Fact Sheet #2

United Nations

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 –

Focus – Universal Participation and Implementation – Dignity and Justice for All of Us 84 treaty actions by 44 States

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Towards Universal Participation and Implementation 103 treaty actions by 64 States

81 treaty actions by 48 States

Note: Treaty actions include, for example, signatures, ratifications, approvals, acceptances, accessions and consents to be bound. There have been a total of eleven treaty events before the 2010 event during which a total of 1,549 treaty actions have taken place.