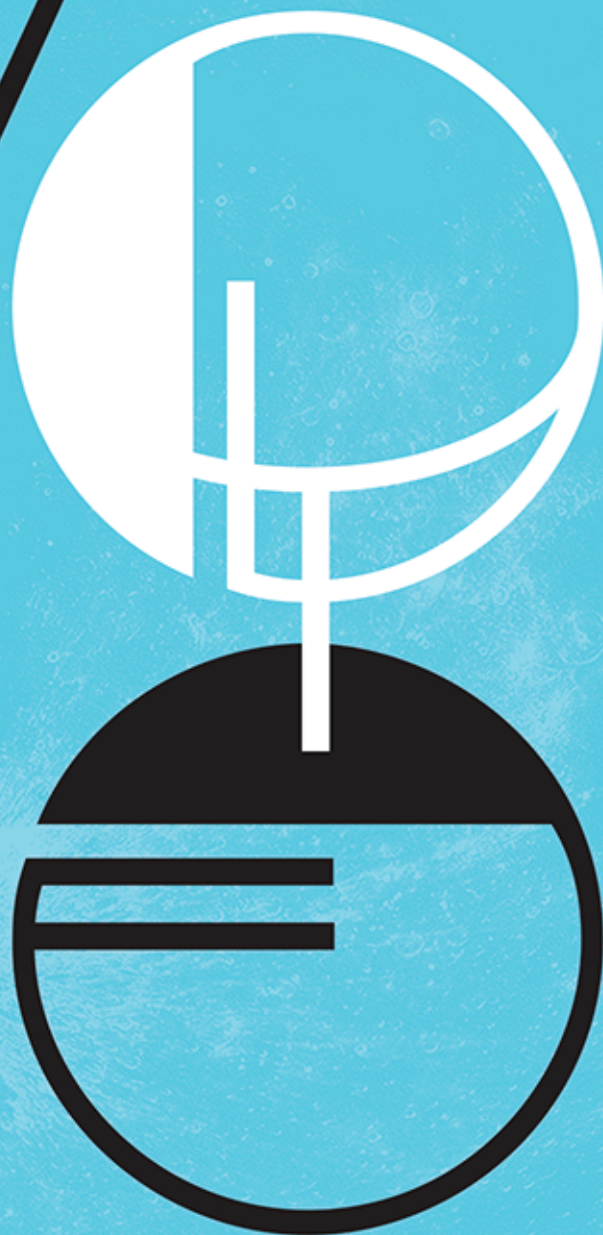


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Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

Chapter I Introduction

1. Over the past year, the world moved from being on the brink of a global economic depression to witnessing the beginnings of a global recovery. To be sure, the recovery is fragile and uneven, and there is no guarantee that a relapse will not occur. Unemployment remains unacceptably high, and vulnerable employment continues to rise. Economic volatility, eruptions of conflict, natural disasters, challenges to food security and strains on natural resources are unlikely to disappear. Moreover, analysis by the United Nations suggests that while Governments have made substantial efforts to stimulate growth and spur recovery, those efforts have not always met the needs of the poor and most vulnerable.

2. Nonetheless, there are grounds for a new optimism in what was previously a dim prognosis for millions around the world. Specifically, there is a convergence of several important elements that will help guide the United Nations through these uncertain times. The United Nations has a concrete framework to guide its action: the Millennium Declaration and the Millennium Development Goals. It has significant resources and knowledge to help address the current challenges, as well as increasingly robust partnerships with business, civil society and academia that will help elevate the response.

3. These measures will be adopted only if the United Nations is able to mobilize collective global political leadership and will. Over the past year, the Organization has sought to provide leadership and to generate such will. But this is not a task that can be successfully completed by the Organization on its own. The unswerving and proactive engagement of all Member States, developing and developed—especially at the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals to be held in September—is essential.

4. In addition, over the next five years the Organization and its Member States must focus on accelerating progress through further measures. These include adopting innovative financing and investments needed to support the provision of global public goods, dedicating resources to promote peace and security, and mobilizing to meet humanitarian and human rights needs around the world.

5. In this challenging environment, the need to act has never been more pressing. One of the Organization's single most important choices will be whether to take action to leverage one of the greatest forces for positive change worldwide: women.

6. Women can provide the strength and dynamism that the world desperately needs in order to meet global challenges. They are the essential foundation on which the pillars of peace, security, respect for human rights and development must be built. Empowered women will heal societies disrupted by war, drive markets and economic growth, anchor families, and fight for justice, human rights and human dignity. Without their full engagement, the international system cannot meet the demands made of it.

7. This year, which marks the fifteenth anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the tenth year of the global effort towards the Millennium Development Goals, the message to Member States and the Organization is clear: gender equality and women's empowerment are indispensable goals that the United Nations must champion for the benefit of all.

8. In too many societies, discriminatory access to land, technology, finance, jobs and education persists, suppressing women's entrepreneurial spirit and condemning them to destitution and second-class citizenship. Violence against women—in all its forms—causes irrevocable suffering and undermines societal stability, peace and development.

9. For that reason, in 2010 the Secretary-General is encouraging the United Nations to lend its full support to programmes that empower women and protect them from discriminatory practices and violence. The leadership of Member States is essential.

10. Over the past decade, the international community was able to make considerable progress towards reducing poverty, promoting sustainable development, securing peace and stability, and promoting women's empowerment. As the Organization and its Member States look to the next

decade, they should be even more ambitious. They should work together to strengthen the Organization so that it can be the hub for multilateral action and a catalytic driver of change. If collective force is brought to bear, a brighter future can be achieved for all.

Chapter II

Delivering results for people most in need

11. The year 2010 is proving to be critical for meeting the promises that the United Nations and the international community have made to those most in need around the world: promises to deliver on the Millennium Development Goals, promises to bring peace to conflict areas and stimulate recovery from conflict and natural disaster, and promises to promote human rights, the rule of law and democracy globally. The tragic earthquake in Haiti was a powerful reminder of the complex challenges that the Organization and its Member States must be ready and equipped to address.

12. The challenges are immense, but experience has shown that when strong commitments are backed by the right policies and adequate resources, even the greatest needs can be met and real progress can be achieved.

A. Development

13. Over the past two decades, with the establishment of the internationally agreed development goals, there has been a groundbreaking shift in the way in which the world thinks about development. The Millennium Development Goals, in particular, underpin an unprecedented collective endeavour to address the many dimensions of poverty and inequality, and to build a global partnership for development.

14. By identifying and embracing the Millennium Development Goals, Member States put human development at centre stage and resolved to spare no effort to transform our world into a safer, more equitable, more sustainable and more prosperous place.

1. The Millennium Development Goals and the other internationally agreed development goals

15. Five years away from the agreed target date of 2015 for achieving the Millennium Development Goals, success is still within reach but not guaranteed. The Organization and its Member States have made great strides. Yet, progress is uneven, gaps are significant and new challenges have emerged. Intensified effort on the part of all will be needed in order to accelerate progress towards the Goals.

16. Progress in poverty reduction has been unbalanced across regions and is now threatened in some parts of the world. In 2005, there were 1.4 billion people living in extreme poverty (living on less than \$1.25 a day), down from 1.8 billion in 1990, with China accounting for most of the decline. Newly updated estimates from the World Bank suggest that, owing to the recent financial and economic crises, an additional 64 million people will fall into extreme poverty by the end of this year. Nevertheless, the momentum of economic growth in developing countries is strong enough to sustain progress on poverty and put the world on track to meet the poverty reduction target.

17. While there is no deadline for achieving “full and productive employment and decent work for all”, no country can claim to have reached that target. The lack of progress in creating productive and decent jobs in urban areas, and stagnant farm productivity in many rural areas, have been the key reasons for the persistence of poverty and the rise in the numbers of the working poor. Women’s lack of access to land, with secondary effects on access to credit, inputs and extension services, has also had serious impacts on food security. The food and energy crises and the global financial and economic crisis have further undermined progress.

18. Remarkable progress has been made since 2000 towards achieving universal primary education, with many developing countries having crossed the 90 per cent enrolment threshold. Primary school enrolment has increased fastest in sub-Saharan Africa. There is some concern that the

rapid rise in enrolment may place undue pressures on the capacity of schools and teachers to deliver high-quality education.

19. The gender gap in primary school enrolment has narrowed over the past decade, although at a slow pace. Progress at the secondary school level, which is especially important for women's empowerment, has been even slower and in some cases is being reversed.

20. Addressing gender inequality and achieving women's empowerment remain among the most difficult goals, with cross-cutting implications. Worldwide, women's share of national parliamentary seats has increased only slowly, averaging 19 per cent as of January 2010. A number of developing countries, however, have led the way in using temporary special measures, including quotas, to make rapid progress in this area.

21. Violence against women and girls takes an unacceptable toll and is a serious impediment to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals globally. In recognition of this, the Secretary-General's campaign UNiTE to End Violence against Women encourages countries to adopt and enforce national laws to address and punish all forms of violence against women and girls, adopt and implement multisectoral national action plans, strengthen data collection on the prevalence of violence against women and girls, increase public awareness and social mobilization, and address sexual violence in conflict.

22. In the case of the health-related Millennium Development Goals, significant progress has been achieved. Globally, the number of deaths per year among children under 5 has been reduced from 12.5 million (1990) to 8.8 million (2008). The number of people in low- and middle-income countries receiving antiretroviral therapy for HIV increased tenfold in five years (2003–2008). Yet, rates of HIV infection among women continue to grow in some regions, with women and girls bearing the disproportionate burden of providing care to those who are ill. Major progress has been made in reducing measles deaths and in providing interventions to control malaria and tuberculosis. This includes a sharp decrease in the number of measles deaths across Africa and indications that malaria control measures may also be yielding results.

23. Nonetheless, current trends indicate that many countries are unlikely to achieve the health targets by 2015, particularly in the area of reducing maternal mortality, which has shown the least progress. Access to reproductive health services remains insufficient where women's health risks are greatest.

24. Despite an increase in the number of deliveries attended by skilled health workers in the developing regions, from 53 per cent in 1990 to 63 per cent in 2008, a recent academic analysis found an annual rate of reduction in maternal mortality of 1.3 per cent between 1990 and 2008, well short of the 5.5 per cent reduction needed in order to meet the Millennium Development Goal target. Access to maternal health-care for poor and rural women is an area of particular concern.

25. Some movement forward has been made towards halving the proportion of people without access to clean water. The number of people having access to an improved water source in developing countries rose from 71 per cent in 1990 to 84 per cent in 2008. But the proportion with improved sanitation increased by only 11 percentage points between 1990 and 2008. And the goal of improving the lives of at least 100 million slum-dwellers has proved to be much less ambitious than what would be needed to reverse the trend of increasing numbers of slum-dwellers.

26. Since 1986, the implementation of the Montreal Protocol has successfully phased out the production and use of more than 98 per cent of all controlled ozone-depleting substances. In contrast, the rate of growth of carbon dioxide emissions was much higher during the period 1995–2004 than during the period 1970–1994, and the trend has yet to change. While net deforestation rates have come down, partly because of reforestation efforts, around 5.6 million hectares of forest cover are still lost worldwide every year. The target of reducing the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010 has not been met. Nearly 17,000 plant and animal species remain at risk of extinction as a result of major threats such as overconsumption, habitat loss, invasive species, pollution and climate change.

27. Official development assistance delivered in 2009 was almost \$120 billion. Flows of some \$20 billion (in 2009 prices) in addition to the projected delivery will be needed this year to reach the Gleneagles Group of Eight official development assistance (ODA) target for 2010, which amounts to approximately \$146 billion in 2009 prices. Of the shortfall, \$16 billion

will be required in order to meet the commitment for Africa. In 2008, ODA to the least developed countries was equivalent to 0.09 per cent of the total gross national income of countries members of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), with less than half of member countries meeting their target of 0.15–0.20 per cent of gross national income in aid to the least developed countries.

28. A number of important initiatives are currently under way with a view to accelerating progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals. In 2009, as a follow-up to the United Nations Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, the General Assembly charged an ad hoc open-ended working group with addressing a range of challenges in crisis response and reform. The working group has focused on mitigating the effects of the economic crisis on development, systemic reform issues and strengthening the role of the United Nations in global economic governance.

29. The United Nations system is advancing the implementation of its nine joint crisis initiatives designed to help countries weather and recover from the reverberating impact of the economic crisis, including the Social Protection Floor Initiative and the Global Jobs Pact. With a similar focus on employment and decent work, the system has come together in devising a plan of action for the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty, which should contribute to a more coherent and integrated system-wide response to the economic crisis and its ongoing impacts.

30. Overall, the experience of the past year underscores the urgency of moving the development agenda towards nationally owned development strategies that combine bold economic growth with social and sustainable development goals. Such strategies should address full employment and decent work deficits, boost job creation through investment in green jobs and the expansion of public infrastructure, strengthen social protection, offer incentives to the private sector to retain existing jobs as well as create new ones, and reorient industrial policy towards a low-carbon development path.

31. The High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals in September will provide a unique opportunity to strengthen collective efforts and partnerships for the push to 2015, and to advance progress across the broader global development agenda. All stakeholders are strongly encouraged to engage in the summit process and to bring with them a renewed commitment to achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

2. The special needs of Africa

32. A decade of deep commitment to reform and political and economic stability is beginning to have an impact on Africa's development path. In fact, since 2000 sub-Saharan Africa has had a higher growth rate than a number of emerging economies. Overall, Africa has shown greater resilience to the financial and economic crisis than many other regions of the world and is expected to rebound faster than Latin America, Europe and Central Asia. Nevertheless, the crises have slowed the economic growth that Africa had previously experienced, reducing export earnings, remittances from the African diaspora and foreign direct investment. According to the *World Economic Situation and Prospects 2010: update as of mid-2010*, the aggregate economic growth rate in Africa was estimated to be 2.4 per cent in 2009 and is projected to be 4.7 per cent in 2010, down from an average of about 5.7 per cent during the period 2004–2007.

33. Even after the recovery gathers pace in advanced economies, the impact of the crises on unemployment and social welfare in Africa may linger, owing to the lack of social protection to offset the negative impact of a global recession on households and specific vulnerable groups.

34. Improving the status of women and girls in Africa requires specific attention if progress towards development is to be accelerated. Some positive steps have been taken. As of February 2010, 4 out of the top 10 countries in the world in terms of percentage of women parliamentarians were in Africa. Rwanda is the only country in the world in which women make up the majority of parliamentarians. Nevertheless, throughout the region, women still face violence and discrimination, are victim to harmful traditional practices and beliefs, and suffer disproportionately from hunger and poverty.

35. Africa has the potential to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. It has vast human and material wealth. Africa's people need neither pity nor charity; they need the tools to create jobs and generate incomes. Developed countries should make good on promises made repeatedly at summit meetings of the Group of Eight and the Group of 20, and at the United Nations, to double aid to Africa. Yet, according to OECD, in 2010 Africa is likely to receive only about \$11 billion (in current prices) of the \$25 billion increase (measured in 2004 prices and exchange rates) in ODA envisaged at Gleneagles. This is due largely to the unmet commitments of a number of major donors that give large shares of ODA to Africa.

