



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 April 2024

Excellency,

In my capacity as the depositary of more than six hundred multilateral treaties, I have the honour to write to encourage the participation of your State in the 2024 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 2024, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, in conjunction with the General Debate of the seventy-ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The theme of the 2024 Treaty Event is "Strengthening the Multilateral Treaty Framework". A strong multilateral treaty framework is essential to reaching our shared common objectives; indeed, international law underpins nearly ninety per cent of the Sustainable Development Goals. One of the keys to the development and effective implementation of international law is the achievement of universal participation in the multilateral agreements for which I serve as depositary, covering areas including human rights, disarmament, penal matters, law of the sea and the environment, among other areas of global concern.

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. The list of highlighted treaties is enclosed for your consideration.

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 multilateral 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 2024 Treaty Event, I would be grateful if you could inform the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, by 6 September 2024, 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, appearing to read 'António Guterres', with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

António Guterres