



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

22 April 2022

Excellency,

In my capacity as the depositary of more than six hundred multilateral treaties, I have the honour to write to encourage the participation of your State in the 2022 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 20 to 23 September 2022, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, provided the public health conditions prevailing at the time allow, in conjunction with the General Debate of the seventy-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The theme of the 2022 Treaty Event will be "Promoting the International Treaty Framework". A list of the highlighted treaties is enclosed. In this vein, the event will support progression towards universal participation and implementation of the multilateral treaty framework and, in particular, treaties in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. These treaties address social, economic and environmental challenges, and work towards peaceful and inclusive societies and a clean and healthy planet for sustainable development. They cover a diversity of areas, such as the protection of human rights, including gender equality, environmental sustainability, public health and disarmament. I wish to extend my invitation for your State to make use of the Treaty Event by signing on to the highlighted treaties, and by depositing instruments of ratification or accession to those treaties.

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 2022 Treaty Event, I would be grateful if you could inform the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, by 7 September 2022, 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', with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

António Guterres