36. The Secretary-General's Millennium Development Goals Africa Steering Group has focused on specific needs in such strategically vital areas as health, education, agriculture, infrastructure and trade. It has provided the international community with a clear sense of direction on what it will take to sustain Africa's own efforts to fulfil its abundant potential and achieve the Millennium Development Goals. For example, across Africa, progress is being made against diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis and AIDS. Africa is now on track to attain the objective of zero deaths from malaria by 2015 in sub-Saharan Africa. In addition, efforts of the United Nations system have focused on support in the areas of governance and institutional capacity-building, including through the strengthening of human resource and leadership capacity in public service at all levels, as well as e-governance and the utilization of information and communications technology for development. In these areas too, Africa's commitments have yielded fruit, and many countries are now enjoying political stability.

B. Peace and security

37. The duty to prevent, contain and resolve violent conflict is enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and forms a central pillar of the work of the Organization. Over the past year, the United Nations system redoubled its efforts to engage in preventive diplomacy, to improve its crisis response capacity, to manage violent conflict and to build sustainable peace following conflict. It is clear that if the United Nations is to better address political crises and resolve them more durably, such tools as peacekeeping and peacebuilding must be regarded as part of a political solution, not alternatives to one.

1. Preventive diplomacy and support for peace processes

38. Working closely with national actors, the United Nations has become more proactive, agile and effective in addressing rising political tensions and emerging crises. Throughout the past year, the Organization led or assisted mediation processes in more than 20 countries on four continents. The mediation support service has been professionalized through the building up of knowledge, capacity and a network of expertise, and a strategy on gender and mediation has been developed to promote more effective participation by women in peace processes. To support the latter, the Department of Political Affairs partnered with members of United Nations Action against Sexual Violence in Conflict in organizing a high-level colloquium on addressing conflict-related sexual violence in mediation and peace agreements. There have also been increased efforts to provide greater political support and guidance to United Nations country teams working in politically complex environments.

39. The Organization's efforts over the past year have devoted significant attention to Africa and the Middle East and have required the entire range of interventions, from conflict prevention to support for peace consolidation.

40. In Africa, the United Nations worked closely together with regional and subregional organizations to promote a rapid and peaceful return to constitutional order and avert violence in Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar and the Niger.

41. In Guinea, the International Commission of Inquiry conducted a thorough investigation of the 29 September 2009 massacre, paying special attention to the sexual violence that took place. In partnership with the Economic Community of West African States and the African Union, the United Nations engaged in preventive diplomacy. Together with those partners, the United Nations also

conducted a needs assessment in the area of security sector reform, a critical element needed for the consolidation of long-term stability in the country.

42. The United Nations assisted the Government of Sierra Leone in both peace consolidation and conflict prevention. The former took the form of assistance in follow-up to key political agreements, while the latter involved confidence-building measures in preparation for the 2012 elections.

43. In Western Sahara, the United Nations continued to work with Morocco and the Frente Polisario, as well as neighbouring countries, to find a mutually acceptable solution of self-determination for the people of Western Sahara.

44. The United Nations facilitated the peace process in the eastern region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which contributed to a rapprochement between Kinshasa and Kigali. It also continued to assist in the peaceful settlement of the border disputes between Cameroon and Nigeria and between Equatorial Guinea and Gabon.

45. In the Central African Republic, the United Nations helped to shore up critical elements of the peace process, such as the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of former combatants. It further encouraged the participation of all armed groups in the peace process.

46. To bolster the conflict prevention architecture in West Africa, the Organization supported, through the Regional Office, the fight against drug trafficking and organized crime.

47. In Somalia, the Organization and its Member States implemented a strategy to support fragile peace processes. Throughout the year, preparedness plans were continuously updated in the event that the Security Council decided to deploy a United Nations peacekeeping mission.

48. In the Middle East, the Organization's political missions supported several countries navigating the difficult transition from war to peace. The Organization strived to create conditions conducive to a resumption of political negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians. The United Nations helped to manage a cessation of hostilities between Israel and Lebanon and encouraged the Government of Lebanon to develop a comprehensive border strategy to enforce the arms embargo. The United Nations has consistently advocated a full reopening of the crossings in Gaza.

49. The United Nations actively participated in the Middle East Quartet in supporting a broader Middle East settlement and responding to unfolding developments in the region. More recently, in the aftermath of the Israelis' attack on and diversion of a humanitarian flotilla bound for Gaza, the Secretary-General has been engaged in formulating proposals, consistent with the Security Council presidential statement on the issue (S/PRST/2010/9), for a credible, transparent and independent international inquiry into the events.

50. In Iraq, the United Nations helped to resolve a stalemate over the country's electoral law, paving the way for national elections in March 2010. Representatives of the Government of Iraq and the Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government met under the auspices of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, through a high-level task force, to discuss Mission reports on disputed internal boundaries.

51. In Sri Lanka, the Secretary-General has engaged with the Government in line with the commitments made in the joint statement issued in May 2009. Accordingly, the United Nations system supports reconciliation and a sustainable political solution that addresses the aspirations and grievances of all communities; is providing assistance in the return and resettlement of displaced persons, including former child soldiers; and has called for an accountability process to address any alleged violations of international humanitarian and human rights law.

52. Engagements in other parts of the world included: assisting Governments in Central Asia in developing arrangements for the joint management of shared water and energy resources as part of a conflict prevention programme; supporting the dialogue on the name issue between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; facilitating full-fledged negotiations towards a comprehensive settlement in Cyprus; and assisting in the peaceful settlement of the border dispute between the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Guyana.

2. Peacekeeping

53. Peacekeeping plays a critical role in helping to maintain or restore durable peace and stability in countries emerging from conflict around the world. United Nations peacekeeping reached an unprecedented level of 124,000 deployed personnel last year, as compared with only 20,000 merely a decade ago.

54. Creating an enabling environment for elections and negotiations was a core focus of four peacekeeping missions this year. In the Sudan, the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS) supported the elections held in April 2010, while strengthening its capacity to protect civilians. UNMIS also began supporting key stakeholders in planning for the upcoming 2011 referendums and in engaging those stakeholders on post-referendum arrangements. Meanwhile, in Darfur, negotiations led to the conclusion of preliminary agreements between the Government of the Sudan and one of the coalitions of opposition groups. However, much remains to be done to ensure that the North-South peace process remains on track and that an inclusive and comprehensive peace agreement is reached for Darfur. Restrictions on the freedom of movement of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur continued to hamper the Operation's ability to implement its mandate.

55. In Côte d'Ivoire, disagreements over the final voter list led to the postponement of elections, amid several violent incidents. The United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire and the United Nations country team continued to provide support to the implementation of the Ouagadougou Political Agreements and the consolidation of peace.

56. In Afghanistan, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) provided technical assistance to the conduct of elections in August 2009, including support for women's participation, and facilitated political dialogue to resolve the issues arising in their aftermath. UNAMA continued to support the coordination of international aid and assisted the new Government in assuming increasing responsibilities. Insecurity, however, poses challenges for the Mission's work, and a tragic attack on a United Nations guesthouse in Kabul on 28 October 2009 claimed the lives of five United Nations personnel.

57. Efforts to strengthen institutions and support stability and economic recovery dominated the work undertaken by yet another set of peacekeeping missions. The operations in Liberia and Timor-Leste focused on strengthening national security institutions and the rule of law while facilitating recovery and peacebuilding tasks. In Timor-Leste, the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste supported the resumption of primary policing duties by the Timorese national police and continued to support the Government in strengthening state institutions. In Liberia, the Mission was able to continue its gradual drawdown, which is linked to the achievement of specific benchmarks.

58. Significant progress was also achieved in the peace process in Burundi, which has embarked on a round of critical elections that will extend beyond the summer. It is a sign of the maturation of the peace agreement between formerly hostile parties that the elections were peaceful, despite disagreements and contested results. The peacekeeping mission in the country was transformed into a peacebuilding mission on 1 January 2010.

59. The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon monitored the implementation of the cessation-of-hostilities agreement, contributing, under difficult conditions, to the establishment of a relatively stable environment in southern Lebanon. The mission has actively attempted to facilitate an agreement that would allow the Israeli forces to leave the northern part of Ghajar, as contemplated by Security Council resolution 1701(2006).

60. Haiti, with the support of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), had been making steady progress towards stability and economic recovery when the country was hit by a devastating earthquake. More than 220,000 persons were killed, including 101 of the Organization's own staff. More than 300,000 Haitians were injured, and damages and losses are estimated at \$7.8 billion. A massive international assistance effort was immediately launched, and additional troops and police were authorized by the Security Council to support MINUSTAH.

61. Following the earthquake, MINUSTAH increased its overall force levels to support the immediate relief, recovery, and stability efforts. The Mission is providing logistical support and technical expertise to help the Government of Haiti to continue operations, supporting the

Government in strengthening rule-of-law institutions at the national and local levels, and implementing its resettlement strategy for displaced persons. It is also supporting the Government and the Provisional Electoral Council in the preparation and conduct of the country's elections and coordinating international electoral assistance to Haiti in cooperation with other international stakeholders.

62. Withdrawal or drawdown dominated the peacekeeping strategies of two other missions. In Chad, discussions on the future of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad began after the Government had called for its withdrawal. Special attention was devoted to the continued protection of refugees and internally displaced persons, and to facilitating the provision of humanitarian assistance in eastern Chad. The drawdown has been successful thus far and is on target for completion by 31 December 2010.

63. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a new phase began with the transformation of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo into the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo following the agreement between the Government and the United Nations that drawdown would be gradual and based on joint assessments of conditions on the ground. Meanwhile, given the ongoing insecurity in the east, the Mission continued its efforts to protect civilians and support the implementation of national plans to address the presence of armed groups, based on a policy of strict conditionality related to the conduct of the Forces armées de la République démocratique du Congo in terms of human rights. Efforts at stabilization and strengthening governance, including with regard to the security sector, also continued.

64. Over the past year, the widespread or systematic use of sexual violence against civilians in armed conflicts as a tactic of war was of great concern. The first report of the Secretary-General on the subject (S/2009/362) was issued mainly on the basis of reports from peacekeeping missions and identified serious gaps in the capacity of domestic security and justice systems to tackle impunity, as well as shortcomings in the provision of services for survivors. Among other key recommendations, the Secretary-General proposed the appointment of a senior person with the responsibility across the United Nations system for attending to the prevention and response to sexual violence in post-conflict and conflict situations. Subsequently, the Secretary-General appointed a Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict.

65. As part of a broader strategy for empowering women, the Secretary-General has encouraged Member States to provide more female peacekeepers. The Department of Peacekeeping Operations has developed gender guidelines for military peacekeepers, as well as a gender training strategy.

66. The continued scale of deployment and the diversity and complexity of mission mandates is not matched by adequate capabilities. In recent times, differing views within the Security Council and on the part of other stakeholders on the political strategy for missions, and insufficient consent by host Governments, have hampered the implementation of Council mandates in several operations. The increased demands have exposed the limitations of the basic systems, structures and tools of the Organization, which are challenged by the size, tempo and complex tasks of today's missions.

67. Under the banner of the New Horizon process, the Secretariat has worked intensively with Member States over the past year to examine these challenges and make recommendations to address them. In a series of Security Council and General Assembly deliberations, this agenda received broad support. The ongoing support of Member States for further implementation will be essential if the United Nations is to provide stronger peacekeeping capabilities in the future.

3. Peacebuilding

68. The past year saw momentum building behind United Nations peacebuilding efforts, with the implementation of a number of important recommendations set out in the report of the Secretary-General on peacebuilding in the immediate aftermath of conflict (A/63/881-S/2009/304). Specifically, progress was made in the deployment of leadership teams in the field, in the development and implementation of integrated strategic frameworks for peace consolidation in certain field locations, and in the improvement of collaboration with the World Bank.

69. The Peacebuilding Support Office initiated a global review of international civilian capacities. The review is designed to examine how the international system can bridge persistent gaps in standards, training and the timely deployment of civilian capacities for peacebuilding.

70. The Security Council has requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on women's participation in peacebuilding, analysing the needs of women and girls in post-conflict situations and setting out recommendations to ensure that peacebuilding planning and financing processes respond fully to those needs.

71. The Peacebuilding Commission has remained engaged in the four countries on its agenda, with the support of the Peacebuilding Support Office and the integrated peacebuilding missions. Over the past year, it improved its working methods and strengthened its partnerships with the international financial institutions with regional and subregional organizations and with the national actors in the countries on its agenda.

72. The Peacebuilding Fund has provided funding assistance to an increasingly large and diverse number of countries emerging from conflict. As at 28 February 2010, with more than \$334 million in deposits, the Fund had already allocated more than \$196 million to 16 countries for a total of 115 projects.

73. The five-year review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture was launched in February 2010. The 2010 review process offers an excellent opportunity to reaffirm and deepen the political commitment to the role of the Peacebuilding Commission and explore ways in which to realize its full potential.

C. Humanitarian affairs

74. During the reporting period, emerging humanitarian challenges such as climate change, the food and financial crises, resource scarcities, population growth and urbanization increased vulnerabilities and humanitarian needs around the world. The year was also marked by the continuation of disasters associated with natural hazards and by an escalation in armed conflicts.

75. In support of Governments and working with other partners, the United Nations system responded to some 43 new emergencies: 33 natural disasters, 9 armed conflicts and 1 epidemic. In terms of regional patterns, 15 occurred in Africa, 14 in Asia and the Pacific, 8 in Latin America and the Caribbean and 6 in Central Asia. In comparison with last year, the number of new emergencies increased in Africa and Asia and the Pacific, while decreasing in Europe and Central Asia.

76. In Latin America and the Caribbean, the United Nations system was called to respond to the devastating 12 January earthquake in Haiti. Within 36 hours, the United Nations had deployed staff to coordinate and integrate the emergency response effort in the face of the loss of the Mission's leadership.

77. In March 2010, the United Nations, the United States of America and the Government of Haiti, with the support of Brazil, Canada, the European Union, France and Spain, co-hosted the ministerial-level International Donors' Conference "Towards a New Future for Haiti" in New York. The aim of the Conference was to mobilize international support for the development needs of Haiti in an effort to lay the foundation for Haiti's long-term recovery. Member States and international partners pledged \$5.3 billion for the next 18 months to begin Haiti's path towards long-term recovery.

78. By the end of May 2010, emergency shelter materials had been distributed to almost all those identified as being in need and the revised Humanitarian Appeal of \$1.5 billion for ongoing humanitarian operations had been 58 per cent funded, at \$878 million.

79. In addition to relief assistance and the previously described mandated areas of support provided by MINUSTAH, the United Nations system is supporting the recovery efforts of the Government of Haiti by providing shelter, making cash for work available, removing rubble, supporting rebuilding efforts and, more broadly, strengthening the Government's capacity to deliver basic services. The events in Haiti point once again to the importance of disaster management and risk reduction, areas of competency that the Organization must further develop and expand.

80. While the United Nations has rallied to help the Haitians recover from the disaster, this is not a time for complacency. Much remains to be done, and the Organization and its Member States must strengthen their efforts to deliver on the commitments they have made to the Government and to the Haitian people.

81. The reporting period also saw the shrinking of humanitarian space as humanitarian workers came under attack. In Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia, Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Sudan, the number of staff deaths, kidnappings and attacks increased. Attacks and threats against the United Nations have forced the Organization to review and adjust security arrangements and take measures to mitigate risks by changing the way in which programmes are implemented. At the same time, the Organization is working to ensure enhanced access for humanitarian actors and respect for humanitarian principles in a range of conflict situations. Advocacy efforts are helping to draw attention to neglected emergencies, attracting much-needed political and financial support.

