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Official meetings

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Security Council

12 noon 4988th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan ([S/2004/453](#))

Afternoon¹. 4989th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Cyprus

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus
([S/2004/427](#))

¹ To be held following the adjournment of the 4988th meeting.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Monday, 14 June 2004, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Protection of civilians in armed conflict". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the secretariat (room S-3520; or tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from Wednesday, 9 June 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

General debate

(21–24 September 2004, 27 September–1 October 2004)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 1) for the general debate of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 1) has also been sent by fax directly to the permanent missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are reminded that in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

General Assembly

Open-ended informal consultations on the organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly to review progress made on the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and related fields (items 50 and 60)

10 a.m. 2nd meeting. Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the modalities, format and organization of the high-level plenary meeting pursuant to resolution 58/291

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

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

Committee on Contributions

Sixty-fourth session

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

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

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

10 ¹ –10.30 a.m.	Open meeting.	Conference Room 1
	GMA International Workshop	
10.30 a.m. ¹ –1 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m. ¹	5th meeting	Conference Room 1

¹ Sharp.

Economic and Social Council

12 noon–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber
	Informal consultations convened by the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Daw Penjo (Bhutan), on the humanitarian segment of the substantive session of the Council	
3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber
	Informal consultations convened by the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Jagdish Koonjul (Mauritius), on the following items before the general segment of the substantive session of the Council:	
	1. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits [6]	
	(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development	
	2. Coordination, programme and other questions [7]	
	(g) Information and Communication Technologies Task Force	
	(h) Tobacco or Health (E/2004/55)	
	3. Regional Cooperation (E/2004/16 , E/2004/18 , E/2004/10 and E/2004/20) [10]	
	4. Economic and environmental questions [13]	
	(a) Sustainable development (E/2004/12)	
	(b) Science and technology for development (E/2004/61)	
	(e) Environment	
	(k) Cartography (E/2004/57 and E/2004/64)	
	5. Social and human rights questions [14]	
	(a) Advancement of Women (E/2004/66)	
	(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial discrimination (E/CN.4/2004/17 , E/CN.4/2004/17/Corr.1 , E/CN.4/2004/17/Add.1 , E/CN.4/2004/17/Add.2 , E/CN.4/2004/17/Add.3 , E/CN.4/2004/20 , E/CN.4/2004/21 and E/CN.4/2004/112)	
	(g) Human rights (E/2004/48 and E/2004/48/Add.1)	
	(i) Genetic privacy and non-discrimination (E/2004/56)	

[Background information on the reports for the above-mentioned items is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/.]

[There will be informal “informals” convened by the Permanent Mission of Croatia on the theme for the 2005 high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council *today*, 11 June 2004, *from 12 noon to 1 p.m.* in Conference Room 5.]

United Nations Children’s Fund

Executive Board

Annual session for 2004

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. 9th meeting Conference Room 2
1. Other matters [11]

Report on the situation in Darfur, Sudan, by the Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa
 2. Adoption of outstanding draft decisions: E/ICEF/2004/CRP.11 (item 5) and E/ICEF/2004/CRP.12 (item 6)
 3. Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President . . . [12]

Other meetings

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Friday, 11 June 2004

Eastern European Group (Third Committee)

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room D

African Group (Security Council reform)

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

African Group: Group of Experts dealing with the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (*preparations for the twentieth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for the Implementation of the Framework Convention on Climate Change*)

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

Broad-based informal consultations with all Member States, interested regional and subregional organizations, international agencies and experts in the field, on further steps to enhance international cooperation in preventing, combating and eradicating illicit brokering in small arms and light weapons

In pursuance of General Assembly resolution 58/241 on the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects, there will be broad-based consultations with all Member States, interested regional and subregional organizations, international agencies and experts in the field, on further steps to enhance international cooperation in preventing, combating and eradicating illicit brokering in small arms and light weapons. The informal consultations will take place *today*, 11 June 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mr. Francesc Claret (tel. 1 (212) 963-5170; e-mail claret@un.org).

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”

There will be 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”, *today*, 11 June 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.

