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2009 TREATY EVENT
MULTILATERAL TREATY FRAMEWORK:
TOWARDS UNIVERSAL PARTICIPATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS
23-25 AND 28-29 SEPTEMBER 2009

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 have been held annually at the Headquarters of the United Nations commencing with the Millennium Summit in 2000. An impressive total of over 1,446 treaty actions (signatures, ratifications, etc.) have been undertaken at these treaty events. In 2008, the treaty event was held during the sixty-third General Assembly general debate, and 44 States undertook a total of 84 treaty actions.

This year, the annual treaty event will be held from 23 to 25 and 28 to 29 September 2009 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to coincide with the general debate of the sixty-fourth General Assembly. The 2009 Treaty Event: Towards Universal Participation and Implementation 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 of global reach such as climate change, terrorism, human rights, transnational organized crime, statelessness and the use of nuclear and other weapons that adversely affect civilians.

The list of treaties being highlighted during the 2009 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 in time.

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://treaties.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 2009 Treaty Event: Towards Universal Participation and Implementation is currently being compiled and will be circulated to all Permanent Missions in New York shortly. The publication will contain summaries of key provisions, relevant final clauses and status of treaties being highlighted in the 2009 treaty event.

Further information concerning the special treaty event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection web site (http://treaties.un.org) and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact Ms. Sherry Holbrook or Ms. Annebeth Rosenboom at 1 212 963-5047; or via email at holbrook@un.org or rosenboom@un.org).
List of Multilateral Treaties to be Highlighted in 2009 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://treaties.un.org. Only those treaties highlighted 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 and statelessness

1. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (New York, 6 October 1999)*

2. Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (New York, 18 December 2002)*


5. International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (New York, 18 December 1990)*


The environment, sustainable development and climate change


   Amendment to Annex B of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Nairobi, 17 November 2006)


Terrorism, organized crime and penal matters


Disarmament


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)


32. Convention on Cluster Munitions (Dublin, 30 May 2008)*

Privileges and immunities and the safety of United Nations and associated personnel


Recently-adopted agreements


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