Friday, 1 July 2016





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# Programme of meetings and agenda Friday, 1 July 2016







# Official meetings

# **General Assembly**

Seventieth session

10:00

109th plenary meeting

General Assembly Hall

# ■ [webcast]

- Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/70/107) [item 114 (e)]
- 2. The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy: reports of the Secretary-General (A/70/674, A/70/826 and A/70/826/Corr.1) [item 117]

# **Security Council**

15:00 Consultations of the whole (closed)

Consultations Room

Programme of work

Other matters

[The President of the Security Council month of July (Japan) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the programme of work for the month *today*, 1 July 2016, at 16:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.]

[The President of the Security Council will also provide a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month *today*, 1 July 2016, at 17:00, in the Press Briefing Room (S-0237). Delegations can view the press briefing from the United Nations Webcast.] [webcast]

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# **General Assembly**

Seventieth session

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the zero draft declaration of the high-level plenary meeting to address large movements of refugees and migrants

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 27 June 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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10:00 Conference Room 12

Informal informal consultations on the high-level meeting on antimicrobial resistance

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15:30 Conference Room 5

Informal informal consultations on the modalities of the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14

[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 10 June 2016 and 27 June 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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# **United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)**

Informal intergovernmental negotiations on the draft outcome document of the Conference

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 3

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 3

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/210 of 22 December 2015, informal intergovernmental negotiations on the draft outcome document of the Conference, convened by the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference

[Letters from the co-facilitators, dated 18 and 24 June 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

## **Open-ended Working Group on Ageing**

15:00 Informal briefing Conference Room 1

On a zero draft of a draft decision on modalities of participation of National Human Rights Institutions in the work of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, convened by the Chair of the Open-ended Working Group (Argentina). All are invited to attend. For additional information, please contact the Secretary of the Open-Ended Working Group, Ms. Lana Emelina-Sarte (e-mail emelina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4572).

# **Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters**

Sixty-sixth session

10:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

15:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

#### **United Nations Commission on International Trade Law**

Forty-ninth session

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

# **Economic and Social Council**

2016 session

Dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

As part of the Economic and Social Council dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system, a briefing on the proposals from the United Nations development system will be convened by the Vice-President of the Council (Honduras).

For further information, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Kirit Patel (e-mail patelk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3944)).

# **Informal meetings on draft proposals convened** by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

# **General Assembly**

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Resolution on the establishment of a Museum for the United Nations" (under agenda item 122) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Denmark)

13:15 to 14:30 Informal consultations Conference Room 8

# Other meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations. The meetings under this header are open unless otherwise indicated.

# **Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)**

09:00 to 10:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5
12:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5
13:30 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 4

# Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 4

# Group of 77 (on oceans)

13:15 to 14:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

# Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room D

# **Arab Group (Third Committee experts)**

12:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7

# Event entitled "International Youth Engagement to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism" (corganized by the Mission of Norway, in collaboration with YouthCAN)

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Audun Hjort, Mission of Norway (e-mail audun.lunnan.hjort@mfa.no; tel. 1 (646) 207-6148).

# Event on "Criminal Justice aspects of prosecution and reintegration" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of New Zealand and Spain)

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Javier García Larrache, Permanent Mission of Spain (e-mail javier.glarrache@maec.es; tel. 1 (212) 661-1050).

# Asia-Pacific Group (Coordination Meeting) (for the member States of the International Seabed Authority)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

#### **Press conferences**

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

# Forthcoming official meetings

# **General Assembly**

Seventieth session

Tuesday, 12 and Wednesday, 13 July 2016

The President of the General Assembly will convene a High-Level Thematic Debate entitled "UN@70 – Human Rights at the centre of the global agenda". A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 20 May 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), with a copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)).

## **Sixth Committee**

Tuesday, 12 July 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting

Conference Room 5

Informal briefing pursuant to paragraph 14 of General Assembly resolution 70/114 of 14 December 2015, entitled "Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission" (under agenda item 80)

Open-ended Working Group on the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament

Second substantive session

Monday, 11, to Friday, 15 July 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 3

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 3

# **Economic and Social Council**

2016 session

Thursday, 7 July 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations

Trusteeship Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00

Informal consultations

Trusteeship Council Chamber

On the draft ministerial declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development for 2016, convened under the auspices of the Council, and the high-level segment of the 2016 session of the Council, convened by the co-facilitators (Australia and Peru). A letter from the co-facilitators, dated 30 June 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

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Dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system

Thursday, 7 July 2016

10:00 to 13:00

Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00

Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (Honduras) will convene a formal meeting of the Council to conclude the Council dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

All are invited. For the programme, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Kirit Patel (e-mail patelk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3944)).