Friday, 11 June 2004

Room S-226

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings**General Assembly****Open-ended Working Group to Negotiate an International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons**

First session

The first session of the Open-ended Working Group to Negotiate an International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons will take place from 14 to 25 June 2004. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be communicated to the secretariat (tel. 1 (917) 367-2397 or 1 (917) 367-4161).

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 Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Yashar Aliyev (Azerbaijan), will hold informal consultations on Tuesday, 15 June 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, on the review and appraisal of the system-wide implementation of the Economic and Social Council's agreed conclusions 1997/2 on mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system of the Coordination segment of the substantive session of the Council.

Substantive session of 2004

(All speakers lists are now open. The time limit set for statements under the high-level segment is 7 minutes and 5 minutes for all other segments)

The Economic and Social Council will hold its substantive session of 2004 from 28 June to 23 July at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The session will be opened on Monday, 28 June, at 10 a.m. The annotated provisional agenda is contained in document [E/2004/100](#). The organization of work and status of documentation for the session are contained in documents [E/2004/L.7](#) and [E/2004/L.8](#) (to be issued), respectively.

*High-level segment**(28 June 2004 – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.)*

The morning of the first day the high-level segment will be devoted to a high-level policy dialogue and discussion with heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation. No speakers list will be maintained.

[Item 2 of the provisional agenda]

In accordance with Council decision 2003/287 of 24 July 2003, the theme of the high-level segment will be “Resources mobilization and enabling environment for poverty eradication in the context of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010.”

(28 June 2004 – 3-5.45 p.m.)

The afternoon of the first day of the high-level segment will be devoted to a plenary followed by five ministerial round tables. No speaker's list will be maintained.

*(29-30 June)**High-level ministerial segment with general debate on the theme of the high-level segment.*

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the high-level ministerial segment to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 29 and 30 June, are invited to contact the secretariat of the Council (Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax. 1 (212) 963-5935)).

*Coordination segment**[Item 4 of the provisional agenda]**(1-7 July)*

In accordance with Council decision 2003/287 of 24 July 2003, the coordination segment will focus on: (a) “Review and appraisal of the system-wide implementation of the Council's agreed conclusions 1997/2 on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system”; and (b) “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.” Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat of the Council (Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

*Operational activities segment**[Item 3 of the provisional agenda]**(7-9 July)*

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 56/201 of 21 December 2001 and Council resolution 2003/3 of 11 July 2003, the operational activities segment will hold the following events: (a) High-level panel on the international development agenda and the improvements of the operational activities of the United Nations system at the country level: effectiveness and challenges; (b) Dialogue with heads of United Nations funds and programmes; (c) Panel on the role of the common country assessments and United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks in country-level coherence and coordination; and (d) General debate on the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 56/201 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

No speakers list will be maintained for events (a) through (c). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for (d) are invited to contact the secretariat of the Council (Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax. 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Humanitarian affairs segment
[Item 5 of the provisional agenda]
(12-14 July)

In accordance with Council decision 2004/219 of 3 May 2004, the humanitarian affairs segment will focus on “Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: present and future challenges”. It will also hold two panels, one on “Strengthening preparedness and response to natural disasters, with an emphasis on capacity-building” and another on “Field-level coordination for the purpose of continuing the presence and operations of United Nations humanitarian assistance missions in higher-risk environments.” No speakers list will be maintained for the panels. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on this list of speakers for 12 and 14 July are invited to contact the secretariat of the Council (Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax. 1 (212) 963-5935)).

General segment
(15-22 July)

The general segment will begin on 15 July with item 6 (Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits) and will continue on 16 July through 22 July, in the morning and the afternoon.

[Items 6-11 of the provisional agenda]
(15-19 July)

[Items 13 (a), (b), (e) and (i) of the provisional agenda – morning]
[Items 13 (c), (d), (f), (g), (h), (j), (k) and (l) of the provisional agenda – afternoon]
(20 July)

[Items 14 (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the provisional agenda – afternoon]
[Items 14 (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and item 12 of the provisional agenda – morning]
(21-22 July)

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general segment items mentioned above are invited to contact the secretariat of the Council (Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax. 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Finalization of all outstanding matters and conclusion of work
(23 July)

Distribution of documents

Documents are, as in the past, sent upon issuance to Member Governments, contact points and Permanent Missions. Additional copies of in-session documents are available at the documents distribution booth in the conference room. [The Web site address is www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/document.htm#Background.]

