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Official meetings

Monday, 14 June 2004

Security Council

10 a.m. 4990th meeting¹ Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Protection of civilians in armed conflict

Report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on protection of civilians in armed conflict ([S/2004/431](#))

¹ All speakers are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *five minutes*.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

3.30 p.m. 1st meeting (closed) Conference Room 7

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

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

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4
3–6 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 4
	1. Adoption of the provisional agenda	
	2. Special Committee decision of 9 June 2003 concerning Puerto Rico (A/AC.109/2004/L.3 and A/AC.109/2004/L.7)	
	Hearing of petitioners (Aide-mémoire 9/04)	
	3. Requests for hearing (Aide-mémoire 9/04/Add.1)	

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

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 2
	1. Opening of the substantive session	
	2. Adoption of the agenda	
	3. General debate	
3–6 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 2
	General debate	

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 Commission on International Trade Law

Thirty-seventh session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Meeting of States Parties

Fourteenth Meeting

10.30 a.m. ¹ –1 p.m.	77th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 ¹ –6 p.m.	78th meeting	Conference Room 1

¹ Sharp.

Economic and Social Council

Committee for Programme and Coordination

Forty-fourth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 8th meeting (closed) Conference Room 3

Programme questions. [3]

(b) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007

Part One: Plan outline ([A/59/6](#) (Part one))

Introduction and general discussion

Coordination questions. [4]

(a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

Report of the Secretary-General on the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination ([E/2004/67](#))

Conclusion of general discussion

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Coordination questions. [4]

(b) New Partnership for Africa's Development

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development ([E/AC.51/2004/6](#))

Programme questions [3]

(a) Programme planning

Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2002-2003 ([A/59/69](#))

(c) Evaluation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives ([A/59/79](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the law of public administration, finance and development ([E/AC.51/2004/3](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-first session on the in-depth evaluation of sustainable development ([E/AC.51/2004/4](#))

Other meetings

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Monday, 14 June 2004

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

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

Arab Group (*at the ambassadorial level*) (*meeting with the President-elect of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly*)

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

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”, on Monday, 14 June 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9. All delegations are invited to attend.

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 Africa

The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) will hold an informal briefing for African delegations on matters before the forty-fourth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, on Monday, 14 June 2004, from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. at the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations (305 East 47th Street).

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 for Programme and Coordination, on Monday, 14 June 2004, from 2 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Press conferences

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

Monday, 14 June 2004

Room S-226

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Economic and Social Council

Organizational session of 2004

The Economic and Social Council will hold the 14th meeting of its organizational session of 2004 on Tuesday, 15 June 2004, at 3 p.m., in order to consider the recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Human Rights (documents [E/2004/L.9](#) and [E/2004/L.9/Add.1](#)).

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.

Informal "informals"

There will be informal "informals" convened by the Permanent Mission of Finland on the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council on Tuesday, 15 June 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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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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 for 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 for 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 for 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).

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 June 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 10.

Non-Aligned Movement (*working group on the draft resolution concerning strengthening of the United Nations*)

There will be meetings of the Non-Aligned Movement (*working group on the draft resolution concerning strengthening of the United Nations*) from 1.30 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 10, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 15 and 16 June 2004.

Non-Aligned Movement (*working group on the reform of the United Nations and the revitalization of the General Assembly*)

There will be a meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (*working group on the reform of the United Nations and the revitalization of the General Assembly*) on Wednesday, 16 June 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 10.

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.

Briefings by the Secretary-General's Panel of Eminent Persons on UN-Civil Society Relations

There will be a briefing by the Secretary-General's Panel of Eminent Persons on UN-Civil Society Relations, to formally launch the Panel's report entitled "We the Peoples: Civil Society, the United Nations and Global Governance", on Monday, 21 June 2004, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Chairperson of the Panel, Mr. F. H. Cardoso, and panel members, Ms. M. Racelis, Mr. B. Asadi and Mr. K. Naidoo will present the report and respond to questions. Copies of the report will be available. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the secretariat of the Panel (tel. 1 (917) 367-4351; or e-mail civilsocietypanel@un.org).

Representatives of non-governmental organizations with valid UN grounds passes are invited to an informal briefing, to be held on Monday, 21 June 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A, on the final report of the Secretary-General's Panel of Eminent Persons on UN-Civil Society Relations. The Chairperson of the Panel, Mr. F. H. Cardoso, as well as panel members, Ms. M. Racelis, Mr. B. Asadi and Mr. K. Naidoo, will present the report and respond to questions. Copies of the report entitled "We the Peoples: Civil Society, the United Nations and Global Governance" will be available. [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 963-8811; e-mail aydin@un.org]

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**International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States**

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 on Thursday, 10 June 2004, the General Assembly adopted a resolution, contained in document [A/58/L.63](#), by which it decided to convene the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. It also decided to hold, if necessary, two days of informal consultations in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate the effective preparation of the Meeting.

World Economic and Social Survey 2004

Background information on Chapter I (The World Economy in 2004) of the *World Economic and Social Survey 2004* (pertaining to the 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) is available at www.un.org/esa/policy/index.html.

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

Main Committees**Sixth Committee**

24th meeting

Election of the Chairman and other members of the Bureau of the Sixth Committee for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The Committee elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Mohamed Bennouna (Morocco) as its Chairman for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

The Committee also elected by acclamation Mr. Ram Babu Dhakal (Nepal), Mr. Carlos Fernando Díaz (Costa Rica) and Mr. Csaba Simon (Hungary) as its Vice-Chairmen, and Ms. Anna Sotaniemi (Finland) as its Rapporteur for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

Friday, 11 June 2004

Security Council

4988th meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan (S/2004/453)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Sudan, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document [S/2004/473](#), submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution ([S/2004/473](#)) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2004/473) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1547 (2004).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Germany and the United States.

4989th meeting

The situation in Cyprus

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

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document [S/2004/484](#), submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution ([S/2004/484](#)) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2004/484) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1548 (2004).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, Chile and Pakistan.

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

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

Ratification: Ecuador (7 June 2004)¹

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

Signature: Sudan (10 June 2004)

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Withdrawal of reservation in respect of article 13 (b) and (c) made upon accession: Ireland (11 June 2004)¹

Amendment to article 20, paragraph 1 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 22 December 1995

Acceptance: Ireland (11 June 2004)¹

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

Ratification: Argentina (11 June 2004)¹

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

Objection to the declaration made by Jordan upon ratification: France (11 June 2004)¹

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

Chairmen of regional groups

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

African States:

Burkina Faso
Mr. François Oubida
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Asian States:

Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:

Slovenia
Ms. Eva Tomič
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Guyana

H.E. Mr. George Talbot

Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Western European and other States:

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