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**TREATY EVENT
MULTILATERAL TREATY FRAMEWORK:
AN INVITATION TO UNIVERSAL PARTICIPATION
FOCUS 2006: CROSSING BORDERS**

UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS
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The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events has been held annually at United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000. In 2005, the Treaty Event held during the World Summit of the General Assembly was focused on the theme "Responding to Global Challenges" and attracted 265 treaty actions undertaken by 99 States and the European Community.

The General Assembly has decided to convene a High-Level Dialogue on international migration and development during its sixty-first session - focusing on the linkages between migration policy and human rights, development, trade, state sovereignty and security. Consistent with the Organization's objective of consolidating and advancing the international rule of law, and consistent with the High-Level Dialogue on international migration and related issues, the theme for the Focus 2006 Treaty Event will be "Crossing Borders".

The Treaty Event will take place in parallel with the High-Level Dialogue at Headquarters in September 2006. The list of treaties being highlighted during Focus 2006 is attached. 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.

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

The publication *Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to Universal Participation - Focus 2006: Crossing Borders* is currently being compiled and will be circulated to all Permanent Missions in New York as soon as possible. This publication will contain summaries of key provisions, relevant final clauses and the status of the treaties being highlighted at Focus 2006.

Further information concerning the Focus 2006 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations

Attention: Treaty Services of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of international organizations concerned. Depositary notifications are made available to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations at the following e-mail address: missions@un.int. Such notifications are also available in the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Internet at <http://untreaty.un.org>.

Treaty Collection website (<http://untreaty.un.org>) and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact Ms. Sherry Holbrook or Mr. Bradford Smith at (1) (212) 963-5047).

10 February 2006

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List of Multilateral Treaties Highlighted in Focus 2006 Treaty Event

(For an up-to-date status of the treaties listed below, please refer to the UN Treaty Collection website at the following address: <http://untreaty.un.org>. Only treaties highlighted with an asterisk (*) are still open for signature. All treaties are open for ratification, acceptance, approval and accession in accordance with their provisions.)

Refugees and Stateless Persons

1. Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees (Geneva, 28 July 1951)
2. Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees (New York, 31 January 1967)
3. Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons (New York, 28 September 1954)
4. Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (New York, 30 August 1961)

Migrant Workers and Human Rights

5. International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (New York, 18 December 1990)*
6. International Covenant on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (New York, 7 March 1966)*
7. International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (New York, 16 December 1966)*
8. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (New York, 16 December 1966)*
9. Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (New York, 16 December 1966)*
10. Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (New York, 15 December 1989)*
11. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (New York, 18 December 1979)*
12. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (New York, 6 October 1999)*
13. Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (New York, 10 December 1984)*
14. Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (New York, 18 December 2002)*

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15. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (New York, 25 May 2000)*
16. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (New York, 25 May 2000)*

Human Security and Trafficking in Persons and Firearms

17. United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (New York, 15 November 2000)
18. Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (New York, 15 November 2000)
19. Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (New York, 15 November 2000)
20. Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (New York, 31 May 2001)
21. United Nations Convention against Corruption (New York, 31 October 2003)
22. Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others (Lake Success, New York, 21 March 1950)*

Sustainable Development, Food Security and Ecological Migration

23. Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (New York, 4 August 1995)
24. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (New York, 9 May 1992)
25. Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Kyoto, 11 December 1997)
26. Convention on Biological Diversity (Rio de Janeiro, 5 June 1992)
27. Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Montreal, 29 January 2000)

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Disarmament and State Security

28. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I, II and III) (Geneva, 10 October 1980); amendment to Protocol II and to the Convention

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons) (Vienna, 13 October 1995)

Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V) (Geneva, 28 November 2003)

29. Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction (Oslo, 18 September 1997)

Recently Adopted Agreements

30. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel (New York, 8 December 2005)*