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TREATY EVENT
MULTILATERAL TREATY FRAMEWORK:
AN INVITATION TO UNIVERSAL PARTICIPATION
FOCUS 2007 : TOWARDS UNIVERSAL PARTICIPATION AND
IMPLEMENTATION - A COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR
PEACE, DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS

UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS
25-27 SEPTEMBER AND 1-2 OCTOBER 2007

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 the United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000. An impressive total of 1,278 treaty actions (signatures, ratifications, etc.) have been undertaken at these treaty events. In 2006, the treaty event, "Focus 2006: Crossing Borders", was held during the High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development and the General Assembly General Debate, and 46 States undertook a total of 86 treaty actions.

This year, the annual treaty event will be held on 25-27 September and 1-2 October 2007 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to coincide with the General Debate of the sixty-second General Assembly. The treaty event, entitled "Focus 2007: Towards Universal Participation and Implementation - A Comprehensive Legal Framework for Peace, Development and Human Rights". Consistent with the Organization's objective of consolidating and advancing the international rule of law, this year's theme will assist in focusing attention on the important goal of moving towards universal participation and implementation and will target those areas directly affecting human beings, their security, environment, development and human dignity.

The Treaty Event will take place in parallel with the 62nd General Assembly General Debate. The list of treaties being highlighted during Focus 2007 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.

Attention: Treaty Services of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of international organizations concerned. Depositary notifications are currently issued in both hard copy and electronic format. 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, where interested individuals can subscribe to directly receive depositary notifications by e-mail through a new automated subscription service. Depositary notifications are available for pick-up by the Permanent Missions in Room NL-300.
The publication *Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to Universal Participation - Focus 2007: Towards Universal Participation and Implementation - A Comprehensive Legal Framework for Peace, Development and Human Rights* has been compiled and circulated to all Permanent Missions in New York. This publication contains summaries of key provisions, relevant final clauses and status of the treaties being highlighted at Focus 2007.

Further information concerning the Focus 2007 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection web site (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).
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List of Multilateral Treaties Highlighted in Focus 2007 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 those 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.)

HUMAN RIGHTS

1. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (New York, 7 March 1966)*
3. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (New York, 16 December 1966)*
4. Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (New York, 16 December 1966)*
5. 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)*
7. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (New York, 6 October 1999)*
8. Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (New York, 10 December 1984)*
9. 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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TERRORISM, ORGANIZED CRIME AND CORRUPTION


ENVIRONMENT AND LAW OF THE SEA


27. Lusaka Agreement on Co-operative Enforcement Operations Directed at Illegal Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora (Lusaka, 8 September 1994)


DISARMAMENT

30. 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); amendments to Protocol II (Geneva, 3 May 1996) and to the Convention (Geneva, 21 December 2001)


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

34. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (New York, 10 September 1996)

INTERNATIONAL TRADE


37. Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York, 10 June 1958)

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RECENTLY ADOPTED TREATIES


42. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (New York, 13 December 2006) *


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