Prepared texts of speeches

In order to allow the distribution to participants of prepared texts of speeches made in the plenary meetings 250 copies are required, which should be made available to the Conference Officer. These copies should be given in advance of delivery of the speech.

List of participants

Delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives participating at the current session of the Council are kindly requested to do so as soon as possible in order to enable the secretariat to issue the list of participants (fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its 31st meeting on Wednesday, 23 June 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1, to continue the work of its 2004 session.

**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).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 (*draft resolution of the Economic and Social Council on the high-level segment*)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*draft resolution of the Economic and Social Council on the high-level segment*) on Monday, 14 May 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Group of 77 (*draft resolution of the Economic and Social Council on the coordination segment*)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*draft resolution of the Economic and Social Council on the coordination segment*) on Tuesday, 15 May 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 10.

Panel discussion on “Truth, Justice and Accountability: Principles and Practice for Combating Impunity” (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the International Centre for Transitional Justice)

There will be a panel discussion on “Truth, Justice and Accountability: Principles and Practice for Combating Impunity”, organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the International Centre for Transitional Justice, on Monday, 14 June 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Briefing by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) will hold an informal briefing for GRULAC delegations participating in the forty-fourth session of the Committee on Programme and Coordination, on Monday, 14 June 2004, from 2 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Briefing by the Economic Commission for Africa

The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) will hold an informal briefing for its member countries and observer member countries participating in the forty-fourth session of the Committee on Programme and Coordination, on Monday, 14 June 2004, from 2 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Briefing by the Economic Commission for Europe

The Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) will hold an informal briefing for its member countries and observer member countries participating in the forty-fourth session of the Committee on Programme and Coordination, on Tuesday, 15 June 2004, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Briefing by the Economic and Social Commission for the Asia and the Pacific

The Economic Commission for the Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) will hold an informal briefing for its member countries and observer member countries participating in the forty-fourth session of the Committee on Programme and Coordination, on Tuesday, 15 June 2004, from 2 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Briefing by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) will hold an informal briefing for Arab delegations participating in the forty-fourth session of the Committee on Programme and Coordination, on Tuesday, 15 June 2004, from 2 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

UNITAR training programme for Permanent Missions Web sites

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing a training programme on Web site maintenance and updating for the diplomats and personnel of the 26 permanent missions for which Web sites have been developed with the help of the Computer Training Institute of DePaul University in Chicago.

The training programme, to be conducted by the faculty and assistants of the Computer Training Institute, will take place on Tuesday, 15 June 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Conference Room 6. A limited number of seats will be available for other permanent missions that may be interested in availing themselves of the same facilities to be offered by UNITAR in the future. For further details, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Latin American and Caribbean Group

There will be a meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Group on Tuesday, 15 June 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Panel discussion on “The U.S. Presidential Election Process” (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States)

There will be a panel discussion on “The U.S. Presidential Election Process”, organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States, on Monday, 21 June 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panellists will be Carla Robbins, *The Wall Street Journal*; David King, Harvard University; Richard Reeves, Annenberg School, University of Southern California; and Norman Ornstein, Pollster, American Enterprise Institute. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Language specific meetings to brief Member States on the terminology used and other relevant issues

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/283 B, paragraphs 8 to 12 of Section IV, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management will hold language specific meetings to brief Member States on the terminology used and other relevant issues aimed at improving the language services provided to Member States. The meetings will take place in June 2004, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 3, as follows:

Monday, 21 June: *French*

Tuesday, 22 June: *Spanish*

Wednesday, 23 June: *English*

Thursday, 24 June: *Arabic*

Friday, 25 June: *Chinese*

Monday, 28 June: *Russian*

Workshop on the structure, retrieval and use of the documentation of United Nations documentation

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the Dag Hammarskjöld Library a workshop on the structure, retrieval and use of United Nations documentation for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Tuesday, 29 June, to Thursday, 1 July 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 25 June. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. Modules 1 to 4 of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. Module 5, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology.

