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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

[There are no meetings scheduled at Headquarters on *Monday, 26 May 2008*, official holiday.]

Tuesday, 27 May 2008

Security Council

10 a.m. 5898th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Protection of civilians in armed conflict¹

¹Speakers are kindly requested to limit their statement to no more than *five minutes*.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan

3.15 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

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

Informal consultations on agenda item 140 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2007 ([A/62/757](#), [A/62/816](#), [A/61/867](#), [A/61/920](#), [A/60/437](#) and [A/60/551](#)); and Comprehensive report on the consolidation of peacekeeping accounts ([A/62/726](#) and [A/62/818](#)))

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

Informal consultations on agenda item 140 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Cross-cutting ([A/62/727](#), [A/C.5/62/28](#), [A/62/758](#), [A/62/593](#), [A/62/593/Corr.1](#), [A/62/676](#), [A/62/781](#), [A/62/281 \(Part II\)](#) and [A/62/281 \(Part II\)/Add.1](#)))



General Assembly
Sixty-second session

Informal consultations of the process on strengthening international environmental governance to hear feedback on the Co-Chair's draft resolution will be held on Wednesday, 28 May 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

An informal consultation (closed) on the preparatory process for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on Africa's development needs (22 September 2008) will be held on Wednesday, 28 May 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. A letter from the Co-Facilitators dated 21 May 2008 was sent by facsimile to all Permanent Representatives and Observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-second session

There will be a briefing by Mr. John Holmes, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, in his capacity as Coordinator of the Secretary-General's High-level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis, on Thursday, 29 May 2008, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4. A letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 22 May 2008 was sent by facsimile to all Permanent Representatives and Observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-second session

Informal briefing by the Chair of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force will be held on Thursday, 29 May 2008, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The Chair of the Task Force will address the outstanding questions from the briefing held on 21 May. A letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 23 May 2008 was sent by facsimile to all Permanent Representatives and Observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-second session

The 2nd meeting (closed) of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly ([A/RES/61/292](#)) will be held on Friday, 30 May 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. A letter from the Co-Chairs dated 9 May 2008 was sent by facsimile to all Permanent Representatives and Observers and is available on the Web site of the President of the General Assembly at the following address: [<www.un.org/ga/president/62/issues/rga/shtml>](http://www.un.org/ga/president/62/issues/rga/shtml).

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

Meetings to elect the President of the sixty-third session, Vice-Presidents, Chairpersons and Bureaux of the Main Committees

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting on Wednesday, 4 June 2008, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, to elect the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-third session (agenda item 4). Immediately following the plenary meeting, the Main Committees will hold their consecutive meetings for the purpose of electing their Chairpersons at the sixty-third session (agenda item 5) and their respective Bureaux. Immediately following the meetings of the Main Committees, the General Assembly will hold another plenary meeting to elect the Vice-Presidents at its sixty-third session (agenda item 6).

The Chairpersons of regional groups who have not yet communicated their nominations are requested to do so as soon as possible in order to facilitate the scheduled elections in a timely manner. Communications may be delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2925) or sent by fax (1 (212) 963-4230). Telephone inquiries may be addressed to the focal point, Ms. Mary Muturi (tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

General debate

(23-26, 29 September and 1 October 2008)

Delegations are reminded that *Thursday, 12 June 2008*, is the deadline to inform the Secretariat of their participation at the general debate in the plenary of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be communicated, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940B or S-2925).

Delegations are also reminded that 30 September 2008 is an official holiday at the United Nations Headquarters and no meeting will be held that day.

General Assembly**Special Committee 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. 3rd meeting Conference Room 2

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Dissemination of information on decolonization ([A/AC.109/2008/18](#) and [A/AC.109/2008/L.5](#))

3. Question of information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations ([A/63/65](#) and [A/AC.109/2008/L.4](#))
4. Question of sending visiting missions to Territories ([A/AC.109/2008/L.6](#))
5. Requests for hearing (Aide-mémoires 04/08, 05/08 and 06/08)
6. Other matters

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

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

General Assembly Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission

Second session

Burundi configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on *Tuesday, 27 May 2008*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold informal consultations on the UNDP evaluation of the Third Global Cooperation Framework (GCFIII); and the Joint evaluation of UNDG contribution to the implementation of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness (first phase) (second informal consultation), on *Tuesday, 27 May 2008*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 27 May 2008

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room D
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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Legal Matters

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7
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UNITAR briefing on the Economic and Social Council for members of the Council

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9
 3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

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

African Group (Third Committee experts)

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

Western European and Other States Group (on the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

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

Middle-income developing countries (organized by the Permanent Mission of Namibia)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Other activities

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Tuesday, 27 May 2008

Seminar on “The Aral Sea crisis and its environmental effects” (organized by the Permanent Mission of Uzbekistan)

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Gulzora Tuyunbayeva, Permanent Mission of Uzbekistan (tel. 1 (212) 486-4242, ext. 105).]

