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TREATY EVENT
MULTILATERAL TREATY FRAMEWORK:
AN INVITATION TO UNIVERSAL PARTICIPATION

2008 TREATY EVENT: TOWARDS UNIVERSAL PARTICIPATION AND
IMPLEMENTATION –
DIGNITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL OF US

UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS
23 - 25 AND 29 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

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 over 1,350 treaty actions (signatures, ratifications, etc.) have been undertaken at these treaty
events. In 2007, the treaty event, “Focus 2007: Towards Universal Participation and Implementation”,
was held during the sixty-second General Assembly general debate, and 48 States undertook a total of
81 treaty actions.

This year, the annual treaty event will be held from 23 to 25 and 29 to 30 September 2008 at
United Nations Headquarters in New York, to coincide with the general debate of the sixty-third
General Assembly. The event, entitled “2008 Treaty Event: Towards Universal Participation and
Implementation – Dignity and justice for all of us”, provides a distinct opportunity for States to
demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations.
This year’s event will highlight treaties associated with the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal
Declaration of Human Rights, the International Year of Planet Earth, the International Year of
Sanitation and the International Polar Year as well as transit and transport treaties of concern to
landlocked and transit developing countries.

The list of treaties being highlighted during the 2008 Treaty Event 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
depository 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 *2008 Treaty Event: Towards Universal Participation and Implementation – Dignity and justice for all of us* is currently being compiled and will be circulated to all Permanent Missions in New York as soon as possible. This publication will contain summaries of key provisions, relevant final clauses and status of the treaties being highlighted in the 2008 Treaty Event.

List of multilateral treaties to be highlighted in the 2008 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 appearing with an asterisk (*) are still open for signature. All treaties are open for ratification, acceptance, approval and/or accession in accordance with their provisions.)

Human rights (in recognition of the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights)

2. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (New York, 7 March 1966)*
4. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (New York, 16 December 1966)*
5. Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (New York, 16 December 1966)*
7. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (New York, 18 December 1979)*
9. Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (New York, 10 December 1984)*
10. 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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**Protecting Planet Earth: the environment, sustainable development, water, sanitation and the polar regions**


   Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (Geneva, 22 September 1995)


   Amendments to Articles 25 and 26 of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Geneva, 17 February 2004)


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   Amendment to Annex B of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Nairobi, 17 November 2006)
29. Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Montreal, 29 January 2000)


   Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (Kiev, 21 May 2003)
32. Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Stockholm, 22 May 2001)

Transit, customs and trade agreements of concern to land-locked and transit developing countries

34. Customs Convention on Containers (Geneva, 2 December 1972)
40. Convention on Road Traffic (Vienna, 8 November 1968)

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41. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (Vienna, 8 November 1968)

42. Convention on Transit Trade of Land-locked States (New York, 8 July 1965)


**Disarmament and penal matters**

44. 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)

   Amendment to 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 (Geneva, 21 December 2001)


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

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


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