration of issues in the agenda of the informal working group	
(c) Other related matters	
Consideration of special reports (E/C.2/2004/3)	[8]
Adoption of the report of the Committee (E/C.2/2004/L.1)	[11]

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

## 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 *today*, 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.

## 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, *today*, 26 May 2004, from 4 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

## Other meetings

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### Wednesday, 26 May 2004

#### Group of 77 (on the organization of work of the Second Committee)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

#### Group of 77 (draft resolution on the commemoration of Copenhagen +10)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

#### African Group (Third Committee)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

#### Asian Group of the Whole

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

#### 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. *today*, 26 May 2004, in Conference Room 2, and *tomorrow*, 27 May, in Conference Room 6. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603C; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

#### 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 be held *today*, 26 May 2004, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C. All delegations are invited to attend.

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

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 *today*, 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.

### 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).*

**Wednesday, 26 May 2004**

Room S-226

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

### Forthcoming official meetings

**Thursday, 27 May 2004**

## General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

### Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

10 a.m. . . . .	50th 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 50th 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. For further information, please contact the Secretary of the Committee on Contributions (room S-1841; tel. 1 (212) 963-5866 or 963-5791; or fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

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

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### 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](#).

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## 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).

## Economic and Social Council

### *Informal consultations*

The President of the Council, H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), will hold informal consultations on the Ministerial Declaration of the High-level segment on Thursday, 27 May 2004, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The Vice President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Yashar Aliyev (Azerbaijan), will hold informal consultations on the theme of rural development of the Coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council, on Thursday, 27 May 2004, from 3 to 5 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 3 p.m. in *Conference Room 3*, and its substantive session from 7 June to 2 July 2004.

The annotated provisional agenda for the session, notes by the secretariat on the status of documentation and reports of the Joint Inspection Unit are contained in documents [E/AC.51/2004/1](#); [E/AC.51/2004/L.1](#) and [E/AC.51/2004/L.3](#) 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**

#### *Annual session for 2004*

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

The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document [E/ICEF/2004/8](#). Documentation for the session is available on the UNICEF Web site ([www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index\\_20479.html](http://www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_20479.html)).

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

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

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme  
and of the United Nations Population Fund***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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**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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**Meeting of Least Developed Countries**

There will be a meeting of Least Developed Countries to consider UNCTAD XI Draft Ministerial Declaration, on Thursday, 27 May 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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

There will be a round table discussion 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 *Conference Room 3*.

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**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).

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**Announcements**

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**Committee for Development Policy**

Background information on the sixth session of the Committee for Development Policy, held at United Nations Headquarters from 29 March to 2 April 2004, is available at: [www.un.org/esa/policy/devplan/cdp\\_publications/2004advcdpreport.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/policy/devplan/cdp_publications/2004advcdpreport.pdf).

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

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

Background information on the coordination segment of the 2004 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council (item 4 (b) of the provisional agenda: Coordinated and integrated United Nations system approach to promote rural development in developing countries, with due consideration to least developed countries, for poverty eradication and sustainable development), is also available at the following address: [www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/esc04ruraldevreportug.03v.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/esc04ruraldevreportug.03v.pdf).

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**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.

**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, 25 May 2004**

**Security Council**

4976th meeting

*Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts*

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 His Excellency Mr. Heraldo Muñoz, Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and Associated Individuals and Entities.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by H.E. Mr. Muñoz.

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

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Japan, Ireland (speaking on behalf of the European Union, the candidate countries: Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA countries: Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), India and Costa Rica.

H.E. Mr. Muñoz responded to comments and questions raised.

4977th meeting

*The situation in Côte d'Ivoire*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Côte d'Ivoire, 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 provisional rules of procedure of the Council.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council ([S/PRST/2004/17](#)).

4978th meeting

*Letter dated 25 May 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2004/425)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council ([S/PRST/2004/18](#)).

## General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

### Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

48th meeting

*Organization of work*

The Chairman made a statement and drew the attention of the Committee to a letter from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee allocating sub-item (j) of agenda item 17, entitled "Appointment of a member of the International Civil Service Commission", as well as item 170, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi".

*Financing of the United Nations Operation in Cote d'Ivoire* . . . . . [167]

The Committee began 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/58/788](#)).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee ([A/58/806](#)).

*Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi* . . . . . [170]

The Committee began 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/58/802](#)).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee ([A/58/811](#)).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the African Group) and Ghana.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these agenda items.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on agenda items 168, 170 and 140 would begin on that day, Tuesday, 25 May, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Denisa Hutanova (Slovakia), on agenda item 167 under the chairmanship of Ms. Karla Samayoa-Recari (Guatemala) and agenda item 145 (b) under the chairmanship of Mr. Guillermo Kendal (Argentina).

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

## 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

3rd meeting

*Organization of work* . . . . . [3]

During the morning meeting, in accordance with the adopted rules of procedure of the Ad Hoc Committee and at the suggestion of the Chairman, the Committee extended accreditation to four new non-governmental organizations as follows: Bizchut, (the Israel Human Rights Center for People with Disabilities); International Paralympic Committee (IPC); People with Disabilities (PwDI); and The Tunisian Association for the Promotion of Employment for the Handicapped.