82. Owing to a more tightly coordinated and needs-based humanitarian financing system, consolidated and flash appeals worldwide reached a value of some \$10 billion over the past year, of which 71 per cent was funded. This represents an approximate doubling of the 2007 figures (\$7.1 billion requested, 71 per cent funded) and a tripling of the 2004 figures (\$3.4 billion requested, 64 per cent funded). Although funding for the Central Emergency Response Fund dropped from \$453 million in 2008 to \$401 million in 2009, some 23 Member States increased contributions in their national currencies. Another 17 countries joined the ranks of Fund donors in 2009, bringing to 117 the total number of Member States that have contributed to the Fund. Levels of funding for country-based pooled funds also decreased, from \$407 million in 2008 to \$339 million in 2009, while 5 emergency response funds were established in new countries, bringing the total to 18. Funding decreases were due largely to global currency fluctuations. The United Nations is asking Member States to increase the average amount contributed per fund, adjusted for local exchange rates. Funding for the humanitarian coordination system and common planning processes, including financing, has flattened and not kept pace with requirements.

83. There has been an increasing focus on accountability for funds, including the development of a draft performance and accountability framework for the Central Emergency Response Fund. Country-based pooled funds continued to make progress in strengthening their respective monitoring systems, notably in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Iraq, the Occupied Palestinian Territory and Somalia.

84. The Organization focused on advancing three policy areas. First, the Organization joined with humanitarian partners to successfully advocate the mainstreaming of disaster risk reduction and management into climate change discussions. Secondly, it supported the Security Council's new informal Expert Group on the Protection of Civilians in developing more principled, transparent and systematic action on protection issues. Thirdly, it worked to embed gender perspectives more thoroughly into humanitarian response, contingency planning and integrated mission planning by providing technical support on gender equality programming.

D. Human rights, the rule of law, genocide prevention and the responsibility to protect, and democracy and good governance

85. The protection of human rights, the establishment of the rule of law, genocide prevention and the responsibility to protect, and democracy and good governance are prerequisites for the promotion of human welfare and permit the realization of a stable polity. Those elements provide the foundation for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Without them, violence, corruption, inequity and conflict ensue, creating instability, uncertainty and societal fragmentation. For that reason, the Organization is unrelenting in its commitment to their advancement through its work around the world.

1. Human rights

86. Over the past year, the United Nations witnessed the negative impact of ongoing global challenges, such as the economic and food crises and climate change, on the status of human rights. Of particular concern were increasing incidents of xenophobia and discrimination against non-citizens and ongoing impunity for human rights violations.

87. In response, the United Nations system increased its efforts to integrate human rights into the development efforts of Member States. Accordingly, the United Nations Development Group established a standing mechanism to assist the United Nations system at Headquarters and in the field in mainstreaming human rights into policy development and operational activities.

88. The Organization also used the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the twentieth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the twentieth anniversary of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families to remind the international community of the need to take decisive action to protect the most vulnerable groups, particularly women and children, migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons and asylum-seekers. Following the successful conclusion of the Durban Review Conference in April 2009, the Organization began to take practical steps to realize the aspirations reflected in the Outcome Document.

89. An increased presence of human rights expertise in the field enhanced the Organization's ability to provide assistance to Governments and other partners in addressing prevailing human rights challenges. Human rights officers supported the Human Rights Council's fact-finding mission to Gaza and the Secretary-General's Commission of Inquiry for Guinea in the aftermath of the violence that occurred on 28 September 2009 in Conakry. They also supported transitional justice processes in numerous countries around the world. In addition, the United Nations system continued to monitor the situation of children affected by conflict, as called for in Security Council resolutions 1612(2005) and 1882(2009).

90. The Secretary-General sincerely hopes that during the forthcoming review of the Human Rights Council in 2010–2011, the focus of discussions will be on building upon the achievements of the Council, such as the universal periodic review mechanism. The Council can and must do more to address serious and chronic human rights situations and respond to emerging crises. It should also strengthen its interaction with the independent experts who constitute the special procedures mandated by the Council.

91. As the September High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals approaches, the international community must seek to leverage the momentum generated in support of the Goals to strengthen the human rights commitment underpinning the Millennium Declaration.

2. Rule of law

92. Many of the world's poor and marginalized groups do not benefit from the protection provided by the rule of law. This is particularly true for the disproportionately high number of women who find themselves without access to justice.

93. Over the past few years, the Organization has been seeking to address that imbalance by expanding its programming worldwide. Over the past year, the United Nations system conducted rule-of-law programming in more than 120 countries, 19 of which host peace operations mandated by the Security Council, which have as part of their mission the goals of "addressing exclusion" and "enhancing justice and security for all".

94. The link among peace, development and justice was strengthened through the outcome of the First Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. The Kampala Declaration of the International Criminal Court, the amendments to the Rome Statute and the agreement on the crime of aggression adopted over the past year provide the international community with additional tools for fighting impunity.

95. In order to promote women's empowerment in particular, the Organization took definitive steps to establish a deployable team of experts to strengthen the rule-of-law response to sexual violence in armed conflict pursuant to Security Council resolution 1888(2009), and to build on existing United Nations efforts in many conflict-affected countries. New United Nations rules on the treatment of women prisoners and offenders, and revised model strategies and measures on the elimination of violence against women in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, have also been formulated. In addition, a global effort was launched to encourage Member States to

deploy more women in the United Nations police, with a view to increasing their participation from 6.5 per cent to 20 per cent by 2014.

96. To enhance coherence, the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group issued system-wide guidance on a United Nations common approach to transitional justice. The approach is guided by the principle of the centrality of victims and international law, takes into account the particular context of the country situation, emphasizes the importance of combating impunity and upholding the protection of human rights in peace agreements, and calls for efforts to address violations of social and economic rights.

97. The Group also launched the United Nations Rule of Law website and document repository (www.unrol.org), a central resource making more than 1,200 United Nations documents readily accessible and linking 42 United Nations entities and 126 partners worldwide. Both initiatives are part of a broader United Nations effort to provide more strategic and effective rule-of-law assistance. Member States and other partners are encouraged to collaborate on strengthening global and country-level coordination and coherence in the area of security and justice.

3. Genocide prevention and the responsibility to protect

98. The concept of the responsibility to protect is gaining traction within the United Nations system. The Special Adviser who focuses on the responsibility to protect led the preparation of the January 2009 report of the Secretary-General on implementing the responsibility to protect (A/63/677) and, together with the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, consulted widely with Member States and other stakeholders in the months leading up to the General Assembly's three-day debate on the report in July. The largely positive debate led to the adoption of the Assembly's first resolution on the subject, resolution 63/308, by consensus.

99. The Office of the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide continues to provide a unique analytical perspective within the United Nations system, to sound the alarm when necessary and to increase the capacity of the United Nations to prevent genocide. Over the past year, the Office strengthened its information management system that allows for the monitoring of developments in all countries. The Office put into practice an analysis framework to assess the risk of genocide in a given situation, which was made public and was welcomed by Member States, experts and non-governmental organizations. The Panel of the Wise of the African Union requested that it be integrated into the Organization's early warning mechanism.

100. The office also expanded its outreach and awareness-raising activities. In an effort to mainstream genocide prevention and encourage a culture of prevention throughout the United Nations system and beyond, it established contacts with the African Union; the Organization of American States, including the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights; and the European Union.

101. Further conceptual, political and implementation work on the part of all stakeholders is necessary.

4. Democracy and good governance

102. Democratic norms permeate the fabric of the Organization and are strengthened by the progressive adoption of international standards and practices. The Secretary-General's Guidance Note on Democracy has served as a key document in harmonizing the work of the Organization in support of democracy by establishing specific goals and norms.

103. Poor governance can be both a source and a consequence of conflict. Addressing weak governance, in particular by promoting the empowerment and participation of women, is now accepted as an integral part of approaches to development, conflict prevention and resolution and peacebuilding. Promoting good governance is also reflected in the mandates of many field missions, contributing to a measurable improvement in democratic governance in their host countries.

104. Over the past year, the United Nations provided electoral assistance to more than 50 Member States. In peacekeeping or post-conflict environments, such as Afghanistan, the Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti and Iraq, it was provided through components of field missions of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations or the Department of Political Affairs. Technical assistance in the context of

development, such as in Bangladesh, El Salvador, Malawi, the United Republic of Tanzania and Timor-Leste, was provided mainly by the United Nations Development Programme as part of its democratic governance programmes. In other contentious environments, such as Kyrgyzstan and Guinea, electoral assistance contributed to ongoing processes of the restoration of constitutional order, seeking to ensure inclusiveness and transparency, even under very difficult circumstances.

105. The United Nations Democracy Fund has enhanced the Organization's efforts by providing grants, especially to local non-governmental organizations, to strengthen the voice of civil society, promote human rights and encourage the participation of marginalized groups in democratic processes. To date, the Fund has received more than \$105 million in contributions and has supported 271 projects worldwide.

Chapter III

Securing global goods

106. Addressing climate change, advancing on a global health agenda, countering terrorism and making progress on disarmament and non-proliferation have been priorities for the Secretary-General since he first came to office. These issues share some important traits: they can have a dramatic impact on human welfare and on peace and security, they ignore borders and affect populations indiscriminately, they are highly complex in nature, and the remedies needed are cross-sectoral in nature and require the coordination of activities across a broad range of actors. They constitute global threats that must be addressed if the global good is to be secured. The United Nations, with its engagement across a wide range of sectors and with its universal membership, is the only institution in the world that has the scope, expertise and legitimacy to be able to craft and implement effective policies to address these challenges.

A. Climate change

107. Political momentum on climate change swelled during the second half of 2009 as the world prepared for the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December. In September, the Secretary-General hosted a Summit on Climate Change with 101 world leaders, which helped to place climate change at the top of the global agenda. No issue is more fundamental to long-term sustainable development and prosperity, energy security, food security and international security.

108. While Copenhagen did not fulfil all public expectations, it was an essential step forward in global efforts to address the climate challenge. Copenhagen marked the largest-ever gathering of heads of State and Government on climate change. Important progress was achieved in building a broad political consensus that can invigorate global negotiations.

109. The challenge now is to build on the elements of agreement that emerged from Copenhagen within the global, dual-track negotiating process under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Strengthening trust between countries and increasing the transparency and effectiveness of the process are critical. The ultimate goal remains an effective, ambitious and comprehensive global agreement that sets the world on the path towards low-emissions development and helps to catalyse clean-energy growth in developing countries.

110. The timing—and the precise form—of that agreement is for Governments to decide. Every year of delay increases the risk of dangerous climate impacts and adds to the human and economic toll.

111. Since the end of 2009, the Secretary-General has been working closely with the world leaders to ensure that the subject of climate change remains a strategic imperative. He is encouraging Governments to press forward with national pledges to minimize emissions and to take ambitious action at every level to strengthen mitigation and adaptation.

112. In addition, the Secretary-General is urging countries to build on the progress made at Copenhagen on an adaptation framework; an agreement on reducing deforestation and forest degradation; a system for measuring, reporting on and verifying mitigation and finance; technology development and transfer; and short- and long-term finance. The United Nations will continue to support Governments as needed in each of those areas.

113. To accelerate momentum, the Secretary-General launched a High-level Advisory Group on Climate Change Financing to identify potential funding sources to support climate action in developing countries. He will also establish a high-level panel on global sustainability to address the linkages between climate change and sustainable development.

114. There is still much work ahead of us. Global greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise, with climate impacts affecting millions of people worldwide, especially the most vulnerable. That is why the United Nations system is committed to assisting Governments in implementing existing and future climate change agreements while building global green prosperity. The United Nations system will continue to provide expertise and assistance within a sustainable development context, including in core climate-related sectors such as energy, water, food security and disaster risk reduction. In addressing climate change, the world can help to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and chart a path towards a safer, healthier, cleaner and more prosperous future for all.

B. Global health

115. The importance of health for economic productivity, social stability and security, and poverty reduction has been firmly demonstrated. Over the past year, the Secretary-General has called for a renewed focus on achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals, which so clearly underpins progress in other areas.

116. A focus on results has spurred innovation, not just in terms of medicines and vaccines, but also in ways of doing business and raising resources, and in attention to measurement and the setting of priorities. The creation of new partnerships has produced impressive results, notably in the field of immunization and in the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

117. Over the past year, the influenza A (H1N1) pandemic reminded us of the rapid spread of new pathogens and demonstrated the effectiveness of the International Health Regulations promulgated by the World Health Organization.

118. Malaria still kills more than 800,000 people a year, most of them children under 5 and pregnant women. However, there has been tremendous progress over a short period of time: more than 150 million insecticide-treated nets were delivered to Africa during the two-year period 2008–2009, and nine countries have reduced child deaths by more than 50 per cent.

119. There has been measurable forward movement in the AIDS response. Since 2001, the global rate of new infections has decreased by 17 per cent. At the same time, HIV treatment access in low- and middle-income countries increased tenfold over a span of just five years, bringing to 4 million the number of people on antiretroviral therapy at the end of 2008. Today, the tools and techniques exist to virtually eliminate mother-to-child HIV transmission. HIV-based stigma and discrimination are being confronted more strongly, as demonstrated by several countries that have lifted decades-old travel restrictions on people living with HIV.

120. The global response to AIDS must be leveraged more effectively to meet women's health needs. AIDS remains the leading cause of death among women of reproductive age worldwide. A total of 15.7 million women are living with HIV. Shortfalls in public financing threaten the progress made in curbing the epidemic's spread and saving the lives of those infected. Four out of five low- and middle-income countries are currently not on track to reach their universal access targets.

121. The world has made unacceptably slow progress on maternal health, the critical indicator of the health and prosperity of a nation. With hundreds of thousands of women and girls dying in pregnancy or childbirth every year and 10 million to 15 million more suffering long-term disabilities, the Secretary-General has officially launched a global effort on women's and children's health. The global effort seeks to build upon and revitalize existing commitments, to secure new commitments from a range of influential partners and to provide organization and accountability for delivery at the highest levels.

122. Beyond the Millennium Development Goals, the United Nations has made major strides in the eradication of guinea worm. Attention to addressing non-communicable diseases such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and stroke has also increased.

123. Yet, for all of these advancements, significant challenges remain in achieving better health. This is due largely to deficient health systems, threats to health security posed by pandemic influenza and other emerging diseases, and profound inequities—illustrating a failure to allocate adequate resources to health care for the poor, women and children. For example, there has been a relative lack of progress in improving access to treatment for the two biggest killers of children, diarrhoea and pneumonia. The strategic role of the United Nations in shaping the future of global health requires focused attention on support for equitable access to health systems that deliver high-quality services within a coherent policy framework.

124. Further effort is needed to support the formulation by countries of coherent national health policies, strategies and plans and their implementation in keeping with the scale of national and global health challenges. The United Nations will continue to play an important role through advocacy, the development of guidelines and the provision of support to countries in the development of innovative models for reaching those in need.

C. Countering terrorism

125. Terrorism is a major threat to international peace and security that calls for a firm and concerted global response. Mobilizing resources of the United Nations system to combat terrorism is crucial to that end, and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force provides a key mechanism for doing so.

126. In supporting the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, the Task Force has launched initiatives, developed specific recommendations and support activities and produced reports on supporting victims of terrorism, countering terrorist financing, countering the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes, and private-public partnerships for the protection of vulnerable targets. The Task Force, together with the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia, is assisting Member States in the region in developing an action plan on strategy implementation, with a particular focus on addressing conditions conducive to terrorism. It has also supported the International Criminal Police Organization in creating a Vulnerable Targets Referral Centre and an information system for the facilitation of enhanced information-sharing and the coordination of technical assistance delivery.