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Informal consultations

Friday, 8 July 2016

15:00 to 18:00

Conference Room 12

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management" (under agenda item 18 (i), Cartography), convened by the facilitator (Mexico).

High-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council (agenda item 6)

Monday, 11, to Friday, 15 July 2016

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/290 and Economic and Social Council resolution 2016/1, the President of the Council, His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), will convene the *high-level political forum (agenda item 6) on sustainable development, under the auspices of the Council*, from Monday, 11 July, to Friday, 15 July 2016. The three-day ministerial meeting of the forum, as part of the high-

level segment of the Council (agenda item 5 (a)), is scheduled from Monday, 18 July, to Wednesday, 20 July 2016.

The forum, open to all States Members of the United Nations and States members of specialized agencies, as well as the major groups and other relevant stakeholders, will start on Monday, 11 July 2016, at 10:00.

The theme for the forum is "Ensuring that No One is Left Behind". For additional information, please consult the website of the forum (*click here*) or contact Ms. Meng Li, Division for Sustainable Development (e-mail li39@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5652).

For information on registration by the major groups and other stakeholders please *click here*.

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High-level segment (agenda item 5 and sub-items (a) to (d))

Monday, 18, to Friday, 22 July 2016

The high-level segment of the 2016 session of the Economic and Social Council, including the three-day ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, and the Development Cooperation Forum will be held from Monday, 18 July, to Friday, 22 July 2016. The high-level segment will open on Monday, 18 July, at 09:00. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2015/203, the theme for the 2016 session of the Council is "Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results".

For additional information on the high-level segment:

High-level Political Forum (*click here*) or contact Ms. Meng Li, Division for Sustainable Development (e-mail li39@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5652).

High-level Thematic Discussion (*click here*) or contact Mr. Gregory Barrett, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (e-mail barrettg@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4723).

Development Cooperation Forum (*click here*) or contact Ms. Caroline Lombardo, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (e-mail lombardoc@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9212).

A general debate on the theme "Ensuring that no One is Left Behind" will be held on Monday, 18 July 2016, from 17:00 to 19:00, on Tuesday, 19 July, from 17:00 to 19:00, and on Wednesday, 20 July, from 16:30 to 18:30.

The *list of speakers* for the general debate *is open*. All States Members of the United Nations and States members of specialized agencies are invited to inscribe. Inscriptions to the list of speakers will close *by 17:00*, on *Friday, 15 July 2016*.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; Room S-1286; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), indicating the name and the level of the participant.

The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with the level of representation and on a first-come, first-served basis. Statements in the general debate should not exceed five minutes when speaking in a national capacity, and seven minutes when speaking on behalf of a group.

For inclusion in the *list of participants*, delegations of States Members of the United Nations and States members of specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations, specialized agencies and related organizations as well as United Nations funds, programmes and other entities, are kindly requested to send the names of representatives and alternates attending the high-level political forum and the high-level segment to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1285; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), with a copy to Ms. Caroline Lombardo (e-mail lombardoc@un.org) and Mr. Gregory Barrett (e-mail barrettg@un.org), Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination and to Ms. Meng Li (e-mail li39@un.org), Division for Sustainable Development. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for both the meetings of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council. To access the Council's PaperSmart portal, please *click here*. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org.

# Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

# **General Assembly**

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Tackling illicit trafficking in wildlife" (under agenda item 15) (convened by the Permanent Missions of Gabon and Germany)

Tuesday, 5 July 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Informal informal consultations

Conference Room 12

# Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

## **International Seabed Authority**

Twenty-second session Kingston, Jamaica (4-22 July 2016)

The twenty-second session of the International Seabed Authority will take place in Kingston, Jamaica from Monday, 4, to Friday, 22 July, 2016.

The programme of work, information note on matters before the session and all official session documents can be accessed from the International Seabed Authority website (*click here*).

The meetings of the Legal and Technical Commission and Finance Committee will take place from Monday, 4, to Monday, 11 July 2016, while the Assembly and Council will hold their first meeting on Tuesday, 12 July. Delegations are reminded to transmit their credentials prior to the start of the session to Ms. Avril Pereira (e-mail apereira@isa.org.jm).

# **Announcements**

# Open Camps @ UN 2016 (Office of Information and Communications Technology (OICT))

The Open Camps @ UN 2016, is organized by the Office of Information and Communications Technology (OICT), from Friday, 8, to Sunday, 17 July 2016, at Headquarters. The 10-day event, featuring more than 25 sub-conferences covering a variety of open source technologies, is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions.