Press conferences

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

Tuesday, 27 May 2008

Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon Mr. John Holmes, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (on his recent trip to Myanmar)

General Assembly Sixty-second session

High-level meeting on a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS (10-11 June 2008)

The high-level meeting on a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS will be held on 10 and 11 June 2008. A letter from the President of the General Assembly and a draft programme of the meeting has been sent to all Members States by facsimile on 11 April 2008.

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings is open. Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail heddachem@un.org).

Delegations are further reminded that statements *should not exceed five minutes when speaking in the national capacity and eight minutes when speaking on behalf of a group.*

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 28 May 2008, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Committee on Contributions

Sixty-eighth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its sixty-eighth session at Headquarters from 9 to 27 June 2008.

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 54/237 C, 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 at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly no later than *Tuesday, 27 May 2008*. For further information, the Secretary of the Committee can be contacted in room S-1841 (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306 or 963-5866; fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in the Assembly's resolution 61/237 (A/RES/61/237). Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Meeting of States Parties

Eighteenth Meeting

The eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea will be held at Headquarters from 13 to 20 June 2008. The Meeting will be convened on Friday, 13 June, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The provisional agenda of the Meeting is contained in document [SPLOS/L.54](#).

States Parties are reminded that the election of seven members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in accordance with article 4 of Annex VI to the Convention (Statute of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea) will take place during the Meeting. With regard to the composition of delegations, States Parties that have not yet done so are requested, in accordance with paragraph 27 of General Assembly resolution 62/215 of 22 December 2007, to submit their credentials as far in

advance as is practicable and no later than *Thursday, 12 June*, to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (room DC2-450). Credentials should be submitted in due form as required by rule 13 of the rules of procedure for the Meeting of States Parties ([SPLOS/2/Rev.4](#)).

General Assembly Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission

Second session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 28 May 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Sierra Leone configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Friday, 30 May 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Eleventh session

The eleventh session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will be held from 26 to 30 May 2008, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The first meeting will be convened on *Monday, 26 May*, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room XVIII.

The provisional agenda and organization of work of the eleventh session of the Commission are contained in document [E/CN.16/2008/1](#). In preparation for the session, delegations are invited to review the documentation and other background information available on the following Web site address: <www.unctad.org/cstd>.

Members of the Commission, as well as observers who wish to participate, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the office of Mr. Mongi Hamdi, Chief, Science and Technology Branch, Division for Services Infrastructure for Development and Trade Efficiency (SITE), UNCTAD, Geneva (tel. 011-41-22-917-5069; fax 011-41-22-907-0197; e-mail mongi.hamdi@unctad.org).

Inquiries on the upcoming eleventh session can also be directed to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (tel. 1 (212) 963-9963; e-mail gustafik@un.org); or to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; e-mail fidler@un.org).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2008 resumed session

The 2008 resumed session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from 29 May to 6 June 2008 in Conference Room 1. The provisional agenda with annotations is contained in document [E/C.2/2008/1](#).

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Lotta Tahtinen (room S-2950B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation is available on the Web site of the NGO Section, DESA, at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo>.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Annual session

The annual session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from 3 to 5 June 2008, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document [E/ICEF/2008/9](#). Advance copies of this and all other documentation for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_25993.html>. Official documents may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations <www.ods.un.org/>.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold informal consultations on UNIFEM, on Friday, 6 June 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Annual session 2008

The annual session 2008 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 16, to Friday, 27 June 2008, in Conference Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document [DP/2008/L.2](#) (to be issued). Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to convey their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (e-mail marcela.romero@undp.org; or fax 1 (212) 906-5634), as soon as possible, but no later than *Monday, 2 June*. The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the annual session of the Board, on Monday, 2 June, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 (on financing for development)

Wednesday, 28 May 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 28 May 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Asian Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 29 May 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other activities

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Interactive panel discussion on “The highest common denominator: Human rights in peacemaking” (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Department of Public Information, the NGO Committee on Human Rights and the Permanent Missions of Afghanistan and Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Thursday, 29 May 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please call OHCHR New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5931). The meeting will be broadcasted at <www.un.org/webcast>.]

Seminar on “Countering human trafficking: Partnerships for protection and capacity-building” — UNITAR/UNFPA/IOM/MacArthur migration and development series (organized in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the ILO)

Monday, 2 June 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

[All are invited to attend. To register, please visit the following Web site: <www.unitary.org/en/tip.html>. For further information, please contact (Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail rosengaertner@un.org).]

Special event to launch the report of the Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor, entitled “Making the Law Work for Everyone” (organized by the Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme)

Tuesday, 3 June 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Timothy Dolan, Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor (tel. 1 (212) 906-6337; e-mail timothy.dolan@undp.org); or visit <www.undp.org/legalempowerment>.]