127. Counter-terrorism efforts must be systematically integrated into the broader agenda of international peace, security and development and must be in compliance with human rights, humanitarian and refugee law. In that spirit, and following the adoption of resolution 1904(2009), on the sanctions regime against Al-Qaida, Usama bin Laden and the Taliban, the Secretary-General, on 14 July 2010, appointed an Ombudsperson mandated to consider delisting requests from individuals and groups named on the Consolidated List.

128. The support of Member States will be essential for the continued implementation of the Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

D. Disarmament and non-proliferation

129. The year 2010 is proving to be critical for defining the direction that disarmament and non-proliferation efforts will take. The international community has achieved some meaningful progress, particularly in the nuclear arena. Positive developments have included the signing, on 8 April, of the Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms by President Barack Obama and President Dmitry Medvedev, the declarations by the United States and the United Kingdom of the size of their nuclear-weapon stockpiles and the successful outcome of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. At the latter, a plan of action was adopted to advance nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy over the next five years. The agreement on forward-looking action halts years of deteriorating confidence in the Treaty regime. The Secretary-General particularly welcomed the agreement on a process leading to the full implementation of the 1995 resolution on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of weapons of mass destruction. In addition, the Final Document of the NPT Review Conference noted the Secretary-General's action plan for nuclear disarmament and addressed the benchmarks outlined therein.

130. Less positive, however, has been the lack of substantive progress on the part of the Conference on Disarmament. There has been no progress on the peaceful and negotiated denuclearization of the Korean peninsula through the Six-Party Talks.

131. Similarly, the issue involving the nuclear programme of the Islamic Republic of Iran remains a matter of concern.

132. It is clear that more needs to be done. Following the successful conclusion of the 2010 Review Conference, States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and relevant organizations need to start implementing the action plan now. A nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East must be pursued with increasing urgency. The universality of the Treaty must be achieved. The action plan specifically mandates the Secretary-General to convene a high-level meeting on the margins of the General Assembly so as to reinvigorate the Conference on Disarmament.

133. The Conference on Disarmament must begin to work without delay, in particular to commence negotiations and substantive deliberation on the main substantive issues. New efforts are also required to achieve the early entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, and the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism needs to be strengthened.

134. In the field of conventional arms, there have been some promising developments. In 2010, the Convention on Cluster Munitions entered into force. The United Nations will remain actively involved in all aspects of mine action and is firmly committed to continuing to support the implementation and universalization of the key humanitarian treaties, including the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention and the Convention on Cluster Munitions, while seeking to strengthen synergies between them.

135. Importantly, in 2010 negotiations began within the United Nations on an arms trade treaty, to be concluded in 2012. Member States must develop a strong and robust treaty in order to counter the negative effects of unregulated arms transfers on regional stability, development and human rights.

136. The excessive accumulation and the easy availability of small arms and light weapons in zones of conflict and crime remain an issue of enduring concern. The recent initiative of the General Assembly to focus on the broader issue of armed violence, including how it undermines development, is a promising development.

137. The Secretary-General has highlighted the close relationship between disarmament and other global challenges, stressing that “the world is over-armed and development is under-funded”. The Organization will work with Member States to maintain and reinvigorate effective disarmament and non-proliferation norms so that stability and security can prevail and so that the resources necessary to combat climate change and achieve the Millennium Development Goals are liberated.

Chapter IV

Creating a stronger United Nations

138. Effective United Nations action across a wide range of issue areas is essential if the Organization is to attain its long-term objectives of delivering to those most in need and addressing the new set of twenty-first-century global challenges that confront the international community. The Organization must make an explicit effort to ensure that it takes action to modernize its processes, introduces cost-effective measures, and rewards excellence and achievement. It must also strive to ensure that the component parts of the Organization and of the United Nations system work well together, leveraging each other’s respective strengths. In addition, the future of the Organization will rest in part on its ability to forge strong working relationships with a variety of stakeholders, including regional organizations and civil society. For that reason, outreach and partnership-building are important elements of the Organization’s activities.

**A. The Secretariat, the intergovernmental machinery,
system-wide coherence and cooperation with regional organizations**

139. With a view to strengthening the Organization, the Secretary-General initiated a number of important changes in human resource policy, in budget planning and in the accountability framework. These included adopting a variety of measures to support women's empowerment in the Organization and laying the groundwork for the establishment of a new gender entity. The Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly provided important platforms for stimulating discussion and forging consensus on a wide range of global concerns. Important progress was also made on system-wide coherence and the further strengthening of the Organization's cooperation with regional organizations.

1. The Secretariat

140. In order to deliver results for people most in need, the Organization must be able to recruit and deploy staff members quickly and efficiently, and staff must continually learn and grow. To that end, the Secretary-General is continuing to implement his human resources reform agenda, including by reducing the various types of employment contracts from 16 to 3, harmonizing conditions of service between staff in the field and those at Headquarters, and launching a new talent management system to modernize recruitment, performance management and staff learning and development.

141. As part of his efforts to strengthen the Organization, the Secretary-General has adopted various policies designed to empower and promote women working in the Secretariat. These complement the important initiatives he has championed to empower women in the context of war and internal conflict previously discussed: his seminal report on sexual violence in armed conflict (S/2009/362), his appointment of a Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict and his insistence on a zero-tolerance policy regarding abuse and violence in peacekeeping missions.

142. More women have been appointed by the Secretary-General to senior United Nations posts than at any time in the history of the Organization, and the Secretary-General has overseen a gender balance strategy and action plan within the Secretariat to ensure managerial and departmental accountability with respect to gender balance targets.

143. At the end of 2009, the Secretary-General provided the General Assembly with a comprehensive proposal to create a new United Nations gender entity, consolidating current structures and enabling the United Nations to provide enhanced support to our national partners in a more effective manner. The Assembly endorsed the Secretary-General's proposal by adopting unanimously, on 2 July 2010, the landmark resolution 64/289 on system-wide coherence. In the resolution, the Assembly, *inter alia*, called for the merging of the four parts of the United Nations system dealing with women's issues into one composite gender entity, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, to be known as UN Women. The Assembly also called for the appointment of an Under-Secretary-General to head the new body, and for the establishment of an executive board to provide intergovernmental support for and supervision of its operational activities. The Beijing Platform of Action, adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women, will serve as the framework for the new body's work.

144. A more strategic and effective budget is critical to identifying the results that must be delivered within a given time period and to determining whether or not goals have been achieved. To improve the presentation of the budget, the Secretary-General engaged in a dialogue with Member States that explored various scenarios for ways in which to modify the format of budgetary documents and identified several options for further consideration. That important dialogue needs to continue, as the Secretariat requires a budget process that is less cumbersome and provides more flexibility to managers in the utilization of resources. Such flexibility should go hand in hand with increased accountability.

145. The Organization's service delivery and resource management will improve dramatically through the Umoja reform initiative, aimed at enterprise resource planning, and the introduction of International Public Sector Accounting Standards. Umoja will modernize the Secretariat's business practices, upgrade staff skills and put in place a single, integrated information system. The endeavour will enhance transparency and support improved performance monitoring and reporting

of results, linked to objectives and resource usage. In anticipation of significant annual capacity improvements and cost recovery, the General Assembly endorsed the Secretary-General's proposal that Umoja be deployed through the "pilot first" strategy, which will provide the fastest and least expensive path towards benefit realization.

146. Progress on the Capital Master Plan is providing modern facilities to support the delivery of results. During the reporting period, offices and staff were moved to swing spaces with precision and efficiency, the North Lawn Building was inaugurated, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council were successfully relocated, construction continued in the basements, and renovation work commenced in the Secretariat and Conference buildings.

147. The most fundamental way to ensure the efficient delivery of results for those most in need is to have in place effective systems for internal control and to strengthen accountability within the Organization and between the Secretariat and Member States. To that end, the Secretary-General completed the agenda for procurement reform during the reporting period by submitting reports on procurement governance and sustainable procurement, to be further considered by the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session. The Secretary-General's most urgent priorities for the remainder of 2010 and for next year are to strengthen personal accountability, promote a culture of results-based management, institute proactive risk management, and continue to analyse and monitor the implementation of the recommendations of oversight bodies in order to draw lessons for continued management improvement.

2. Intergovernmental machinery

148. In 2010, the Security Council has focused its agenda on intra-State conflicts, threats of terrorism, nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament and, increasingly, the security implications of transnational organized crime and drug trafficking. The Economic and Social Council has focused on the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals and has advanced accountability for global development commitments. Its annual ministerial review on gender equality and women's empowerment brought together Governments, the private sector and civil society at a number of events throughout the year. The Secretary-General's participation and his strong advocacy on behalf of women and public health built a greater sense of engagement. The 2010 session of the multi-stakeholder Development Cooperation Forum of the Economic and Social Council focused on increasing aid flows and quality, and policy coherence. The Forum process permitted an open debate among Member States, civil society, the private sector, parliamentarians and local Governments on promoting and improving development cooperation for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

149. The General Assembly has been engaged in intensive preparations for its High-level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals to be held at United Nations Headquarters in September. Important inputs on ways to strengthen the implementation of the global development agenda have been provided through the Assembly's high-level dialogues on "Water for Life" and financing for development, as well as through various informal meetings convened by the Assembly with the United Nations system, academia, civil society and the private sector.

150. The Secretary-General has increased his personal interaction with the intergovernmental bodies through numerous exchanges. In the case of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General briefed Member States on issues ranging from the meetings of the Group of 20 and the Quartet to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, as well as the natural disasters in Haiti and Chile.

3. System-wide coherence

151. On 2 July 2010, the General Assembly unanimously adopted the landmark resolution 64/289 on system-wide coherence, which brought to a close a major intergovernmental process that had begun at the sixty-first session. In the resolution, the Assembly, in addition to deciding to establish a composite gender entity, adopted a number of important decisions in other areas of the system-wide coherence process. These included: introducing a new approach to determining the level of "critical mass" of core funding for funds and programmes; strengthening the participation of national policymakers of programme countries in meetings of the executive boards of the funds and programmes and the operational activities segment of the Economic and Social Council; enhancing

the training of delegates of the permanent missions of Member States on the roles and responsibilities of governing bodies; inviting the President and the Bureau of the Council to convene informal coordination meetings with the governing bodies responsible for United Nations operational activities for development; requesting the Secretary-General, under the auspices of the Council, to prepare and put in place periodic surveys on operational activities for development, addressed to Governments of programme countries; and requesting the Secretary-General to commission a comprehensive review of the existing institutional framework for the system-wide evaluation of operational activities for development.

152. In the resolution, the Assembly approved a modality for countries to submit a common country programme document on a voluntary basis, which represented another significant step forward in improving the coherence of the United Nations development activities. In addition, the Assembly welcomed the intergovernmental meetings of countries implementing the “delivering as one” approach held in Kigali in October 2009 and in Hanoi in June 2010. In the outcome documents of those meetings, the countries implementing “delivering as one” affirmed that the approach had added value by providing renewed Government leadership to United Nations programmes and better alignment with national priorities, and had brought enhanced coherence and effectiveness to United Nations support. The Assembly also encouraged the Secretary-General to proceed with the independent evaluation of lessons learned from the “delivering as one” pilots, with a report to be submitted to the Assembly at its sixty-sixth session.

153. During the reporting period, the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, through its three pillars, continued to advance a coordinated and collective approach to common United Nations system objectives. Noteworthy in that regard are the development of a coordinated United Nations system approach to climate change and the support provided to countries preparing United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks. Furthermore, in 2010, the Chairs of the High-level Committee on Management and the United Nations Development Group deployed a joint high-level mission to several countries to identify and address country-level bottlenecks in the area of business practice harmonization.

4. Cooperation with regional organizations

154. Today’s crises and challenges require multifaceted solutions, making cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations more vital than ever. The Secretary-General’s retreat with heads of regional and other organizations in January 2010 provided an important forum in which to discuss joint strategies for preventing and resolving conflict. Participants explored intensifying cooperation with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the League of Arab States, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Caribbean Community.

155. In Africa, efforts to strengthen our partnership with the African Union within the framework of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme included: strengthening the capacity of the secretariat of the African Union Peace and Security Council, collaborating on the establishment of the African Union Democracy and Electoral Assistance Unit, and supporting the development of a mediation strategy for Africa. The United Nations also engaged with the African Union to increase awareness about the importance of integrating a gender perspective into conflict resolution. In order to enhance further strategic partnerships with the African Union, the Organization’s presence in Addis Ababa has been restructured. Specifically, the United Nations has established the United Nations Office to the African Union, headed by an Assistant Secretary-General. The Organization continues to work closely with the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States to encourage an early return to constitutional order in Guinea and the Niger. In addition, the Organization has deployed several of its staff to the Southern African Development Community secretariat in Gaborone and to the Economic Community of Central African States to assist in building the mediation and early warning capacities of those subregional organizations.

156. Desk-to-desk dialogues continued with the European Union, the Organization of American States and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and a joint mediation training programme was conducted with the latter. Looking ahead, cooperative efforts with relevant regional organizations will be important in assisting the Government of Haiti in rebuilding after the 12 January 2010 earthquake.

B. Global constituencies

157. Civil society, the business community and academia are essential partners in our work to achieve the goals of the United Nations, particularly the Millennium Development Goals. Across the Organization, partnerships are a common and increasingly sophisticated mechanism for addressing priority challenges. Over the past year, the United Nations has made important strides in expanding the geographic and demographic diversity of its audiences and in leveraging the contributions of civil society in its work.

1. Strengthening partnerships with civil society

158. The Organization is actively reaching out to civil society and encouraging increased citizen engagement in the formulation and implementation of international policy. It is employing both traditional means of outreach and more innovative techniques, including the use of new media tools that help to inform and inspire the next generation of the global citizenry.

159. The past year saw a dynamic collaboration between representatives of civil society and the United Nations on climate change, disarmament and women's empowerment. The international community joined together in support of the "Seal the Deal!" campaign, a communications effort that helped to create massive global awareness of climate change as one of the greatest challenges of the twenty-first century. More than 1,300 people, representing 55 countries and 340 non-governmental organizations, came together for the 62nd Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations, on the theme "For peace and development: disarm now!", which was hosted by the Government of Mexico in Mexico City from 9 to 11 September. Non-governmental organizations participated in record numbers in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, commemorating the fifteenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women. A special event of the Economic and Social Council on smart philanthropy catalysed engagement by the private sector, foundations and civil society in the area of women's economic empowerment.

160. It is hoped that the same energy that civil society brought to these issues will be directed at making the September Summit on the Millennium Development Goals and its outcome a success.

161. It is heartening to note that the overall number of non-governmental organizations associated with the Organization continues to increase. This suggests not only that the Organization's outreach and communications are having an impact, but also, and more important, that mutual interest and respect exist between the two constituencies. The informed and active participation of civil society in the work of the United Nations is essential to making a difference in the lives of ordinary people.

2. Engaging the business community

162. Significant efforts have been made to enhance engagement with the business community. The revised Guidelines on cooperation between the United Nations and the business sector and the United Nations-Business website are milestones and essential to the modernization of the Organization. The Guidelines, issued on 20 November 2009, help staff to develop effective partnerships while ensuring the Organization's integrity and independence. Launched on 14 January 2010, business.un.org is the first online gateway to match business resources with the needs of the Organization with respect to humanitarian crises and long-term partnerships.