Cycle III of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held between 2 July and 9 September 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Announcements

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.

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).

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 3 June 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Thursday, 10 June 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

89th plenary meeting *Floods in the Dominican Republic and Haiti*

The President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the General Assembly, extended his deepest sympathy to the Governments and the peoples of the Dominican Republic and Haiti for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage that had resulted from the recent flooding in the two countries.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/58/688/Add.9) [124]

The General Assembly took note that Afghanistan had made the necessary payments to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter (A/58/688/Add.9).

Election of the President of the General Assembly [4]

Election of the President of the General Assembly for the fifty-ninth session

The General Assembly, in accordance with rule 30 of its rules of procedure, as amended by its resolution 56/509 of 8 July 2002, elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Jean Ping, Minister of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and la Francophonie of Gabon, as President of the General Assembly for the fifty-ninth session.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The President-elect of the General Assembly for the fifty-ninth session made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Burkina Faso (on behalf of the Group of African States), Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of Asian States), Slovenia (on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States), Guyana (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States) and Liechtenstein (on behalf of the Group of Western European and Other States).

90th plenary meeting The President of the General Assembly announced the names of the representatives who had been elected as Chairmen of the Main Committees for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly [6]

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly for the fifty-ninth session

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978 and with rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, as amended by its resolution 56/509 of 8 July 2002, elected by acclamation the following 21 Member States as Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly for the fifty-ninth session: Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belgium, Burkina Faso, China, Djibouti, El Salvador, France, Ghana, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Nicaragua, Russian Federation, Syrian Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan and Zambia.

The President of the General Assembly announced that the General Committee of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly had thus been fully constituted.

International Year of Physics, 2005 (A/58/L.62) [169]

The representative of Lesotho made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution [A/58/L.62](#).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution [A/58/L.62](#) (resolution 58/293).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 169.

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: request for the reopening of the consideration and reallocation of sub-item (d) of agenda item 94 . . [8]

The General Assembly decided to reopen the consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 94 and to consider the sub-item directly in plenary meeting. The Assembly agreed to proceed immediately to the consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 94.

Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States [94 (d)]

The General Assembly resumed consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 94.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution [A/58/L.63](#) (resolution 58/213 B).

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 94.

Main Committees

First Committee

24th meeting

Election of the officers of the Main Committees: election of the Chairperson and the bureau of the First Committee for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly . . [5]

H.E. Mr. Luis Alfonso de Alba (Mexico) was elected by acclamation as Chairman of the First Committee for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

The Committee also elected by acclamation Ms. Dziunik Aghajanian (Armenia), Mr. Alon Bar (Israel) and H.E. Mr. Sylvester Ekundayo Rowe (Sierra Leone) as its Vice-Chairmen, and Mr. Mohamed Ali Saleh Alnajar (Yemen) as its Rapporteur.

The Chairman declared concluded the work of the First Committee for the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

25th meeting

Election of the officers of the Main Committees: election of the Chairperson and the Bureau of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly [5]

H.E. Mr. Kyaw Tint Swe (Myanmar) was elected by acclamation as Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

The Committee also elected by acclamation Mr. Helfried Carl (Austria), Mr. Eduardo Calderón (Ecuador) and Mr. Andrej Droba (Slovakia) as its Vice-Chairmen, and Mr. Kais Kabtani (Tunisia) as its Rapporteur.

Second Committee

41st meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting and made a statement.

Election of the Chairman of the Second Committee

The Committee elected by acclamation Mr. Marco Balarezo (Peru) as Chairman of the Second Committee.

Election of other officers

The Committee elected by acclamation Mr. Antonio Bernardini (Italy), Mr. Majdi Ramadan (Lebanon) and Ms. Ewa Anzorge (Poland) as Vice-Chairpersons, and Mr. Azanaw T. Abreha (Ethiopia) as Rapporteur.

Third Committee

63rd meeting

The Chairman of the fifty-eight session of the Third Committee, H.E. Mr. Martin Belinga-Eboutou (Cameroon), opened the meeting.