*Consideration of the draft text contained in the report of the Working Group of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities* . . . [5]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

*Consideration and adoption of the report of the third session of the Ad Hoc Committee* [7]

The representative of Chile made a statement.

4th meeting

*Consideration of the draft text contained in the report of the Working Group of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities* . . . [5]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

## Economic and Social Council

### Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2004 regular session

23rd meeting

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

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

After a statement was made by the Chief, Non-Governmental Organizations Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, statements were made by the representatives of Germany and India.

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

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item and heard statements by the representatives of China, the Sudan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Cuba, Germany, Turkey, France and Cameroon.

*Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat* . . . [5]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

An introductory statement was made by the Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sudan, Germany, Cameroon, France, Turkey, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, the United States, Cuba, China, India, and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

*General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network* . . . . . [9]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

After a statement by the Chief, Non-Governmental Organizations Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan and Turkey.

24th meeting

The summary of the 24th meeting of the Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2004/102).

**Corrigendum**

*Corrigendum* to the summary of the 14th meeting of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (see *Journal* No. 2004/97, p 11) paragraph 6, first line, *should read*: Subsequently, the Committee, by a roll-call vote of 10 to 6, with 2 abstentions, rejected

*Addendum* to the summary of the 20th meeting of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (see *Journal* No. 2004/100, p.11), at the end of paragraph 4, *insert* by a roll call vote of 9 to 8, with 2 abstentions.

## Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Tuesday, 25 May 2004

## General Assembly

### International Law Commission

Fifty-sixth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

2803rd meeting

*Responsibility of international organizations*. . . . . [2]

The Commission continued its consideration of the Special Rapporteur's second report ([A/CN.4/541](#)) and referred articles 4 to 7 to the Drafting Committee.

*Programme, procedures and working method of the Commission and its documentation*  
[9]

The Chairman of the Drafting Committee announced the composition of the Drafting Committee on Responsibility of international organizations which is as follows:  
Chairman: Mr. Víctor Rodríguez-Cedeño; Special Rapporteur: Mr. Giorgio Gaja;  
Members: Mr. Enrique Candioti, Mr. Choung Il Chee, Mr. Constantin Economides, Ms. Paula Escarameia, Mr. Peter Kabatsi, Mr. Roman Anatolyevitch Kolodkin, Mr. Martti Koskenniemi, Mr. William Mansfield, Mr. Djamchid Momtaz, Mr. Bernd Niehaus, Mr. Chusei Yamada and Mr. Pedro Comissario Afonso (ex officio).

## Convention on the Rights of the Child

### Committee on the Rights of the Child

Thirty-sixth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

957th–958th meetings      *Consideration of reports of States parties* . . . . . [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of Liberia (CRC/C/28/Add.21). 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]

*Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995*

*Ratification:* Nigeria (24 May 2004)<sup>1</sup>

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

*Ratification:* Nigeria (24 May 2004)<sup>1</sup>

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

*Ratification:* Nigeria (24 May 2004)<sup>1</sup>

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

*Signature:* Lithuania (25 May 2004)

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

*Signature:* Cambodia (25 May 2004)

*Signature:* Timor-Leste (25 May 2004)

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

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

*Signature: Mozambique (25 May 2004)*

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

### **Opening for signature**

In accordance with its article 5 (1), the above Agreement shall be open for signature by States which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) at United Nations Headquarters in New York, until 31 December 2005. The signature ceremony in Shanghai was held during the sixtieth session of ESCAP on Monday, 26 April 2004, at the Shanghai International Convention Center.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General additionally notes that States may become party to the Agreement by definitively signing the Agreement, by signing the Agreement subject to ratification, acceptance or approval followed by ratification, acceptance or approval, or by accession. Since the Agreement provides for two legally distinct types of signature, States wishing to sign the Agreement must confirm that they are signing the Agreement definitively or subject to ratification, acceptance or approval in the instrument of full powers. If full powers are not required, then such confirmation should be communicated by means of a formal note.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail [treaty@un.org](mailto:treaty@un.org)).

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

*Today, 26 May and tomorrow, 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 “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 Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

### Book presentations (organized by the United Nations University (UNU))

The United Nations University (UNU), together with the UNU Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS) will release two edited volumes, *Emerging Forces in Environmental Governance*, and *Reforming International Environmental Governance: From Institutional Limits to Innovative Solutions*. The event will be held on Thursday, 3 June 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387), or visit the Web site [www.ony.unu.edu](http://www.ony.unu.edu). Members of Permanent Missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

### Web sites

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*Department of Economic and Social Affairs:*

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Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction — Measures to eliminate international terrorism — Letter dated 18 May 2004 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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Item 21 — The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts [A C E F R S]

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Item 152 of the preliminary list — Measures to eliminate international terrorism — Letter dated 12 May 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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

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