163. Important contributions were made by business to advance United Nations objectives. On 24 and 25 June 2010, the Secretary-General chaired the third Global Compact Leaders Summit, where hundreds of companies showcased work that is advancing development. The Summit launched many initiatives that are contributing to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including the Women's Empowerment Principles, anti-corruption reporting guidance and an environmental stewardship framework. Two Global Compact initiatives, Caring for Climate and the CEO Water Mandate, continue to bring business solutions to these critical areas.

164. Looking ahead, encouraging corporate action in support of United Nations goals will remain a priority. The Organization must scale up this work by further building its capacity to partner with business and by facilitating greater collaboration among partners, including business, civil society, academia and local governments.

Chapter V

Conclusion

165. The Organization is more than just a collection of buildings, a sequence of meetings, a set of reports and consultations or even a set of principles and programmes. Fundamentally, the Organization is about its people and the passion and commitment that they bring to the work of the United Nations.

166. While the past year brought some important successes and achievements, it also brought tremendous losses in the work and life of the Organization. The United Nations lost more of its dedicated staff than ever before in its 65-year history. The relatives, friends and colleagues of those who gave their lives in the service of the United Nations should know this: the Organization will not waver from the ideals that they served. Their sacrifice will not be forgotten, and it will not have been in vain. The responsibility is now on those who remain to work tirelessly to reinvigorate and support the mission of the United Nations, for which colleagues gave their lives.

Millennium Development Goals, targets and indicators, 2010: statistical tables

Goal 1

Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

Target 1.A

Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people whose income is less than one dollar a day

Indicator 1.1

Proportion of population living below \$1.25 purchasing power parity (PPP) per day^{a,b}

(Percentage)

	1990	1999	2005
Developing regions	45.7	33.0	26.6
Northern Africa	4.5	4.4	2.6
Sub-Saharan Africa	57.5	58.3	50.9
Latin America and the Caribbean	11.3	10.9	8.2
Caribbean	28.8	25.4	25.8
Latin America	10.5	10.2	7.4
Eastern Asia	60.1	35.6	15.9
Southern Asia	49.5	42.2	38.6
Southern Asia excluding India	44.6	35.3	30.7
South-Eastern Asia	39.2	35.3	18.9
Western Asia	2.2	4.1	5.8
Oceania	—	—	—
Commonwealth of Independent States	2.7	7.8	5.3
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	6.3	22.3	19.2
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	1.6	3.0	0.3
Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe	0.1	1.9	0.5
Least developed countries	63.3	60.4	53.4
Landlocked developing countries	49.1	50.7	42.8
Small island developing States	32.4	27.7	27.5

^a High-income economies, as defined by the World Bank, are excluded.

^b Estimates by the World Bank, March 2010.

Indicator 1.2

Poverty gap ratio^{a,b}

(Percentage)

	1990	1999	2005
Developing regions	15.6	11.6	8.0
Northern Africa	0.8	0.8	0.5
Sub-Saharan Africa	26.3	25.8	20.7
Latin America and the Caribbean	3.9	3.8	2.8
Caribbean	13.4	12.7	12.8
Latin America	3.5	3.4	2.3
Eastern Asia	20.7	11.1	4.0
Southern Asia	14.5	11.2	9.8
Southern Asia excluding India	14.2	9.9	8.1

	1990	1999	2005
South-Eastern Asia	11.1	9.6	4.2
Western Asia	0.6	1.0	1.5
Oceania	—	—	—
Commonwealth of Independent States	0.9	2.5	1.5
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	2.1	7.5	5.4
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	0.5	0.8	0.1
Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe	0.0	0.5	0.2
Least developed countries	27.5	24.7	19.9
Landlocked developing countries	21.9	20.2	15.5
Small island developing States	14.4	12.3	11.9

^a The poverty gap ratio measures the magnitude of poverty. It is the result of multiplying the proportion of people who live below the poverty line (at \$1.25 PPP per day) by the difference between the poverty line and the average income of the population living under the poverty line.

^b High-income economies, as defined by the World Bank, are excluded.

Indicator 1.3

Share of poorest quintile in national consumption^{a,b}

(Percentage)

	2005
Northern Africa	6.1
Sub-Saharan Africa	3.6
Latin America and the Caribbean	2.9
Eastern Asia	4.3
Southern Asia	7.4
South-Eastern Asia	5.7
Western Asia	6.2
Commonwealth of Independent States	7.0
Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe	8.2

^a High-income economies, as defined by the World Bank, are excluded.

^b No new global or regional data are available. Data presented are from 2008 report (A/63/1).

Target 1.B

Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all, including women and young people

Indicator 1.4

Growth rate of gross domestic product (GDP) per person employed

(a) Annual growth rate of GDP per person employed

(Percentage)

	1998	2009 ^a
World	0.9	-2.1
Developing regions	0.5	0.6
Northern Africa	1.3	1.0
Sub-Saharan Africa	-0.9	-1.8
Latin America and the Caribbean	0.2	-3.4
Eastern Asia	3.2	5.4
Southern Asia	2.3	1.9
South-Eastern Asia	-8.5	-1.7
Western Asia	0.0	-1.5

	1998	2009 ^a
Oceania	-5.6	-1.3
Commonwealth of Independent States	-2.3	-5.2
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	0.5	-0.4
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	-2.1	-5.4
Developed regions	1.7	-1.2
Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe	0.4	-3.2
Least developed countries	1.3	0.7
Landlocked developing countries	-0.3	-0.9
Small island developing States	-0.4	-2.8

^a Preliminary data.

(b) GDP per person employed

(2005 United States dollars (PPP))

	1998	2009 ^a
World	17 457	21 172
Developing regions	7 816	11 559
Northern Africa	15 806	18 368
Sub-Saharan Africa	4 381	5 135
Latin America and the Caribbean	21 170	22 214
Eastern Asia	5 370	11 952
Southern Asia	5 030	7 794
South-Eastern Asia	6 744	9 089
Western Asia	33 084	39 559
Oceania	5 954	5 564
Commonwealth of Independent States	12 875	21 181
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	6 453	11 886
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	14 695	24 399
Developed regions	61 156	69 841
Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe	15 490	25 150
Least developed countries	2 062	2 974
Landlocked developing countries	3 519	4 828
Small island developing States	20 926	23 846

^a Preliminary data.

Indicator 1.5

Employment-to-population ratio

(a) Total

(Percentage)

	1991	2000	2009 ^a
World	62.2	61.2	60.4
Developing regions	64.2	62.9	61.7
Northern Africa	43.9	43.4	46.0
Sub-Saharan Africa	63.5	64.1	64.9
Latin America and the Caribbean	56.3	57.9	60.0
Eastern Asia	74.5	73.1	69.8
Southern Asia	57.6	56.0	55.4
South-Eastern Asia	68.0	66.5	65.6
Western Asia	48.6	46.4	44.3

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	1991	2000	2009 ^a
Oceania	65.5	66.3	66.8
Commonwealth of Independent States	57.9	54.0	56.9
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	57.4	55.7	59.3
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	58.0	53.6	56.1
Developed regions	56.5	56.5	55.3
Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe	53.4	51.9	47.7
Least developed countries	70.7	69.3	69.0
Landlocked developing countries	66.1	66.0	68.3
Small island developing States	54.8	56.6	57.7

^a Preliminary data.

(b) Men, women and youth, 2009^a

(Percentage)

	Men	Women	Youth
World	72.8	48.0	44.2
Developing regions	75.5	47.8	45.0
Northern Africa	70.1	22.2	29.4
Sub-Saharan Africa	74.5	55.5	49.0
Latin America and the Caribbean	74.3	46.5	43.6
Eastern Asia	75.4	64.0	53.9
Southern Asia	77.2	32.5	41.2
South-Eastern Asia	77.6	53.9	43.6
Western Asia	66.4	20.4	26.0
Oceania	71.2	62.4	52.8
Commonwealth of Independent States	62.9	51.8	34.9
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	65.6	53.4	38.6
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	61.9	51.3	32.8
Developed regions	62.9	48.1	41.0
Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe	55.0	40.8	24.1
Least developed countries	79.3	58.9	55.9
Landlocked developing countries	76.6	60.4	55.0
Small island developing States	69.8	45.8	43.0

^a Preliminary data.

Indicator 1.6

Proportion of employed people living below \$1.25 (PPP) per day

(Percentage)

	1991	2000	2009 ^a
World	42.9	32.6	24.8
Developing regions	56.3	41.3	30.7
Northern Africa	6.4	5.5	4.3
Sub-Saharan Africa	66.8	66.1	63.5
Latin America and the Caribbean	12.7	12.9	8.5
Eastern Asia	67.4	36.5	12.6
Southern Asia	60.9	53.3	51.3
South-Eastern Asia	53.5	41.8	27.6
Western Asia	8.7	8.6	11.5
Oceania	51.6	47.4	49.7

Yearbook Express 2010

	<i>1991</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2009^a</i>
Commonwealth of Independent States	4.6	7.7	5.6
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	16.2	25.5	21.3
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	1.7	2.6	0.2
Developed regions	0.0	0.0	0.0
Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe	0.6	0.9	0.6
Least developed countries	70.5	70.7	65.8
Landlocked developing countries	57.7	58.7	52.5
Small island developing States	17.1	20.4	24.0

^a Forecast.

Indicator 1.7

Proportion of own-account and contributing family workers in total employment

(a) Both sexes

(Percentage)

	<i>1991</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2009^a</i>
World	55.4	52.8	50.6
Developing regions	69.2	64.0	60.2
Northern Africa	36.7	31.5	33.9
Sub-Saharan Africa	82.7	81.0	76.6
Latin America and the Caribbean	35.4	34.4	31.9
Eastern Asia	69.2	59.0	53.3
Southern Asia	81.5	79.8	76.6
South-Eastern Asia	68.9	64.8	61.3
Western Asia	42.4	33.2	28.5
Oceania	72.4	74.1	78.6
Commonwealth of Independent States	13.0	20.5	18.7
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	43.0	49.8	44.0
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	5.3	12.0	10.0
Developed regions	12.1	11.0	10.6
Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe	23.3	34.1	28.5
Least developed countries	87.2	85.0	82.9
Landlocked developing countries	74.2	76.9	73.6
Small island developing States	33.5	37.3	39.6

^a Forecast.

(b) Men

(Percentage)

	<i>1991</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2009^a</i>
World	53.0	51.3	49.4
Developing regions	64.7	60.8	57.3
Northern Africa	32.9	28.2	27.7
Sub-Saharan Africa	78.1	76.4	70.6
Latin America and the Caribbean	34.8	34.6	32.3
Eastern Asia	63.1	54.4	49.5
Southern Asia	77.8	76.7	73.6
South-Eastern Asia	64.3	61.1	58.3
Western Asia	36.2	29.3	26.1
Oceania	67.3	68.4	73.1

Yearbook Express 2010

	1991	2000	2009 ^a
Commonwealth of Independent States	14.7	21.2	20.2
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	46.9	50.6	45.2
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	6.0	12.3	11.0
Developed regions	12.0	11.6	11.8
Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe	21.6	33.2	30.2
Least developed countries	83.0	80.4	79.2
Landlocked developing countries	71.9	73.9	70.0
Small island developing States	32.4	36.9	39.8

^a Forecast.

(c) Women

(Percentage)

	1991	2000	2009 ^a
World	59.2	55.1	52.3
Developing regions	76.7	69.3	64.7
Northern Africa	49.9	42.3	53.3
Sub-Saharan Africa	89.0	87.3	84.3
Latin America and the Caribbean	36.5	34.1	31.3
Eastern Asia	76.7	64.7	57.8
Southern Asia	90.9	88.1	83.9
South-Eastern Asia	75.1	69.9	65.4
Western Asia	62.9	47.3	36.8
Oceania	79.1	80.9	84.9
Commonwealth of Independent States	11.1	19.7	17.2
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	38.4	48.8	42.6
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	4.5	11.7	8.9
Developed regions	12.3	10.2	9.1
Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe	25.4	35.1	26.4
Least developed countries	92.9	91.2	87.7
Landlocked developing countries	77.2	80.7	78.0
Small island developing States	35.5	37.8	39.2

^a Forecast.

Target 1.C

Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger

Indicator 1.8

Prevalence of underweight children under 5 years of age

(a) Total

(Percentage)

	1990	2008
Developing regions	31	26
Northern Africa	11	7
Sub-Saharan Africa	31	27
Latin America and the Caribbean	11	6
Eastern Asia	17	7
Eastern Asia excluding China	12	6
Southern Asia	51	46
Southern Asia excluding India	49	35

	1990	2008
South-Eastern Asia	37	25
Western Asia	14	14
Oceania	—	—

(b) By sex, 2003–2008

(Percentage)

	Boys	Girls	Boy-to-girl ratio
Developing regions	28	29	0.97
Northern Africa	—	—	—
Sub-Saharan Africa	28	26	1.08
Latin America and the Caribbean	8	7	1.14
Eastern Asia	—	—	—
Eastern Asia excluding China	10	11	0.93
Southern Asia	46	49	0.94
Southern Asia excluding India	42	46	0.92
South-Eastern Asia	25	25	1.00
Western Asia	20	19	1.05
Oceania	—	—	—
Commonwealth of Independent States	5	5	1.00
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	7	7	1.00
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	—	—	—
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	3	3	1.13

(c) By residence, 2003–2008

(Percentage)

	Rural	Urban
Developing regions	32	18
Northern Africa	8	6
Sub-Saharan Africa	30	19
Latin America and the Caribbean	12	5
Eastern Asia	9	2
Eastern Asia excluding China	6	7
Southern Asia	50	39
Southern Asia excluding India	39	47
South-Eastern Asia	27	21
Western Asia	21	8
Oceania	—	—
Commonwealth of Independent States	—	—
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	8	5
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	3	3

(d) By household wealth, 2003–2008

(Percentage)

	Poorest quintile	Richest quintile
Developing regions	43	19
Northern Africa	10	5

	Poorest quintile	Richest quintile
Sub-Saharan Africa	34	17
Latin America and the Caribbean	—	—
Eastern Asia	—	—
Eastern Asia excluding China	8	4
Southern Asia	60	26
Southern Asia excluding India	54	29
South-Eastern Asia	—	—
Western Asia	—	—
Oceania	—	—
Commonwealth of Independent States	—	—
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	9	4

Indicator 1.9

Proportion of population below minimum level of dietary energy consumption

(Percentage)

	1990–1992	2000–2002	2005–2007
World ^a	16	14	13
Developing regions ^a	20	16	16
Northern Africa	<5	<5	<5
Sub-Saharan Africa	31	30	26
Latin America and the Caribbean	12	10	9
Eastern Asia	18	10	10
Eastern Asia excluding China	8	13	12
Southern Asia	21	20	21
Southern Asia excluding India	26	23	23
South-Eastern Asia	24	17	14
Western Asia	5	8	7
Oceania	—	—	—
Commonwealth of Independent States	6 ^b	7	<5
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	16 ^b	17	9
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	<5 ^b	<5	<5
Developed regions	<5	<5	<5
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	<5	<5	<5
Least developed countries	40	36	32
Landlocked developing countries	34	30	26
Small island developing States	24	21	21

^a Includes countries/territories in Oceania.

^b Refers to 1993–1995.