For further information, please contact Ms. Radia Funna, OICT (e-mail funna@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2375). Registration in advance is required, please *click here*.

# **International Law Seminar for African Universities**

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, from Monday, 15, to Friday, 26 August 2016, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region.

The Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations wishes to express her gratitude to China, Finland, Italy, New Zealand and Sweden for their generous contributions to support the seminar. Additional voluntary contributions are urgently needed to support this seminar.

For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here*); or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

# Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *July 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents (English and Spanish)

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All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*). For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

## Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

The report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been issued in document A/70/723, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's report, contained in document A/70/824.

# Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) is available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

# Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

# **Summary of official meetings**

Thursday, 30 June 2016

# **Security Council**

[archived video]

7729th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Mladenov.

# **General Assembly**

Seventieth session

[archived video]

108th plenary meeting

Tribute to the memory of His Excellency John W. Ashe, President of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly

The President, on behalf of the General Assembly, conveyed his condolences to the Government and the people of Antigua and Barbuda and to the bereaved family of His Excellency John W. Ashe.

The General Assembly observed a minute of silence.

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bulgaria (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Zambia (on behalf of the African States), Japan (on behalf of the Asia-Pacific States), Barbados (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Norway (on behalf of the Western European and other States), Suriname (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and Antigua and Barbuda.

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [item 112 (a)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 112.

The President drew the attention of the Assembly to the letter from the representative of Norway (as Chair of the Western European and other States) contained in document A/70/964.

Since one seat from the Western European and other States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a sixth round of balloting (second unrestricted ballot).

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority and the largest number of votes, Italy (172 votes) was elected as a non-permanent member of the Security Council for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2017.

The representative of Italy made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 112.

The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy: reports of the Secretary-General (A/70/674, A/70/826 and A/70/826/Corr.1) [item 117]

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 117.

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields: follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/70/L.54) [items 15 and 116]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda items 15 and 116.

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to a statement by the Secretary-General, contained in document A/70/967, regarding programme budget implications of draft resolution A/70/L.54.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/70/L.54 (resolution 70/290).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 15 and 116.

# Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

2016 resumed session

■ [archived video]

12th meeting

Question of French Polynesia [item 1]

The Chair drew attention to draft resolution A/AC.109/2016/L.24.

The Special Committee adopted draft resolution A/AC.109/2016/L.24, without a vote, as orally amended.

The Special Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item

Question of sending visiting missions to Territories [item 2]

The Chair drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution A/AC.109/2016/L.5/Rev.2.

The Special Committee adopted draft resolution A/AC.109/2016/L.5/Rev.2, without a vote.

The Special Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Closing of the 2016 resumed session of the Special Committee [item 3]

The Special Committee authorized the Rapporteur to prepare, with the assistance of the Secretariat, the annual report of the Committee's work at its 2016 session.

The Chair made a closing statement.

The Chair declared closed the 2016 resumed session of the Special Committee.

# Convention on the Rights of the Child

## **Meeting of States parties**

Sixteenth meeting

1st meeting

Opening of the meeting by the Representative of the Secretary-General [item 1]

The meeting was opened by Mr. David Marshall, representing the Secretary-General, who made a statement.

Election of the Chair [item 2]

The Permanent Representative of Liberia made a statement nominating His Excellency Muhammad Anshor, Deputy Permanent Representative of Indonesia, who was then elected as Chair of the meeting by acclamation.

Adoption of the agenda [item 3]

The meeting adopted the provisional agenda submitted by the Secretary-General (CRC/SP/47) as its agenda.

Election of other officers of the meeting [item 4]

The meeting unanimously elected Mr. Thorvardur Atli Thorsson (Iceland) as Vice-Chair.

Election of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in accordance with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child as amended (see General Assembly resolution 50/155) [item 5]

The following nine candidates obtained the required majority in the first ballot and were elected as members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to serve from 1 March 2017 to 28 February 2021: Ms. Amal Salman Aldoseri (Bahrain); Ms. Olga A. Khazova (Russian Federation); Mr. Cephas Lumina (Zambia); Mr. Benyam Dawit Mezmur (Ethiopia); Ms. Mikiko Otani (Japan); Mr. Luis Ernesto Pedernera Reyna (Uruguay); Ms. Ann Marie Skelton (South Africa); Ms. Velina Todorova (Bulgaria); and Ms. Renate Winter (Austria).