Panel discussion on “How New York State implemented the toughest anti-human trafficking law in the United States” (organized by the United States Mission)

Tuesday, 3 June 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerry@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on “The Arctic — A barometer for global climate change” (organized by the Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region and the Permanent Mission of Norway)

Wednesday, 4 June 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Åsmund Eriksen, Permanent Mission of Norway (tel. 1 (212) 310-1541; e-mail aasm@mfa.no).]

UNITAR/IOM/UNFPA/MacArthur migration and development series: Course on international migration law

Wednesday, 11 June 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E;

Thursday, 12 June 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 13 June 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[This course is open to members of Permanent Missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail rosengaertner@un.org).]

Announcements

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Reminder — Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version, the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, by *the end of May 2008*, so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-third session. Kindly send the electronic version simultaneously to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (fuch@un.org).

Resolution 61/77, paras. 4, 5, 6 and 7 (a), entitled “Transparency in armaments”, adopted on 6 December 2006 (note verbale ODA/07-2008/TIA dated 6 February 2008);

Resolution 62/18, para. 11, entitled “Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East”, adopted on 5 December 2007 (note verbale ODA/14-2008/NWFZME dated 25 February 2008);

Resolution 62/30, para. 1, entitled “Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium”, adopted on 5 December 2007 (note verbale ODA/11-2008/A&ADU dated 15 February 2008);

Resolution 62/33, paras. 3 and 5, entitled “Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction”, adopted on 5 December 2007 (note verbale ODA/15-2008/WMDT dated 25 February 2008);

Resolution 62/39, para. 3, entitled “Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*”, adopted on 5 December 2007 (note verbale ODA/16-2008/ICJ dated 5 February 2008); and

Resolution 62/43, para. 2, entitled “Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities”, adopted on 5 December 2007 (note verbale ODA/17-2008/CBM-Outer Space dated 25 February 2008).

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent appeal for contributions

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is in urgent need of voluntary contributions: (a) to preserve the audiovisual heritage of legal developments within the United Nations which constitutes an invaluable resource for promoting a better knowledge of international law; and (b) to meet the increasing demand for international law training in developing countries by utilizing the Internet to revitalize the Audiovisual Library of International Law in the framework of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/62 of 6 December 2007 (paras. 11 and 12) ([A/RES/62/62](#)).

A pilot project of the Audiovisual Library of International Law can be viewed at www.un.org/law/AVLpilotproject.

For additional information, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-6971; e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Third Biennial Meeting of States to consider the implementation of the Programme of Action to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects (New York, 14-18 July 2008)

The Office for Disarmament Affairs wishes to inform Member States that a note verbale with two annexes containing copies of the letters of non governmental organizations requesting accreditation to the Third Biennial Meeting of States to consider the implementation of the Programme of Action to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects has been placed in their pigeon holes for pick-up. For any queries, kindly contact Ms. Silvia Mercogliano (tel. 1 (917) 367-4124; e-mail salw-unoda@un.org).

Reporting of military expenditure

With reference to General Assembly resolution 62/13, entitled “Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures”, and Note Verbale ODA/08-2008/OIMM, dated 6 February 2008, Member States are reminded that the deadline for the submission of data on military expenditures was Wednesday, 30 April 2008. Member States that have not already done so are encouraged to make their submissions at the earliest possible, including “nil” reports where applicable. Submissions may kindly be transmitted to the Office for Disarmament Affairs. In addition to hard copy, electronic submission would be greatly appreciated. For information and assistance, please contact Mr. Nazir Kamal (tel. 1 (212) 963-6195; fax 1 (212) 963-3689; e-mail kamaln@un.org); or Mr. Yuriy Kryvonos (tel. 1 (917) 367-1096; fax 1 (212) 963-3689; e-mail kryvonos@un.org).

Trust Fund to accept voluntary contributions

A Trust Fund has been established to accept voluntary contributions so as to eliminate the backlog of the *Yearbook* of the International Law Commission (para. 21 of General Assembly resolution 62/66 (A/RES/62/66)). A circular letter has been issued to Governments through their Permanent Missions. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Marianne Sooksatan, Codification Division, OLA (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; e-mail sooksatan@un.org).

Deadline for submission of comments of Governments

Delegations are informed that the deadline for submission of comments of Governments on the item “Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States” (General Assembly resolution 59/34 of 2 December 2004, para. 3) has been extended to *Friday, 30 May 2008*. Delegations may send their comments to the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (room S-3460). In addition, it would be appreciated if an electronic version of the comments could also be sent to the following address: buzzini@un.org.

Security Council**Web site of the presidency**

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/sc/presidency.html.

