



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

5 April 2019

Excellency,

In my capacity as the depositary of more than 600 multilateral treaties, I have the honour to write to encourage the participation of your State in the 2019 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 from 24 to 27 September 2019, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, in conjunction with the General Debate of the seventy-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The 2019 Treaty Event will focus on the theme of treaties in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. A list of the highlighted treaties is enclosed with this letter. These treaties address social, economic and environmental challenges, and work towards peaceful and inclusive societies and a clean planet for sustainable development. They cover a diversity of areas, such as the protection of human rights, including gender equality, environmental sustainability, disarmament, prevention of terrorism and road safety. I wish to extend my invitation for your State to make use of the Treaty Event by signing on to the highlighted treaties, and by depositing instruments of ratification or accession to those treaties.

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 2019 Treaty Event, I would be grateful if you could inform the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, by 6 September 2019, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'António Guterres', written in a cursive style.

António Guterres