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TREATY EVENT  
 FOCUS 2004: TREATIES ON THE PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS  
 UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS  
 21 to 24 SEPTEMBER 2004

Signature of and deposit of instruments relating to  
 multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The Treaty Event will take place from 21 to 24 September 2004 at Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 12 March 2004, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those relating to the protection of civilians, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200, telephone: (212) 963-3942; facsimile: (212) 963-3693; e-mail: [treaty@un.org](mailto:treaty@un.org)).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, full powers to the Treaty Section by 13 September 2004 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities.

The publication *Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to Universal Participation - Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians* is currently being circulated to all of the Permanent Missions in New York. This publication contains a list of the 24 core treaties relating to the protection of civilians, summaries of key provisions and relevant final clauses, and their status as at 26 March 2004. This information can also be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC) web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>). It is further noted that the texts and status of all multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General can be obtained from the above web site under the heading *Status of Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General*.

Attention: Treaty Services of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of international organizations concerned.  
 Depositary notifications are made available to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations at the following e-mail address: [missions@un.int](mailto:missions@un.int). Such notifications are also available in the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Internet at <http://untreaty.un.org>.

Further information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the UNTC web site.

27 May 2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a vertical line and a horizontal stroke at the bottom.

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