Fact Sheet #4

Past Treaty Events

The Treaty Event was initiated as a side activity of the Millennium Summit in 2000. Each year, a focus is selected, highlighting a group of treaties, as a way to encourage Member States to sign, ratify or otherwise support these treaties. In 2001, an additional treaty event was held in the wake of 11 September to highlight terrorism-related treaties.

The following is a list of past treaty events and the number of actions taken by Member States:

2000 The Millennium Summit Treaty Event

274 treaty actions by 84 States

2001 Focus – Rights of Women and Children

135 treaty actions by 61 States

Treaty Event – Terrorism-related Treaties

180 treaty actions by 79 States

2002 Focus – Sustainable Development

84 treaty actions by 41 States

2003 Focus – Treaties against Transnational Organized Crime and Terrorism

155 treaty actions by 56 States

2004 Focus – Treaties on the Protection of Civilians

102 treaty actions by 35 States

2005 Focus – Responding to Global Challenges

265 treaty actions by 99 States and the European Community

2006 Focus – Crossing Borders

86 treaty actions by 46 States

2007 Focus – Towards Universal Participation and Implementation –

A Comprehensive Legal Framework for Peace, Development and Human Rights

81 treaty actions by 48 States

2008 Focus – Universal Participation and Implementation – Dignity and Justice for All of Us

84 treaty actions by 44 States

2009 Towards Universal Participation and Implementation

103 treaty actions by 64 States

2010 Focus – Towards Universal Participation and Implementation

44 treaty actions by 26 States

Note: Treaty actions include, for example, signatures, ratifications, approvals, acceptances, accessions and consents to be bound. There have been a total of twelve treaty events before the 2011 event during which a total of 1,591 treaty actions have taken place.

