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The Legal Counsel presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations in New York and has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's invitation to Member States to participate in the Treaty Event, Focus 2003: Treaties Against Transnational Organized Crime and Terrorism, held at United Nations Headquarters from 23 to 26 September 2003.

56 States participated in the above event and undertook 155 treaty actions relating to 41 treaties (60 signatures and 95 ratifications, acceptances, accessions and other treaty actions).

During the event, the following treaties relating to transnational organized crime and terrorism attracted the largest number of actions:

- United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 2000 (10 ratifications/accessions). The Convention, entered into force on 29 September 2003, currently has 147 signatories and 51 parties.
- Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 2000 (8 ratifications/accessions). The Protocol, which will enter into force on 25 December 2003 as a result of the treaty event, currently has 117 signatories and 40 parties.
- Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 2000 (5 ratifications/accessions). The Protocol currently has 112 signatories and 37 parties. It will enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit of the fortieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. For this purpose, any instrument deposited by a regional economic integration organization shall not be counted as additional to those deposited by member States of such organization.
- 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, 2001 (5 ratifications/accessions). The Protocol currently has 52 signatories and 11 parties. It will enter into force in the same manner as the Protocol above.
- Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents, 1973 (7 accessions). The Convention, which entered into force on 20 February 1977, currently has 25 signatories and 140 parties.

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- International Convention against the taking of hostages, 1979 (7 accessions/successions). The Convention, which entered into force on 3 June 1983, currently has 39 signatories and 130 parties.
- International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, 1997 (9 ratifications/accessions). The Convention, which entered into force on 23 May 2001, currently has 58 signatories and 111 parties.
- International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, 1999 (7 ratifications/accessions). The Convention, which entered into force on 10 April 2002, currently has 132 signatories and 99 parties.

Moreover, special attention was focused on the following three treaties during the event:

- Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 2002 (13 signatures and 1 ratification). The Protocol currently has 20 signatories and 1 party. It will enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date of deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the twentieth instrument of ratification or accession.
- Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, 2003 (15 signatures and 1 ratification). The Convention currently has 73 signatories and 2 parties. It will enter into force on the ninetieth day following the date of deposit of the fortieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval, formal confirmation or accession with the Depositary.
- Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel, 1994 (2 accessions). The Convention, which entered into force on 15 January 1999, currently has 43 signatories and 68 parties.

Lastly, the following treaties also attracted a significant number of actions:

- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict, 2000 (4 signatures and 4 ratifications/accessions). The Optional Protocol, which entered into force on 12 February 2002, currently has 115 signatories and 63 parties.
- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, 2000 (3 signatures and 3 ratifications/accessions). The Optional Protocol, which entered into force on 18 January 2002, currently has 108 signatories and 65 parties.
- Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, 1950 (8 signatures and 1 accession). The Convention, which entered into force on 25 July 1951, currently has 22 signatories and 75 parties.
- Final Protocol to the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, 1950 (8 signatures and 1 accession). The Final Protocol, which entered into force on 25 July 1951, currently has 22 signatories and 34 parties.

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- Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court, 2002 (5 signatures). The Agreement currently has 41 signatories and 2 parties. It will enter into force thirty days after the date of deposit with the Secretary-General of the tenth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Osborn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "I".

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