TREATY EVENT 2012
Strengthening the Rule of Law

FACT SHEET #3

PAST TREATY EVENTS

The Treaty Event was initiated during the Millennium Summit in 2000. Since then, the event has been held annually, usually coinciding with the General Debate of the General Assembly in September. A thematic focus is selected each year, and specific treaties are highlighted as a way of encouraging States to sign, ratify, accept, approve or accede to these treaties. In 2001, an additional Treaty Event was held in the wake of 11 September, focused on treaties relating to the suppression of acts of terrorism.

The following is a list of past Treaty Events and the number of actions taken by 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
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 – A Comprehensive Legal Framework for Peace, Development and Human Rights**
81 treaty actions by 48 States

2008   **Focus – Universal Participation and Implementation – Dignity and Justice for All of Us**
84 treaty actions by 44 States

2009   **Focus – Towards Universal Participation and Implementation**
103 treaty actions by 64 States

2010   **Focus – Towards Universal Participation and Implementation**
44 treaty actions by 26 States

2011   **Focus – Towards Universal Participation and Implementation**
88 treaty actions by 57 States

Note: Treaty actions include, for example, signatures, ratifications, approvals, acceptances, accessions and consents to be bound.

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