



## ANNOUNCEMENT

### OLA/UNITAR SEMINAR ON DEPOSIT OF TREATY ACTIONS WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE REGISTRATION OF TREATIES

*Organized jointly with the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs*  
United Nations Headquarters, New York, Conference Room C  
English Seminar: 23 - 24 May 2006, French Seminar: 25 May 2006

The appreciation of international law and the multilateral treaty framework is an integral part of the management of international relations today. Member States in the 2005 World Summit outcome document recognized the “need for universal adherence to and implementation of the rule of law at both the national and international levels” and called attention to the importance of States becoming parties to and implementing conventions deposited with the Secretary-General in areas such as terrorism, organized crime and corruption, protection of the environment and human rights. Against this background, countries face challenges in participating in multilateral treaties, particularly in the area of signature, ratification, accession and domestic implementation of treaty rights and obligations.

The United Nations Secretariat is committed to giving effect to the objectives advanced by the Member States in the 2005 World Summit outcome document, the Secretary-General in his Millennium Report and those endorsed in the Millennium Declaration, in particular by providing training and capacity-building assistance to facilitate more effective participation by countries in multilateral treaties and in the registration of bilateral treaties with the Secretariat pursuant to Article 102 of the United Nations Charter.

The principal objective of this seminar is to provide an overview of and practical hands-on experience in the drafting and deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and the registration of treaties. The seminar is designed primarily to meet the needs of legal advisers and legal officers involved with the preparation of treaty actions to multilateral treaties and the registration of treaties. Practitioners who are interested in these aspects of treaty law are also welcome. Assistance and guidance will also be provided on the domestic aspects of participation in multilateral treaties.

The seminar will be held separately in English and in French at United Nations Headquarters in New York. It will be conducted in **English** on **Tuesday, 23 and Wednesday, 24 May 2006 in Conference Room C** and in **French** on **Thursday, 25 May from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room TBA**.

Delegates who wish to attend either of the above-mentioned seminars are requested to return the attached nomination form, signed by the Head of the Permanent Mission, **by Thursday 18 May 2006**.

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