Goal 2

Achieve universal primary education

Target 2.A

Ensure that, by 2015, children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling

Indicator 2.1

Net enrolment ratio in primary education

(a) **Total^a**

	1991	2000	2008
World	82.2	84.3	89.6
Developing regions	79.9	82.6	88.8
Northern Africa	80.2	88.0	94.4
Sub-Saharan Africa	53.4	60.3	76.4
Latin America and the Caribbean	85.8	94.1	94.9
Eastern Asia	97.5	94.4	96.0
Eastern Asia excluding China	98.1	97.6	98.0
Southern Asia	75.3	80.0	89.7
Southern Asia excluding India	64.1	68.5	76.3
South-Eastern Asia	94.0	93.6	94.7
Western Asia	82.1	83.3	88.0
Oceania	—	—	—
Commonwealth of Independent States	90.3	90.5	93.4
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	85.9	95.2	94.0
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	92.5	86.8	93.0
Developed regions	97.1	97.5	96.1
Least developed countries	52.3	59.5	78.8
Landlocked developing countries	55.1	65.4	81.6
Small island developing States	71.2	80.1	75.8

^a Primary- and secondary-level enrollees of official primary school age per 100 children of the same age. Ratios correspond to school years ending in the years for which data are presented.

(b) **By sex^a**

	1991		2000		2008	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
World	86.1	78.0	87.0	81.5	90.6	88.6
Developing regions	84.4	75.1	85.6	79.4	89.9	87.6
Northern Africa	86.9	73.3	90.7	85.2	96.3	92.5
Sub-Saharan Africa	58.0	48.8	63.9	56.6	78.3	74.5
Latin America and the Caribbean	85.4	86.3	93.7	94.4	95.1	94.8
Eastern Asia	99.9	94.9	93.4	95.4	94.2	98.1
Eastern Asia excluding China	98.1	98.2	98.1	97.0	98.3	97.7
Southern Asia	83.4	66.7	86.7	72.8	91.7	87.5
Southern Asia excluding India	71.7	56.2	73.7	63.1	78.8	73.7
South-Eastern Asia	96.0	91.9	94.9	92.2	95.5	93.8
Western Asia	87.1	76.9	87.8	78.6	90.7	85.3
Oceania	—	—	—	—	—	—
Commonwealth of Independent States	91.0	89.7	90.8	90.1	93.5	93.4
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	87.6	84.2	95.5	95.0	94.7	93.3
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	92.7	92.4	87.2	86.3	92.6	93.5
Developed regions	97.3	96.8	97.5	97.5	95.8	96.4
Least developed countries	57.8	46.8	63.0	56.0	80.7	76.7
Landlocked developing countries	60.9	49.2	69.9	60.7	84.2	79.1
Small island developing States	71.9	70.4	81.2	79.0	76.3	75.1

^a Primary- and secondary-level enrollees of official primary school age per 100 children of the same age. Ratios correspond to school years ending in the years for which data are presented.

Indicator 2.2

Proportion of pupils starting grade 1 who reach last grade of primary school

(a) Total^a

	1991	2000	2008
World	79.6	82.1	88.1
Developing regions	77.0	79.5	86.7
Northern Africa	72.2	81.1	96.3
Sub-Saharan Africa	50.5	52.0	63.8
Latin America and the Caribbean	84.2	97.5	101.0
Eastern Asia	106.2	97.9	96.0
Eastern Asia excluding China	94.5	97.8	96.9
Southern Asia	64.4	69.3	85.4
Southern Asia excluding India	55.2	62.3	66.2
South-Eastern Asia	85.7	92.4	98.7
Western Asia	77.6	78.9	88.2
Oceania	61.1	63.7	67.0
Commonwealth of Independent States	82.8	94.3	97.3
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	61.7	94.8	99.1
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	92.5	94.0	96.0
Developed regions	97.8	99.1	97.8
Least developed countries	39.5	45.8	58.7
Landlocked developing countries	43.4	54.9	64.5
Small island developing States	66.3	76.0	78.9

^aPrimary completion rates correspond to school years ending in the years for which data are presented. Since there are no regional averages for the official indicator, the table displays the gross intake ratio at last grade of primary, which corresponds to the “total number of new entrants in the last grade of primary education, regardless of age, expressed as a percentage of the population of the theoretical entrance age to the last grade” (*Global Education Digest 2009: Comparing Education Statistics Across the World* (Montreal, Canada, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Institute for Statistics, 2009), annex B, p. 255).

(b) By sex^a

	1991		2000		2008	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
World	82.0	74.1	84.9	79.2	89.6	86.9
Developing regions	79.5	69.8	82.8	76.2	88.6	85.3
Northern Africa	80.1	64.6	84.2	77.9	99.4	93.0
Sub-Saharan Africa	55.8	45.9	57.0	47.9	69.3	59.8
Latin America and the Caribbean	84.5	86.1	97.1	97.8	101.8	103.0
Eastern Asia	96.1	91.5	97.9	97.8	94.6	97.8
Eastern Asia excluding China	93.9	94.0	97.8	97.6	97.9	95.8
Southern Asia	73.5	54.6	75.8	62.3	87.3	83.4
Southern Asia excluding India	60.5	49.7	66.4	58.1	68.2	64.2
South-Eastern Asia	89.3	87.9	92.7	92.1	98.8	98.7
Western Asia	83.0	72.6	83.5	74.1	92.6	83.7
Oceania	63.4	55.8	65.9	59.0	70.1	61.4
Commonwealth of Independent States	91.4	91.3	94.0	93.4	95.7	95.1
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	85.7	85.0	97.4	96.1	99.4	97.9
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	94.0	94.2	92.0	91.8	92.9	92.9
Developed regions	96.5	98.0	99.3	98.9	97.2	98.2

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	1991		2000		2008	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Least developed countries	45.0	34.6	50.4	42.1	62.8	56.1
Landlocked developing countries	53.7	44.5	60.5	49.9	68.1	60.7
Small island developing States	64.8	64.7	75.8	75.8	79.3	78.1

^aPrimary completion rates correspond to school years ending in the years for which data are presented. Since there are no regional averages for the official indicator, the table displays the gross intake ratio at last grade of primary, which corresponds to the “total number of new entrants in the last grade of primary education, regardless of age, expressed as a percentage of the population of the theoretical entrance age to the last grade” (*Global Education Digest 2009: Comparing Education Statistics Across the World* (Montreal, Canada, UNESCO Institute for Statistics, 2009), annex B, p. 255).

Indicator 2.3

Literacy rate of 15- to 24-year-olds, women and men

(a) **Total^a**

(Percentage who can both read and write)

	1985–1994	1995–2004	2005–2008
World	83.3	87.1	89.0
Developing regions	79.8	84.6	87.2
Northern Africa	67.8	79.3	86.1
Sub-Saharan Africa	65.4	68.6	71.9
Latin America and the Caribbean	91.8	96.2	96.9
Eastern Asia	94.6	98.9	99.3
Eastern Asia excluding China	99.4	99.4	99.5
Southern Asia	60.3	73.7	79.3
Southern Asia excluding India	56.4	67.3	75.4
South-Eastern Asia	94.5	96.3	96.1
Western Asia	87.8	91.9	92.7
Oceania	71.4	73.9	73.0
Commonwealth of Independent States	99.8	99.8	99.8
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	99.8	99.8	99.8
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	99.7	99.7	99.7
Developed regions	99.6	99.6	99.6
Least developed countries	55.7	65.3	69.9
Landlocked developing countries	61.6	68.1	71.8
Small island developing States	85.3	87.1	87.4

^a The regional averages presented in this table are calculated using a weighted average of the latest available observed data point for each country or territory for the reference period. UNESCO Institute for Statistics estimates have been used for countries with missing data.

(b) **By sex^a**

(Percentage who can both read and write)

	1985–1994		1995–2004		2005–2008	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
World	87.7	78.6	90.2	83.8	91.7	86.4
Developing regions	85.3	74.2	88.5	80.6	90.3	84.1
Northern Africa	77.4	57.7	85.2	73.3	89.8	82.2
Sub-Saharan Africa	72.9	58.3	75.6	62.3	76.8	67.1
Latin America and the Caribbean	91.5	92.0	95.8	96.5	96.7	97.2
Eastern Asia	97.1	91.9	99.2	98.6	99.4	99.2
Eastern Asia excluding China	99.3	99.5	99.2	99.5	99.3	99.7
Southern Asia	71.6	48.3	81.1	65.6	85.7	73.3

	1985–1994		1995–2004		2005–2008	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
Southern Asia excluding India	66.9	46.0	73.9	60.8	79.7	71.0
South-Eastern Asia	95.5	93.5	96.6	96.1	96.3	95.8
Western Asia	93.6	81.6	95.6	88.1	95.6	89.8
Oceania	76.6	66.1	76.1	71.5	72.0	74.1
Commonwealth of Independent States	99.7	99.8	99.7	99.8	99.7	99.8
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.9	99.8	99.8
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	99.7	99.8	99.7	99.8	99.6	99.8
Developed regions	99.1	99.6	99.0	99.6	99.5	99.6
Least developed countries	64.2	47.6	72.2	58.9	74.5	65.5
Landlocked developing countries	67.6	56.1	74.6	62.2	77.6	66.3
Small island developing States	87.3	83.3	88.0	86.2	87.2	87.7

^a The regional averages presented in this table are calculated using a weighted average of the latest available observed data point for each country or territory for the reference period. UNESCO Institute for Statistics estimates have been used for countries with missing data.

Goal 3

Promote gender equality and empower women

Target 3.A

Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education, preferably by 2005, and in all levels of education no later than 2015

Indicator 3.1

Ratios of girls to boys in primary, secondary and tertiary education

(a) Primary^a

	1991	2000	2008
World	0.89	0.92	0.97
Developing regions	0.87	0.91	0.96
Northern Africa	0.82	0.91	0.94
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.84	0.85	0.91
Latin America and the Caribbean	0.98	0.97	0.97
Eastern Asia	0.92	1.02	1.04
Eastern Asia excluding China	1.00	0.99	0.99
Southern Asia	0.76	0.83	0.96
Southern Asia excluding India	0.74	0.80	0.96
South-Eastern Asia	0.97	0.97	0.97
Western Asia	0.87	0.88	0.92
Oceania	0.90	0.90	0.89
Commonwealth of Independent States	1.00	0.99	0.99
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	0.99	0.99	0.98
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	1.00	0.99	1.00
Developed regions	0.99	0.99	1.00
Least developed countries	0.80	0.84	0.92
Landlocked developing countries	0.83	0.83	0.92
Small island developing States	0.96	0.96	0.95

^a Using gross enrolment ratios.

(b) Secondary^a

Yearbook Express 2010

	1991	2000	2008
World	0.84	0.92	0.96
Developing regions	0.76	0.89	0.95
Northern Africa	0.79	0.94	0.98
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.77	0.81	0.79
Latin America and the Caribbean	1.07	1.07	1.08
Eastern Asia	0.77	0.94	1.05
Eastern Asia excluding China	0.96	0.99	0.99
Southern Asia	0.60	0.76	0.87
Southern Asia excluding India	0.63	0.88	0.91
South-Eastern Asia	0.90	0.97	1.03
Western Asia	0.70	0.78	0.86
Oceania	0.84	0.91	0.87
Commonwealth of Independent States	1.02	1.01	0.98
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	0.96	0.98	0.98
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	1.05	1.02	0.98
Developed regions	1.01	1.01	1.00
Least developed countries	0.58	0.80	0.81
Landlocked developing countries	0.84	0.84	0.85
Small island developing States	1.07	1.04	1.02

^a Using gross enrolment ratios.

(c) Tertiary^a

	1991	2000	2008
World	0.90	0.99	1.08
Developing regions	0.67	0.83	0.97
Northern Africa	0.57	0.76	0.95
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.50	0.70	0.67
Latin America and the Caribbean	0.95	1.16	1.25
Eastern Asia	0.51	0.70	1.00
Eastern Asia excluding China	0.54	0.63	0.75
Southern Asia	0.49	0.67	0.76
Southern Asia excluding India	0.34	0.71	0.92
South-Eastern Asia	0.85	0.98	1.07
Western Asia	0.67	0.82	0.92
Oceania	0.54	0.83	0.84
Commonwealth of Independent States	1.22	1.22	1.30
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	1.01	0.92	1.07
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	1.28	1.28	1.34
Developed regions	1.07	1.19	1.29
Least developed countries	0.36	0.60	0.58
Landlocked developing countries	0.84	0.78	0.85
Small island developing States	1.17	1.30	1.56

^a Using gross enrolment ratios.

Indicator 3.2

Share of women in wage employment in the non-agricultural sector

Yearbook Express 2010

(Percentage of employees)

	1990	2000	2005	2008
World	35.2	37.6	38.5	39.2
Developing regions	31.2	33.8	34.7	35.5
Northern Africa	19.3	19.0	18.7	19.2
Sub-Saharan Africa	23.5	28.2	30.5	32.4
Latin America and the Caribbean	36.3	40.3	41.4	42.4
Eastern Asia	38.1	39.6	40.6	41.2
Eastern Asia excluding China	40.1	42.3	43.2	44.0
Southern Asia	13.2	17.2	18.0	19.2
Southern Asia excluding India	14.5	18.4	17.9	19.1
South-Eastern Asia	35.5	37.3	37.1	38.1
Western Asia	16.5	18.8	19.5	20.1
Oceania	33.3	35.6	35.1	36.0
Commonwealth of Independent States	48.7	50.1	50.9	50.6
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	44.3	44.7	45.5	45.2
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	49.6	51.2	52.1	51.8
Developed regions	43.4	45.5	46.3	46.8

Indicator 3.3

Proportion of seats held by women in national parliament^a

(Percentage)

	1990	2000	2005	2010 ^b
World	12.8	12.5	15.6	19.0
Developing regions	10.4	10.8	13.9	17.6
Northern Africa	2.6	2.1	5.4	9.0
Sub-Saharan Africa	7.2	9.1	14.2	18.4
Latin America and the Caribbean	11.9	14.8	19.0	22.7
Caribbean	22.1	19.9	26.0	29.4
Latin America	8.6	12.9	16.4	20.1
Eastern Asia	20.2	19.9	19.4	19.5
Eastern Asia excluding China	17.8	14.6	17.2	14.5
Southern Asia	5.7	6.7	8.8	18.2
Southern Asia excluding India	5.9	5.6	9.0	20.1
South-Eastern Asia	10.4	9.7	15.5	19.3
Western Asia	4.6	4.7	5.0	9.4
Oceania	1.2	3.4	3.0	2.5
Commonwealth of Independent States	—	7.3	10.2	14.6
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	—	7.1	9.9	15.1
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	—	7.5	10.5	14.2
Developed regions	16.3	17.5	20.9	23.5
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	27.8	8.4	15.0	18.3
Least developed countries	7.2	7.3	13.0	19.1
Landlocked developing countries	14.0	7.7	13.4	21.6
Small island developing States	15.5	13.3	18.3	21.0

^a Single or lower house only.

^b As at 31 January 2010.

Goal 4**Reduce child mortality****Target 4.A****Reduce by two thirds, between 1990 and 2015, the under-5 mortality rate**

Indicator 4.1

Under-5 mortality rate^a

	1990	2000	2008
World	90	78	65
Developing regions	100	86	72
Northern Africa	80	46	29
Sub-Saharan Africa	184	166	144
Latin America and the Caribbean	52	33	23
Eastern Asia	45	36	21
Eastern Asia excluding China	32	28	27
Southern Asia	121	97	74
Southern Asia excluding India	132	105	85
South-Eastern Asia	73	50	38
Western Asia	66	44	32
Oceania	76	66	60
Commonwealth of Independent States	46	39	25
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	78	62	39
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	26	23	14
Developed regions	12	8	6
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	30	19	12

^a Deaths of children before reaching age 5 per 1,000 live births.