Other matters [item 6]

No statements were made under this item.

The sixteenth meeting of the States Parties was closed.

# Corrigendum

# **Economic and Social Council**

2016 session

Humanitarian affairs segment

[archived video]

Corrigendum to the summary of the 34th meeting of the Humanitarian affairs segment (see *Journal* No. 2016/127, p. 25. The summary of the 34th meeting *should read* as follows:

Elections, nominations, confirmation and appointments [item 4]

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues: Appointment of members by the President of the Council

The Vice-President (Switzerland) informed the Council that, in accordance with Council resolution 2000/22, the President has appointed the following eight members to the Permanent Forum for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2017: Ms. Mariam Wallet Aboubakrine (Mali); Mr. Phoolman Chaudhary (Nepal); Ms. Terri Henry (United States of America); Mr. Elifuhara Laltaika (United Republic of Tanzania); Mr. Les Malezer (Australia); Ms. Ann Nuorgam (Finland); Ms. Lourdes Tiban Guala (Ecuador); and Mr. Dimitri Zaitcev (Russian Federation).

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance [item 9]

The Council resumed its consideration of the agenda item.

General discussion

The Council resumed its general discussion of the agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Ireland, Serbia, Estonia, the Republic of Korea, Argentina, China, Germany, Brazil, the Russian Federation, the Czech Republic and Peru, as well as by the observers for Indonesia, Cyprus, Costa Rica, the Sudan, Canada, the Philippines, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Kuwait and Mexico.

Statements were made by the observers for the Sovereign Order of Malta, the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The representatives of the United Nations Mine Action Service, World Health Organization, United Nations Children's Fund, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, International Labour Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization also made statements.

The Council thus concluded its general discussion of the agenda item.

Action on draft resolution E/2016/L.20

The Council had before its draft resolution E/2016/L.20, submitted by the Vice-President of the Council (Switzerland), on the basis of informal consultations.

The Council was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Council adopted the draft resolution.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of the agenda item.

Conclusion of the segment

The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator made closing remarks.

The Vice-President of the Council (Switzerland) made a concluding statement and declared the humanitarian affairs segment closed.

# Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

## [Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notifications under article 4 (3): Peru (30 June 2016)

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 22 March 1989

Accession: Tajikistan (30 June 2016)

Agreement on International Railways in the Arab Mashreq. Beirut, 14 April 2003

Accession: Iraq (30 June 2016)

Arms Trade Treaty. New York, 2 April 2013

Accession: Monaco (30 June 2016)

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# Seminar on Treaty Law and Practice for the Region of Latin America and the Caribbean

Mexico City (18-20 July 2016)

The seminar is co-organized by the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations (OLA) and the Office of the Legal Advisor of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States.

The seminar will address the key aspects of treaty law and practice, including the depositary functions of the Secretary-General, final clauses of multilateral treaties, reservations and declarations, domestic treaty-making practices, and the registration and publication of treaties under Article 102 of the Charter. In addition, special sessions will be devoted to international human rights instruments and the newly-adopted Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

All presentations will be delivered in Spanish.

Aimed at providing a practical understanding of the law of treaties, the seminar will be of particular interest to members of foreign ministries and other government departments who work directly in treaty matters as part of their functions. Representatives from all States in the region of Latin America and the Caribbean are invited to participate.

Participants are required to meet their own costs of participation.

For more information, please consult the United Nations Treaty Collection website (*click here*).

Further enquiries may be addressed to Mr. Jonathan Agar, Legal Officer, Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail agar@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2630).

## **General information**

#### Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *July 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States

Tunisia

His Excellency Mohamed Khaled Khiari

Asia-Pacific States

Jordan

Her Excellency Dina Kawar

Eastern European States

Croatia

His Excellency Vladimir Drobnjak

Latin American and Caribbean States

Belize

Her Excellency Lois Michele Young

Western European and other States

New Zealand

His Excellency Gerard van Bohemen

# **General Assembly**

Seventieth session

For the online schedule of formal and informal meetings of the General Assembly during the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

For the *list of speakers*, delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova @un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For announcement for Member States on issuance of communications, delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

*Candiweb* – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

# Seventy-first session

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/71/50.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first regular session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/71/100.

Seating protocol for the seventy-first session

On Monday, 13 June 2016, the Secretary-General drew, from among the Member States, the name of Bolivia (Plurinational State of) to occupy the first seat in the General Assembly Hall at the seventy-first session. Consequently, the delegation of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, will sit at the first desk at the right of the President, and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

List of speakers for the general debate (20-26 September 2016)

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