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, or by clicking on “Daily Programme” on the Web site of the Security Council (www.un.org/Docs/sc).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters**Friday, 23 May 2008****General Assembly****International Law Commission**

Sixtieth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

2966th meeting

Programme, procedures and working methods of the Commission and its documentation
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The Commission reviewed the results of the sixtieth anniversary seminar with the Legal Advisers.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3): Peru (8 May 2008)¹

¹Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Opening for signature

Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) concerning the Electronic Consignment Note. Geneva, 20 February 2008

Geneva (27 May 2008)

The above Protocol was adopted during the seventieth session of the Economic Commission for Europe's Inland Transport Committee on 20 February 2008. In accordance with its article 7, the Protocol shall be open for signature by States that are signatories to or parties to the Convention and are either members of the Economic Commission for Europe or have been admitted to the Commission in a consultative capacity, from *Monday, 27 May*, to Friday, 30 May 2008, in Geneva and, after this date, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, until 30 June 2009.

Certified true copies of the Protocol, of which the English and French 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 and signed by one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Protocol 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).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: <<http://untreaty.un.org>>.

Treaty event**Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to universal participation****2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us****United Nations Headquarters (23-25 and 29-30 September 2008)**

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events has been held annually at the United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000. This year, the annual treaty event will be held from 23 to 25 and on 29 and 30 September 2008, to coincide with the general debate of the sixty-third General Assembly.

The event, entitled “2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us”, provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year’s event will highlight treaties associated with the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Year of Planet Earth, the International Year of Sanitation and the International Polar Year, as well as transit and transport treaties of concern to landlocked and transit developing countries.

The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.158.2008 of 7 March 2008. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

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 to 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. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the 2008 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (<<http://untreaty.un.org>>) and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact: Ms. Sherry Holbrook (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047)). 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 United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *May 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Djibouti
H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye

Asian States:

Oman
H.E. Mr. Fuad Al-Hinai

Eastern European States:

Albania
H.E. Mr. Adrian Neritani

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Argentina
H.E. Mr. Jorge Argüello

Western European and other States:

Denmark
H.E. Mr. Carsten Staur

Web sites

Presidency of the General Assembly:

www.un.org/arabic/ga/president
www.un.org/chinese/ga/president
www.un.org/ga/president
www.un.org/french/ga/president
www.un.org/russian/ga/president
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Department for General Assembly and Conference Management:

www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_arabic.htm
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_chinese.htm
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_eng.htm
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_french.htm

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Presidency of the Security Council:

www.un.org/sc/presidency.html
www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/
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www.un.org/french/docs/cs/
www.un.org/russian/sc/
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*Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001)
concerning counter-terrorism:*

www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm
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www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html

Economic and Social Council:

www.un.org/arabic/ecosoc/
www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/
www.un.org/french/ecosoc/
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www.un.org/spanish/documents/esc/index.htm
www.un.org/chinese/ecosoc/2005/

Department of Economic and Social Affairs:

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www.un.org/chinese/esa
www.un.org/esa
www.un.org/french/esa
www.un.org/russian/esa
www.un.org/spanish/esa

Department of Political Affairs:

www.un.org/depts/dpa
www.un.org/depts/dpa/electoral
www.un.org/depts/dpa/scaffairs
www.un.org/depts/dpa/decolonization
www.un.org/depts/dpa/palestine
www.un.org/french/Depts/dpa/

Presidency of the European Union:

<http://europa-eu-un.org>

Journal of the United Nations:
www.un.org/Docs/journal/En/lateste.pdf
www.un.org/Docs/journal/Fr/latestf.pdf

United Nations Webcast:
www.un.org/webcast

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Friday, 23 May 2008.

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A/62/805	Item 140 — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Status of cases for death and disability for formed police units, military contingents, civilian police officers and military observers processed and currently in process and comprehensive review of the administrative and payment arrangement for such cases — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
Security Council	Documents
S/2008/318	Letter dated 9 May 2008 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/329	Letter dated 16 May 2008 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/331	Letter dated 16 May 2008 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

[A/62/844-S/2008/333](#) Identical letters dated 19 May 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

[S/PRST/2008/17](#) Statement by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

[S/Agenda/5896](#) Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006)

[S/AC.50/2008/15](#) Letter dated 1 May 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

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Burundi configuration**

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[E/2008/33](#) Committee for Development Policy — Report on the tenth session — (17-20 March 2008) — Supplement No. 13 [E F S]

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Special meeting on the global food crisis

[E/2008/66](#) Statement of the President of the Economic and Social Council on the occasion of the special meeting of the Council on the global food crisis [A C E F R S]

**Executive Board of the United Nations
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United Nations Population Fund**

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Item 2 of the provisional agenda — Financial, budgetary and administrative matters —
United Nations Population Fund — Statistical and financial review, 2007 [A C E F R S]

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