11 States undertook 18 treaty actions today. Of that number, three States participated at the level of **Head of State or Government** and six States participated at the level of **Minister for Foreign Affairs**. There were a total of 10 signatures, three ratifications and five accessions. A breakdown of the actions by treaty appears below.

**Migrant Workers and Human Rights**

- *Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 2002* (Ratification by Ukraine).

**Human Security and Trafficking in Persons and Firearms**


**Recently Adopted Agreements**

- *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel, 2005* (Signatures by Australia, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia and Ukraine).

**Other Agreements**

- *International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2005* (Signature by Madagascar).
• United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts, 2005 (Signature by Madagascar).
• Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance, 1956 (Accession by Ukraine).

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**Treaty Event – Focus 2006: Crossing Borders**

29 States undertook 47 treaty actions to date. There were a total of 17 signatures, 12 ratifications, one acceptance, 14 accessions, one partial withdrawal of a reservation, one withdrawal of a declaration, and one communication. A breakdown of the actions by treaty appears below.

**Refugees and Stateless Persons**


**Migrant Workers and Human Rights**

• *Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966* (Accession by Maldives).
• *Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 1979* (Partial Withdrawal of a Reservation by Austria).
• *Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 2002* (Ratification by Ukraine/Accessions by Armenia and Peru).
Human Security and Trafficking in Persons and Firearms


Sustainable Development, Food Security and Ecological Migration


Disarmament and State Security

- *Amendment of 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, 2001* (Ratification by Poland).

Recently Adopted Agreements

- *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel, 2005* (Signatures by Australia, Belgium, Chile, Cyprus, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, Ukraine and Uruguay).

Other Agreements

Privileges and Immunities:


Health:


International Trade and Development:

- *Agreement establishing the African Development Bank done in Khartoum on 4 August 1963, as amended by resolution 05-79 adopted by the Board of Governors on 17 May 1979, 1982* (Withdrawal of a Declaration by Norway).
Transport:

Navigation:
• Amendments to the Convention of the International Maritime Organization of 1948 relating to the Institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee, 1991 (Acceptance by Colombia).

Penal Matters:
• International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, 1997 (Communication by Canada).
• International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, 2005 (Ratification by Austria).

Commodities:
• International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2005 (Signatures by Madagascar and Norway).
• Food Aid Convention, 1999 (Accession by Poland).
• International Coffee Agreement, 2001 (Accession by Poland).

Maintenance Obligations:
• Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance, 1956 (Accession by Ukraine).

Environment:
• Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, 1999 (Accession by Colombia).
• Amendment to the 1991 Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, 2001 (Ratification by Austria).
• Amendment to the 1991 Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, 2004 (Ratification by Austria).