



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

15 June 2017

Excellency,

In my capacity as the depositary of more than 560 multilateral treaties, I have the honour to write to encourage the participation of your State in the 2017 Treaty Event. This initiative, launched in 2000, has proven successful in the promotion of participation in the multilateral treaty framework of the United Nations. This year's Treaty Event will take place in conjunction with the General Debate of the seventy-second session of the United Nations General Assembly, and will be held from 19 to 22 September 2017, at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The 2017 Treaty Event will focus on the theme of "Promoting Multilateral Treaties that Safeguard Humanity". I strongly urge all States to join multilateral treaties concluded under the auspices of the United Nations as part of a global campaign to affirm the norms that safeguard humanity.

I wish to extend my invitation for your State to make use of the Treaty Event by signing treaties for which I act as depositary and by depositing instruments of ratification or accession to those treaties. A list of the highlighted treaties is enclosed with this letter. These treaties cover the areas of human rights, refugees and stateless persons, health, trade, transport, terrorism and criminal matters, law of the sea, outer space, disarmament, climate change and other environmental issues.

Let me emphasize that the Treaty Event may be used to take action, not only on the treaties referred to above, but also on any other treaty of which I am the depositary. A complete list of the treaties deposited with me is available on the website of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs (<https://treaties.un.org>).

Should your State wish to participate in the 2017 Treaty Event, I would be grateful if you could inform the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, **by 2 September 2017**, of your intention to sign, ratify or accede to any of the treaties of which I am the depositary, so that the necessary arrangements may be made.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



António Guterres