Election of the Chairman

In accordance with rule 99 (a) of the rules of the procedure of the General Assembly, as amended by its resolution 56/509 of 8 July 2002 and rule 103, as well as with Assembly resolution 58/126 of 19 December 2003, the Third Committee, elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Valery Kuchinsky (Ukraine) as Chairman for the fifty-ninth session.

Election of the other members of the Bureau

The Committee elected by acclamation Ms. Mavis Esi Kusorgbor (Ghana), Ms. Astanah Banu Shri Abdul Aziz (Malaysia) and Ms. Rachel Groux (Switzerland) as Vice-Chairpersons, and Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador) as Rapporteur.

Fifth Committee

52nd meeting

Election of the Bureau of the Fifth Committee for the fifty-ninth session.

The Chairman of the Fifth Committee made a statement.

In accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 56/509 of 10 July 2002 and paragraph 9, Section B of the annex of General Assembly resolution 58/126, the Committee proceeded to the election of its Bureau for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

Election of the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

Upon the nomination by the Chairman, H.E. Mr. Don MacKay (New Zealand) was elected by acclamation as Chairman of the Fifth Committee for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

Election of the three Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee

The Committee elected by acclamation Ms. Karen Lock (South Africa), Mr. Mohamed Najib Eljy (Syrian Arab Republic) and Ms. Karla Samayoa-Ricari (Guatemala) as Vice-

Chairpersons, and Mrs. Denisa Hutanova (Slovakia) as Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

Sixth Committee

24th meeting The summary of the 24th meeting of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2004/113).

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Thursday, 10 June 2004

General Assembly

Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

Forty-seventh session

United Nations Office at Vienna

- 530th meeting *Space and society* [11]
- The Committee concluded its consideration of this item with statements by the representatives of Mexico, Hungary, Japan, Germany, the Syrian Arab Republic, Colombia, the Republic of Korea and Chile, as well as by the observer for Thailand.
- Space and water* [12]
- The Committee continued its consideration of this item with statements by the representatives of China, the United States, the Syrian Arab Republic, Morocco and the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- Composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies for the period 2006-2007* [13]
- The Committee began its consideration of this item with statements by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the Western European and Other States Group), Romania (on behalf of the Eastern European Group) and the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- 531st meeting *Space and water* [12]
- The Committee concluded its consideration of this item with statements by the representatives of Nigeria, India, Japan, the Netherlands and Kazakhstan.
- Composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies for the period 2006-2007* [13]
- The Committee continued its consideration of this item.
- Other matters* [14]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item with a statement by the representative of Colombia (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States).

The Committee agreed to admit the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Thailand as members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Thailand, Burkina Faso, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Czech Republic.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance. New York, 20 June 1956

Accession: Kyrgyzstan (27 May 2004)¹

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Signature: Sudan (10 June 2004)

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

Signature: Sudan (10 June 2004)

Signature: Tuvalu (10 June 2004)

Treaty Event

Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians

United Nations Headquarters

21 to 24 September 2004

Signature of and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General

The Treaty Event will take place from 21 to 24 September 2004 at Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 12 March 2004, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those relating to the protection of civilians, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-3942; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, full powers to the Treaty Section by 13 September 2004 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities.

The publication *Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to Universal Participation Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians* is currently being circulated to all of the Permanent Missions in New York. This publication contains a list of the 24 core treaties relating to the protection of civilians, summaries of key provisions and relevant final clauses, and their status as at 26 March 2004. This information can also be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC) Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>). It is further noted that the texts and status of all multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General can be obtained from the above web site under the heading Status of Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General.

Further information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the UNTC Web site.

General information

Staff Day (11 June 2004)

The United Nations Staff Day will be open with a flag-raising ceremony to remember all personnel fallen in the service of the United Nations. The ceremony will take place *today*, 11 June 2004, at 9.30 a.m., at the flagpole located on the Secretariat Circle near the delegates' entrance of the General Assembly Hall. H.E. Mr. Lauro L. Baja, Jr., President of the Security Council, Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, and Ms. Marilyn Manuel, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will be among the speakers. The observance will end with staff members reading out the names of all personnel, both military and civilian, who have lost their lives since the last Staff Day. The event is organized by the United Nations Staff Union. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the General Assembly Hall.

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Note verbale dated 7 June 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

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