Indicator 4.2

Infant mortality rate^a

	1990	2000	2008
World	62	54	45
Developing regions	68	59	49
Northern Africa	61	38	25
Sub-Saharan Africa	108	98	86
Latin America and the Caribbean	42	28	19
Eastern Asia	36	29	18
Eastern Asia excluding China	25	22	21
Southern Asia	87	71	56
Southern Asia excluding India	96	78	64
South-Eastern Asia	50	37	29
Western Asia	52	35	26
Oceania	56	50	46
Commonwealth of Independent States	38	33	22
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	64	52	34
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	22	19	12
Developed regions	10	6	5
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	24	16	10

^a Deaths of children under age 1 per 1,000 live births.

Indicator 4.3

Proportion of 1-year-old children immunized against measles^a

(Percentage)

	1990	2000	2008
World	73	72	83
Developing regions	71	70	81
Northern Africa	85	93	92
Sub-Saharan Africa	57	55	72
Latin America and the Caribbean	76	92	93
Eastern Asia	98	85	94
Eastern Asia excluding China	95	88	95
Southern Asia	57	58	75
Southern Asia excluding India	60	68	87
South-Eastern Asia	70	80	88
Western Asia	79	84	83
Oceania	70	68	58
Commonwealth of Independent States	85	95	96
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	—	93	93
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	85	97	98
Developed regions	84	91	93
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	93	93	95

^a Children aged 12–23 months who received at least one dose of measles vaccine.

Goal 5

Improve maternal health

Target 5.A

Reduce by three quarters, between 1990 and 2015, the maternal mortality ratio

Indicator 5.1

Maternal mortality ratio^{a,b}

	1990	2005
World	430	400
Developing regions	480	450
Northern Africa	250	160
Sub-Saharan Africa	920	900
Latin America and the Caribbean	180	130
Eastern Asia	95	50
Eastern Asia excluding China	—	170
Southern Asia	620	490
Southern Asia excluding India	—	570
South-Eastern Asia	450	300
Western Asia	190	160
Oceania	550	430
Commonwealth of Independent States	58	51
Developed regions	11	9
Least developed countries	900	870

^a Maternal deaths per 100,000 live births.

^b No new global or regional data are available. Data presented are from 2008 report (A/63/1).

Indicator 5.2

Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel

(Percentage)

	<i>Around 1990</i>	<i>Around 2008</i>
World	58	66
Developing regions	53	63
Northern Africa	46	80
Sub-Saharan Africa	41	46
Latin America and the Caribbean ^a	72	86
Eastern Asia	94	98
Eastern Asia excluding China	97	100
Southern Asia	30	45
Southern Asia excluding India	25	41
South-Eastern Asia	46	75
Western Asia	62	78
Oceania	54	57
Commonwealth of Independent States	97	98
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	93	97
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	99	99
Developed regions	99	99
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	98	99

^a Includes only deliveries in health-care institutions.

Target 5.B

Achieve, by 2015, universal access to reproductive health

Indicator 5.3

Contraceptive prevalence rate^a

(Percentage)

	<i>1990</i>	<i>2007</i>
World	55	63
Developing regions	52	62
Northern Africa	44	60
Sub-Saharan Africa	12	22
Latin America and the Caribbean	62	72
Caribbean	54	62
Latin America	63	72
Eastern Asia	78	86
Eastern Asia excluding China	74	76
Southern Asia	40	54
Southern Asia excluding India	30	49
South-Eastern Asia	48	62
Western Asia	46	55
Oceania	28	28
Commonwealth of Independent States	61	70
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	54	56
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	63	76
Developed regions	70	71

	1990	2007
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	60	58
Least developed countries	17	31
Landlocked developing countries	25	33
Small island developing States	50	54

^a Among women aged 15–49 who are married or in union.

Indicator 5.4

Adolescent birth rate^a

	1990	2007
World	60	48
Developing regions	65	52
Northern Africa	43	31
Sub-Saharan Africa	124	121
Latin America and the Caribbean	91	74
Caribbean	81	67
Latin America	92	74
Eastern Asia	15	5
Eastern Asia excluding China	4	3
Southern Asia	89	53
Southern Asia excluding India	123	71
South-Eastern Asia	53	44
Western Asia	62	53
Oceania	83	61
Commonwealth of Independent States	52	29
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	45	29
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	55	29
Developed regions	29	23
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	48	30
Least developed countries	133	121
Landlocked developing countries	106	104
Small island developing States	77	63

^a Births per 1,000 women aged 15–19 years.

Indicator 5.5

Antenatal care coverage (at least one visit and at least four visits)

(a) At least one visit^a

(Percentage)

	Around 1990	Around 2008
World	64	80
Developing regions	64	80
Northern Africa	46	78
Sub-Saharan Africa	67	76
Latin America and the Caribbean	79	94
Eastern Asia	80	91
Southern Asia	48	70
Southern Asia excluding India	22	58
South-Eastern Asia	72	93

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	<i>Around 1990</i>	<i>Around 2008</i>
Western Asia	53	79
Oceania	—	—
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	90	96

^a Proportion of women aged 15–49 years who received antenatal care during pregnancy from skilled health personnel, at least once.

(b) At least four visits^a

(Percentage)

	<i>2003–2009^b</i>
World	47
Developing regions	47
Northern Africa	58
Sub-Saharan Africa	44
Latin America and the Caribbean	84
Eastern Asia	—
Southern Asia	36
Southern Asia excluding India	34
South-Eastern Asia	75
Western Asia	—
Oceania	56

^a Proportion of women aged 15–49 years who received antenatal care during pregnancy from any provider (skilled or unskilled), at least four times.

^b Data refer to the most recent year available during the period specified.

Indicator 5.6

Unmet need for family planning^a

(Percentage)

	<i>1990</i>	<i>2007</i>
World	13.2	11.2
Developing regions	13.7	11.4
Northern Africa	19.5	9.9
Sub-Saharan Africa	26.5	24.8
Latin America and the Caribbean	15.8	10.5
Caribbean	19.7	20.1
Latin America	15.6	9.9
Eastern Asia	3.3	2.3
Southern Asia	18.2	14.7
Southern Asia excluding India	24.3	20.7
South-Eastern Asia	15.1	10.9
Western Asia	15.7	12.2
Commonwealth of Independent States	—	—
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	14.4	13.4
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	15.2	15.0
Least developed countries	26.1	24.4
Landlocked developing countries	24.6	24.8

^a Among women, married or in union, of reproductive age (aged 15–49 years).

Goal 6**Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases****Target 6.A****Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS**

Indicator 6.1

HIV prevalence among population aged 15–24 years

(Percentage)

	1990		2002		2008	
	<i>Estimated adult (15–49) HIV prevalence</i>	<i>Adults (15+) living with HIV who are women</i>	<i>Estimated adult (15–49) HIV prevalence</i>	<i>Adults (15+) living with HIV who are women</i>	<i>Estimated adult (15–49) HIV prevalence</i>	<i>Adults (15+) living with HIV who are women</i>
Developing regions	0.3	51	0.9	53	0.8	53
Northern Africa	<0.1	28	<0.1	30	0.1	31
Sub-Saharan Africa	1.9	57	5.3	58	4.7	58
Latin America and the Caribbean	0.3	29	0.6	32	0.6	33
Caribbean	1.1	46	1.1	52	1.1	53
Latin America	0.3	24	0.6	30	0.6	31
Eastern Asia	<0.1	29	0.1	27	0.1	27
Eastern Asia excluding China	<0.1	29	0.0	30	0.0	31
Southern Asia	<0.1	31	0.3	42	0.2	43
Southern Asia excluding India	<0.1	23	0.1	28	0.1	29
South-Eastern Asia	0.2	43	0.3	44	0.4	40
Western Asia	<0.1	29	0.1	30	0.1	30
Oceania	<0.1	29	0.6	30	0.9	30
Commonwealth of Independent States	0.1	43	0.6	42	0.8	43
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	<0.1	34	0.1	31	0.2	30
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	0.1	43	0.8	43	1.0	44
Developed regions	0.2	15	0.4	20	0.4	21
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	<0.1	39	0.1	41	0.1	40
Least developed countries	1.4	55	2.0	58	1.8	58
Landlocked developing countries	2.5	56	3.8	58	3.1	58
Small island developing States	0.6	45	0.8	47	0.8	47

Indicator 6.2

Condom use at last high-risk sex,^a 2003–2008^b

	Women		Men	
	<i>Number of countries covered by surveys</i>	<i>Percentage who used a condom at last high-risk sex</i>	<i>Number of countries covered by surveys</i>	<i>Percentage who used a condom at last high-risk sex</i>
Developing regions	49	27	38	43
Sub-Saharan Africa	37	35	29	48
Latin America and the Caribbean ^c	10	49	—	—

	Women		Men	
	Number of countries covered by surveys	Percentage who used a condom at last high-risk sex	Number of countries covered by surveys	Percentage who used a condom at last high-risk sex
Southern Asia	1	22	2	38
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia ^c	—	—	3	49

^a Percentage of young women and men aged 15–24 years reporting the use of a condom during sexual intercourse with a non-regular (non-marital and non-cohabiting) sexual partner in the last 12 months, among those who had such a partner in the last 12 months.

^b Data refer to the most recent year available during the period specified.

^c Data refer to the most recent year available during the period 2002–2008.

Indicator 6.3

Proportion of population aged 15–24 years with comprehensive correct knowledge of HIV/AIDS, ^a 2003–2008^b

	Women		Men	
	Number of countries covered by surveys	Percentage who have comprehensive knowledge	Number of countries covered by surveys	Percentage who have comprehensive knowledge
World ^c	87	19	45	31
Developing regions ^c	69	19	39	31
Northern Africa	3	8	1	18
Sub-Saharan Africa	38	24	28	33
Southern Asia	4	17	3	34
Southern Asia excluding India	3	7	—	—
South-Eastern Asia	5	22	3	17
Commonwealth of Independent States	11	28	—	—
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	8	20	—	—
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	7	18	2	5

^a Percentage of young women and men aged 15–24 years who correctly identify the two major ways of preventing the sexual transmission of HIV (using condoms and limiting sex to one faithful, uninfected partner), who reject two common local misconceptions and who know that a healthy-looking person can transmit the AIDS virus.

^b Data refer to the most recent year available during the period specified.

^c Excludes China.

Indicator 6.4

Ratio of school attendance of orphans to school attendance of non-orphans aged 10–14 years, ^a 2003–2008^b

	Number of countries with data	School attendance ratio
Developing regions	44	0.81
Sub-Saharan Africa	33	0.93
Southern Asia	2	0.73
South-Eastern Asia	3	0.84

^a Ratio of the current school attendance rate of children aged 10–14 years both of whose biological parents have died, to the current school attendance rate of children aged 10–14 years both of whose parents are still alive and who currently live with at least one biological parent.

^b Data refer to the most recent year available during the period specified.

Target 6.B**Achieve, by 2010, universal access to treatment for HIV/AIDS for all those who need it**

Indicator 6.5

Proportion of population with advanced HIV infection with access to antiretroviral drugs^{a,b}

(Percentage)

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Developing regions ^c	16	24	33	42
Northern Africa	27	31	37	40
Sub-Saharan Africa	14	22	33	43
Latin America and the Caribbean	46	47	50	54
Eastern Asia	10	14	15	19
Eastern Asia excluding China	<1	<1	<1	1
Southern Asia	7	12	21	31
Southern Asia excluding India	2	3	7	10
South-Eastern Asia and Oceania	28	37	50	57
Western Asia	—	—	—	—
Commonwealth of Independent States	4	8	13	20
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	6	11	13	23
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	4	8	13	20
Least developed countries	13	23	35	46
Landlocked developing countries	16	27	38	53
Small island developing States	22	30	42	52

^a Receiving antiretroviral therapy.^b High-income economies, as defined by the World Bank, are excluded.^c Values for developing regions include two countries from Western Asia.**Target 6.C****Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the incidence of malaria and other major diseases**

Indicator 6.6

Incidence and death rates associated with malaria**(a) Incidence^a**

World	71
Northern Africa	0
Sub-Saharan Africa	294
Latin America and the Caribbean	8
Caribbean	11
Latin America	7
Eastern Asia	<1
Eastern Asia excluding China	6
Southern Asia	13
Southern Asia excluding India	13
South-Eastern Asia	26
Western Asia	4
Oceania	173
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	<1
Least developed countries	182
Landlocked developing countries	201

Small island developing States	92
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^a Number of new cases per 1,000 population, 2008, in malaria endemic countries.

(b) Deaths^a

	<i>All ages</i>	<i>Children under 5</i>
World	25	192
Northern Africa	0	0
Sub-Saharan Africa	112	587
Latin America and the Caribbean	1	2
Caribbean	3	8
Latin America	<0.5	1
Eastern Asia	<0.5	<0.5
Eastern Asia excluding China	0	0
Southern Asia	2	7
Southern Asia excluding India	2	8
South-Eastern Asia	5	14
Western Asia	1	3
Oceania	34	100
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	<0.5	<0.5
Least developed countries	71	391
Landlocked developing countries	78	397
Small island developing States	24	101

^a Number of deaths per 100,000 population, 2008, in malaria endemic countries.

Indicator 6.7

Proportion of children under 5 sleeping under insecticide-treated bed nets, 2006–2009

(a) Total

(Percentage)

Sub-Saharan Africa (33 countries)	20 ^a
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^a Data for a subset of 26 countries in sub-Saharan Africa with trend data showed that the use of insecticide-treated bed nets among children increased from 2 per cent in 2000 to 22 per cent in 2008.

(b) By sex

(Percentage)

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
Sub-Saharan Africa (29 countries)	17	17

(c) By residence

(Percentage)

	<i>Urban</i>	<i>Rural</i>
Sub-Saharan Africa (32 countries)	20	19

Indicator 6.8

Proportion of children under 5 with fever who are treated with appropriate anti-malarial drugs, 2006–2009

(a) Total

(Percentage)

Developing regions (44 countries)	17
Sub-Saharan Africa (34 countries)	34
Southern Asia (4 countries)	7
Southern Asia excluding India (3 countries)	3
South-Eastern Asia (3 countries)	1

(b) By sex

(Percentage)

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
Southern Asia (3 countries)	8	6

(c) By residence

(Percentage)

	<i>Urban</i>	<i>Rural</i>
Developing regions (41 countries)	23	16
Sub-Saharan Africa (33 countries)	41	30
Southern Asia (4 countries)	9	7
Southern Asia excluding India (3 countries)	3	3

Indicator 6.9

Incidence, prevalence and death rates associated with tuberculosis

(a) Incidence

(Number of new cases per 100,000 population, including HIV-infected)^a

	<i>1990</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2008</i>
World	130 (110; 150)	140 (130; 140)	140 (130; 150)
Developing regions	150 (130; 180)	160 (150; 170)	160 (160; 170)
Northern Africa	59 (49; 71)	48 (44; 52)	43 (39; 47)
Sub-Saharan Africa	180 (160; 200)	320 (300; 340)	350 (330; 370)
Latin America and the Caribbean	90 (75; 110)	61 (57; 67)	46 (43; 50)
Caribbean	96 (70; 130)	91 (79; 110)	81 (70; 95)
Latin America	89 (74; 110)	59 (54; 64)	44 (40; 47)
Eastern Asia	120 (81; 190)	110 (90; 130)	100 (85; 120)
Southern Asia	170 (130; 250)	170 (150; 200)	170 (150; 200)
South-Eastern Asia	240 (200; 300)	230 (210; 250)	220 (200; 240)
Western Asia	58 (48; 70)	48 (43; 53)	34 (31; 37)
Oceania	200 (140; 300)	190 (160; 230)	190 (160; 220)
Commonwealth of Independent States	99 (74; 130)	120 (110; 130)	110 (100; 120)
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	120 (95; 150)	130 (120; 150)	140 (130; 150)
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	91 (62; 140)	110 (96; 130)	100 (92; 120)
Developed regions	28 (26; 31)	20 (19; 21)	13 (13; 14)
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	110 (75; 160)	110 (97; 140)	76 (65; 89)
Least developed countries	220 (190; 250)	270 (260; 290)	280 (270; 300)
Landlocked developing countries	170 (150; 190)	270 (260; 290)	280 (260; 300)
Small island developing States	120 (95; 140)	110 (100; 120)	110 (97; 120)

^a Lower and upper bounds in brackets.

