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**2010 TREATY EVENT
MULTILATERAL TREATY FRAMEWORK:
TOWARDS UNIVERSAL PARTICIPATION AND IMPLEMENTATION**

**UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS
21-23 AND 27-28 SEPTEMBER 2010**

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events have been held annually at the Headquarters of the United Nations commencing with the Millennium Summit in 2000. An impressive total of over 1,549 treaty actions (signatures, ratifications, etc.) have been undertaken at these treaty events. In 2009, the treaty event was held during the sixty-fourth General Assembly general debate, and 64 States undertook a total of 103 treaty actions.

This year, the annual treaty event will be held from 21 to 23 and 27 to 28 September 2010 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to coincide with the general debate of the sixty-fifth General Assembly. The 2010 Treaty Event: Towards Universal Participation and Implementation provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year's event will highlight treaties of global reach such as human rights, terrorism, penal matters, disarmament, climate change and the protection of United Nations personnel. In particular, this year will highlight a theme which celebrates and safeguards life on earth, biodiversity. 2010 marks the International Year of Biodiversity; it also marks the start of the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification, another global issue requiring a global response.

The list of treaties being highlighted during the 2010 treaty event is attached. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments during the treaty event relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures in time. The publication *2010 Treaty Event: Towards Universal Participation and Implementation* is currently being compiled and will be circulated to all Permanent Missions in New York shortly. The publication will contain summaries of key provisions, relevant final clauses and status of treaties being highlighted in the 2010 treaty event.

Attention: Treaty Services of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of international organizations concerned. Depositary notifications are issued in electronic format only. Depositary notifications are made available to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations in the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Internet at <http://treaties.un.org>, under "Depositary Notifications (CNs)". In addition, the Permanent Missions, as well as other interested individuals, can subscribe to receive depositary notifications by e-mail through the Treaty Section's "Automated CN Subscription Service", which is also available at <http://treaties.un.org>.

Further information concerning the special treaty event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection web site (<http://treaties.un.org>) and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact Ms. Annebeth Rosenboom at 1 212 963-5047 or Mr. Bradford Smith at 1 212 963-3942; or via email at rosenboom@un.org or smithb@un.org).

5 May 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'R' followed by a flourish.

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List of Multilateral Treaties to be Highlighted in 2010 Treaty Event

(For an up-to-date status of the treaties listed below, please refer to the UN Treaty Collection website at the following address: <http://treaties.un.org>. Only those treaties highlighted with an asterisk (*) are still open for signature. All treaties are open for ratification, acceptance, approval and/or accession in accordance with their provisions.)

Human rights and statelessness

1. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (New York, 6 October 1999)*
2. Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (New York, 18 December 2002)*
3. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (New York, 25 May 2000)*
4. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (New York, 25 May 2000)*
5. International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (New York, 18 December 1990)*
6. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (New York, 13 December 2006)*
7. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (New York, 13 December 2006)*
8. International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (New York, 20 December 2006)*
9. Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons (New York, 28 September 1954)
10. Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (New York, 30 August 1961)

The environment, biodiversity, the fight against desertification and climate change

11. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (New York, 9 May 1992)
12. Convention on Biological Diversity (Rio de Janeiro, 5 June 1992)
13. Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Montreal, 29 January 2000)

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14. Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic, North East Atlantic, Irish and North Seas (New York, 17 March 1992)

Amendment to the Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic, North East Atlantic, Irish and North Seas (Esbjerg, 22 August 2003)

15. United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (Paris, 14 October 1994)
16. Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Kyoto, 11 December 1997)

Amendment to Annex B of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Nairobi, 17 November 2006)

17. Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses (New York, 21 May 1997)
18. Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (Rotterdam, 10 September 1998)
19. Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Stockholm, 22 May 2001)
20. International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006 (Geneva, 27 January 2006)*
21. United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (Montego Bay, 10 December 1982)

Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 (New York, 28 July 1994)

22. Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (New York, 4 August 1995)

Terrorism, organized crime and penal matters

23. International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages (New York, 17 December 1979)
24. International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings (New York, 15 December 1997)
25. International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (New York, 9 December 1999)

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26. International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (New York, 13 April 2005)
27. United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (New York, 15 November 2000)
28. Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (New York, 15 November 2000)
29. Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (New York, 15 November 2000)
30. Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (New York, 31 May 2001)
31. United Nations Convention against Corruption (New York, 31 October 2003)
32. Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Rome, 17 July 1998)
33. Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court (New York, 9 September 2002)

Disarmament

34. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I, II and III) (Geneva, 10 October 1980)

Amendment to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Geneva, 21 December 2001)

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Geneva, 3 May 1996)

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, Entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons) (Vienna, 13 October 1995)

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Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V) (Geneva, 28 November 2003)

35. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (New York, 10 September 1996)*
36. Convention on Cluster Munitions (Dublin, 30 May 2008)

Charter of the United Nations and Statute of the International Court of Justice

37. Declarations recognizing as compulsory the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice under Article 36, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Court

Privileges and immunities, and the safety of United Nations and associated personnel

38. Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations (New York, 13 February 1946)
39. Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies (New York, 21 November 1947)
40. United Nations Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and Their Property (New York, 2 December 2004)
41. Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel (New York, 9 December 1994)
42. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel (New York, 8 December 2005)

Agreements recently opened for signature

43. Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (New York, 10 December 2008)*
44. Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea (New York, 11 December 2008)*

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