



FACT SHEET #2

Past Treaty Events

The Treaty Event, which was initiated as a side activity of the Millennium Summit in 2000, has been held eight times in seven years. Each year, a focus is selected, highlighting a group of treaties, as a way to encourage Member States to sign, ratify or otherwise support these treaties. In 2001, an additional treaty event was held in the wake of 11 September to highlight terrorism-related treaties.

The following is a list of past treaty events and the number of actions taken by Member States:

- 2000 The Millennium Summit Treaty Event
274 treaty actions by 84 States

- 2001 Focus – Rights of Women and Children
135 treaty actions by 61 States

- Treaty Event – Terrorism-related Treaties
180 treaty actions by 79 States

- 2002 Focus – Sustainable Development
84 treaty actions by 41 States

- 2003 Focus – Treaties against Transnational Organized Crime and Terrorism
155 treaty actions by 56 States

- 2004 Focus – Treaties on the Protection of Civilians
102 treaty actions by 35 States

- 2005 Focus – Responding to Global Challenges
265 treaty actions by 99 States and the European Community

- 2006 Focus – Crossing Borders
86 treaty actions by 46 States

- 2007 Focus – Towards Universal Participation and Implementation
81 treaty actions by 48 States

Note: Treaty actions include, for example, signatures, ratifications, approvals, acceptances, accessions and consents to be bound. There has been a total of nine treaty events before the 2008 event and a total of 1,362 treaty actions have taken place.