



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

31 May 2018

Excellency,

In my capacity as the depositary of more than 560 multilateral treaties, I would like to encourage the participation of your State in the 2018 Treaty Event. This initiative, launched in 2000, has proven successful in the promotion of participation in the multilateral treaty framework of the United Nations. This year's Treaty Event will take place from 25 to 28 September 2018, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, in conjunction with the General Debate of the seventy-third session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The 2018 Treaty Event will focus on the promotion of human rights through the multilateral treaty framework. Seventy years ago, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a milestone document setting out fundamental human rights to be universally protected. Also marking its seventieth anniversary this year is the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

I wish to extend my invitation for your State to make use of the Treaty Event by signing on to any treaty for which I act as depositary, and by depositing instruments of ratification or accession to those treaties. A list of the highlighted treaties is enclosed. These treaties cover the areas of human rights, as well as terrorism and other criminal matters, law of the sea, disarmament, environmental issues, and the safety of United Nations and associated personnel.

Let me emphasize that the Treaty Event may be used to take action, not only on the treaties referred to above, but also on any other treaty of which I am the depositary. A complete list of the treaties deposited with me is available on the website of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs (<https://treaties.un.org>).

Should your State wish to participate in the 2018 Treaty Event, I would be grateful if you could inform the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, by 4 September 2018, of your intention to sign, ratify or accede to any of the treaties of which I am the depositary, so that the necessary arrangements may be made.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "António Guterres". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke on the right side.

António Guterres