(b) Prevalence

(Number of existing cases per 100,000 population, including HIV-infected)^a

	1990	2000	2008
World	250 (200; 330)	220 (190; 260)	170 (150; 210)
Developing regions	310 (240; 410)	270 (240; 310)	210 (170; 250)
Northern Africa	80 (52; 170)	33 (23; 51)	27 (18; 44)
Sub-Saharan Africa	300 (240; 380)	480 (430; 540)	490 (430; 560)
Latin America and the Caribbean	150 (90; 250)	66 (51; 89)	40 (30; 58)
Caribbean	160 (97; 320)	130 (93; 180)	96 (64; 150)
Latin America	130 (85; 260)	60 (45; 85)	34 (25; 55)
Eastern Asia	270 (150; 510)	210 (150; 310)	90 (43; 200)
Southern Asia	380 (240; 660)	270 (200; 380)	220 (150; 330)
South-Eastern Asia	440 (320; 630)	460 (380; 560)	290 (220; 380)
Western Asia	83 (49; 160)	59 (44; 80)	40 (29; 59)
Oceania	430 (250; 790)	130 (68; 280)	110 (51; 260)
Commonwealth of Independent States	200 (120; 320)	120 (77; 190)	100 (65; 170)
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	230 (150; 360)	150 (110; 210)	160 (120; 210)
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	180 (97; 350)	100 (53; 200)	72 (33; 170)
Developed regions	29 (21; 43)	14 (10; 20)	9 (6; 13)
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	160 (70; 380)	97 (49; 200)	58 (28; 130)
Least developed countries	430 (350; 560)	490 (440; 550)	420 (380; 490)
Landlocked developing countries	240 (190; 300)	370 (320; 430)	380 (330; 450)
Small island developing States	210 (140; 330)	130 (110; 170)	110 (84; 150)

^a Lower and upper bounds in brackets.

(c) Deaths

(Number of deaths per 100,000 population, excluding HIV-infected)^a

	1990	2000	2008
World	30 (22; 45)	27 (21; 34)	21 (17; 27)
Developing regions	38 (26; 55)	32 (25; 42)	25 (20; 32)
Northern Africa	11 (6; 20)	5 (3; 8)	4 (3; 7)
Sub-Saharan Africa	33 (25; 47)	50 (40; 67)	52 (41; 69)
Latin America and the Caribbean	17 (11; 27)	6 (5; 8)	5 (4; 7)
Caribbean	18 (9; 38)	15 (8; 27)	12 (8; 21)
Latin America	16 (10; 27)	6 (5; 7)	5 (4; 7)
Eastern Asia	31 (13; 77)	26 (13; 54)	12 (6; 26)
Southern Asia	45 (24; 94)	33 (20; 54)	28 (17; 46)
South-Eastern Asia	56 (35; 96)	56 (38; 85)	37 (26; 53)
Western Asia	9 (6; 17)	7 (5; 11)	5 (4; 8)
Oceania	50 (24; 120)	19 (10; 41)	17 (9; 37)
Commonwealth of Independent States	26 (15; 47)	22 (20; 26)	18 (13; 25)
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	30 (20; 49)	22 (19; 36)	26 (19; 36)
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	23 (11; 52)	22 (20; 23)	14 (9; 24)
Developed regions	3 (2; 4)	1 (1; 1)	1 (1; 1)

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	1990	2000	2008
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	21 (10; 49)	7 (7; 8)	5 (4; 6)
Least developed countries	50 (36; 76)	56 (44; 75)	50 (40; 64)
Landlocked developing countries	29 (21; 41)	40 (31; 55)	42 (33; 59)
Small island developing States	24 (15; 39)	16 (11; 25)	15 (11; 21)

^a Lower and upper bounds in brackets.

Indicator 6.10

Proportion of tuberculosis cases detected and cured under directly observed treatment short course

(a) New cases detected under directly observed treatment short course (DOTS)

(DOTS smear-positive case detection rate: percentage)^a

	2000	2008
World	40 (38;43)	62 (58;66)
Developing regions	39 (37;41)	61 (58;65)
Northern Africa	89 (82;98)	86 (78;94)
Sub-Saharan Africa	39 (37;41)	46 (44;49)
Latin America and the Caribbean	70 (64;75)	77 (71;82)
Caribbean	51 (44;59)	62 (53;72)
Latin America	72 (66;79)	79 (73;85)
Eastern Asia	33 (27;39)	72 (60;86)
Southern Asia	37 (32;43)	67 (58;77)
South-Eastern Asia	40 (36;44)	66 (60;72)
Western Asia	52 (47;57)	65 (59;71)
Oceania	31 (26;37)	32 (28;37)
Commonwealth of Independent States	58 (51;65)	74 (68;82)
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	60 (55;65)	63 (58;69)
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	57 (49;67)	80 (70;91)
Developed regions	87 (82;92)	92 (87;97)
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	99 (84;120)	110 (93;130)
Least developed countries	35 (33;36)	49 (46;51)
Landlocked developing countries	38 (36;40)	41 (38;43)
Small island developing States	42 (38;46)	52 (47;57)

^a Lower and upper bounds in brackets.

(b) Patients successfully treated under directly observed treatment short course

(Percentage)

	2000	2007
World	69	86
Developing regions	69	87
Northern Africa	88	87
Sub-Saharan Africa	71	79
Latin America and the Caribbean	76	82
Caribbean	72	80
Latin America	77	83
Eastern Asia	92	94
Southern Asia	42	88
South-Eastern Asia	86	89

	2000	2007
Western Asia	77	86
Oceania	76	46
Commonwealth of Independent States	77	64
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	79	75
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	67	59
Developed regions	66	61
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	72	85
Least developed countries	77	85
Landlocked developing countries	75	80
Small island developing States	73	74

Goal 7

Ensure environmental sustainability

Target 7.A

Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes and reverse the loss of environmental resources

Indicator 7.1

Proportion of land area covered by forest

(Percentage)

	1990	2000	2010
World	32.0	31.4	31.0
Developing regions	30.8	29.5	28.8
Northern Africa	1.4	1.4	1.4
Sub-Saharan Africa	31.2	29.5	28.1
Latin America and the Caribbean	52.0	49.6	47.4
Caribbean	25.8	28.1	30.3
Latin America	52.3	49.9	47.6
Eastern Asia	16.4	18.0	20.5
Eastern Asia excluding China	15.2	14.0	12.8
Southern Asia	14.1	14.1	14.5
Southern Asia excluding India	7.8	7.3	7.1
South-Eastern Asia	56.9	51.3	49.3
Western Asia	2.8	3.0	3.4
Oceania	67.5	65.1	62.5
Commonwealth of Independent States	39.5	39.6	39.6
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	3.9	3.9	3.9
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	48.0	48.1	48.1
Developed regions	30.0	30.4	30.6
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	30.2	30.5	32.6
Least developed countries	32.7	31.0	29.6
Landlocked developing countries	19.3	18.2	17.1
Small island developing States	64.6	63.7	62.7

Indicator 7.2

Carbon dioxide emissions, total, per capita and per \$1 GDP (PPP)

(a) **Total^a**

(millions of metric tons)

	1990	2000	2005	2007
World	21 899	24 043	27 923	29 595
Developing regions	7 070	9 915	13 277	14 894
Northern Africa	232	362	425	453
Sub-Saharan Africa	464	554	658	684
Latin America and the Caribbean	1 051	1 342	1 477	1 594
Caribbean	84	99	106	120
Latin America	966	1 243	1 371	1 474
Eastern Asia	2 986	3 974	6 212	7 165
Eastern Asia excluding China	525	569	598	626
Southern Asia	1 009	1 675	2 032	2 326
Southern Asia excluding India	319	489	621	714
South-Eastern Asia	426	790	1 064	1 133
Western Asia	653	1 042	1 218	1 340
Oceania	6	7	11	10
Commonwealth of Independent States ^b	3 797	2 141	2 299	2 372
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia ^b	499	330	387	445
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe ^b	2 806	1 811	1 911	1 926
Developed regions	10 907	11 768	12 084	12 053
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	243	169	180	191
Least developed countries	64	112	167	185
Landlocked developing countries	56	400	460	523
Small island developing States	139	163	182	190
Annex I countries ^{c,d}	11 615	12 577	12 958	13 026

(b) **Per capita**

(Metric tons)

	1990	2000	2005	2007
World	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.4
Developing regions	1.8	2.1	2.6	2.8
Northern Africa	1.9	2.5	2.7	2.8
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9
Latin America and the Caribbean	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.8
Caribbean	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.2
Latin America	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.8
Eastern Asia	2.5	3.0	4.5	5.1
Eastern Asia excluding China	7.4	7.2	7.4	7.7
Southern Asia	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.4
Southern Asia excluding India	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.5
South-Eastern Asia	1.0	1.5	1.9	2.0
Western Asia	4.9	6.0	6.2	6.6
Oceania	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.1
Commonwealth of Independent States ^b	11.7	7.6	8.3	8.6
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia ^b	7.3	4.6	5.2	5.9

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	1990	2000	2005	2007
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe ^b	13.1	8.6	9.4	9.6
Developed regions	12.3	12.4	12.4	12.2
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	6.9	4.3	4.7	5.0
Least developed countries	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Landlocked developing countries	0.3	1.2	1.3	1.4
Small island developing States	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3
Annex I countries ^{c,d}	12.0	12.2	12.2	12.1

(c) Per \$1 GDP (PPP)

(kilograms)

	1990	2000	2005	2007
World	0.54	0.50	0.49	0.47
Developing regions	0.65	0.59	0.60	0.58
Northern Africa	0.43	0.54	0.52	0.50
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.58	0.54	0.50	0.45
Latin America and the Caribbean	0.33	0.31	0.30	0.29
Caribbean	0.61	0.59	0.55	0.55
Latin America	0.33	0.31	0.30	0.29
Eastern Asia	1.46	0.87	0.92	0.86
Eastern Asia excluding China	0.44	0.45	0.38	0.36
Southern Asia	0.60	0.62	0.55	0.53
Southern Asia excluding India	0.49	0.51	0.49	0.49
South-Eastern Asia	0.42	0.47	0.50	0.47
Western Asia	0.52	0.58	0.54	0.53
Oceania	0.30	0.25	0.38	0.29
Commonwealth of Independent States ^b	1.54	1.27	0.98	0.86
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia ^b	2.37	1.80	1.33	1.21
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe ^b	1.45	1.20	0.93	0.81
Developed regions	0.49	0.41	0.38	0.36
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	0.99	0.70	0.58	0.54
Least developed countries	0.18	0.19	0.21	0.20
Landlocked developing countries	0.30	0.96	0.76	0.71
Small island developing States	0.59	0.43	0.41	0.36
Annex I countries ^{c,d}	0.51	0.43	0.40	0.38

^a Total CO₂ emissions from fossil fuels (include emissions from solid fuel consumption, liquid fuel consumption, gas fuel consumption, cement production and gas flaring (United States Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center).

^b The 1990 column shows 1992 data.

^c Based on the annual national emission inventories of annex I countries (with the exception of Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine, which are included in the Commonwealth of Independent States) that report to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; non-annex I countries do not have annual reporting obligations.

^d Excluding emissions/removals from land use, land-use change and forestry.

Indicator 7.3

Consumption of ozone-depleting substances

(Tons of ozone depletion potential)

	1990 ^a	2000	2008
Developing regions	247 582	212 514	44 689
Northern Africa	6 203	8 129	1 347

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	1990 ^a	2000	2008
Sub-Saharan Africa	23 449	9 561	1 327
Latin America and the Caribbean	76 048	31 087	6 715
Caribbean	2 177	1 669	219
Latin America	73 871	29 418	6 496
Eastern Asia	103 217	105 762	21 530
Eastern Asia excluding China	12 904	14 885	4 144
Southern Asia	3 338	28 161	4 057
Southern Asia excluding India	3 338	9 466	1 152
South-Eastern Asia	21 108	16 831	2 916
Western Asia	11 516	11 882	6 605
Oceania	47	129	10
Commonwealth of Independent States	139 454	27 585	1 719
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	2 738	928	183
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	136 716	26 657	1 536
Developed regions	826 807	24 060	-1 792 ^b
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	6 239	966	113
Least developed countries	1 462	4 786	1 075
Landlocked developing countries	3 354	2 386	437
Small island developing States	7 162	2 147	396

^a For years prior to the entry into force of the reporting requirement for a group of substances, missing country consumption values have been estimated at the base year level. This applies to substances in annexes B, C and E, whose years of entry into force are 1992, 1992 and 1994, respectively.

^b Negative numbers will occur where exports plus destruction exceed actual production plus imports.

Indicator 7.4

Proportion of fish stocks within safe biological limits^a

(Percentage)

	1990	2000	2006
Total	81	72	72
Fully exploited	50	47	52
Under and moderately exploited	31	25	20

^a No new global or regional data are available. Data presented are from 2009 report (A/64/1).

Indicator 7.5

Proportion of total water resources used^a, around 2000^b

(Percentage)

Developing regions	6.7
Northern Africa	77.5
Sub-Saharan Africa	2.2
Latin America and the Caribbean	1.4
Eastern Asia	21.6
Eastern Asia excluding China	19.2
Southern Asia	26.8
Southern Asia excluding India	19.6
South-Eastern Asia	4.5
Western Asia	47.5
Oceania	0.02
Commonwealth of Independent States	5.2
Developed regions	9.2

Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	7.5
Least developed countries	3.5
Landlocked developing countries	8.2
Small island developing States	1.3

^a Surface water and groundwater withdrawal as percentage of total actual renewable water resources.

^b Differences between these figures and those set out in the statistical annex to the *Millennium Development Goals Report 2009* (see <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mdg>) are due to the availability of new data.

Target 7.B

Reduce biodiversity loss, achieving, by 2010, a significant reduction in the rate of loss

Indicator 7.6

Proportion of terrestrial and marine areas protected

(a) Terrestrial and marine^{a,b}

(Percentage)

	1990	2000	2009
World ^c	7.9	9.9	10.9
Developing regions	8.1	10.9	12.4
Northern Africa	3.2	3.7	4.0
Sub-Saharan Africa	10.4	10.6	11.1
Latin America and the Caribbean	9.4	15.2	19.3
Caribbean	3.5	4.0	4.6
Latin America	9.6	15.6	19.9
Eastern Asia	11.6	14.4	15.3
Eastern Asia excluding China	3.9	11.5	11.5
Southern Asia	5.3	5.9	6.2
Southern Asia excluding India	5.7	6.5	7.1
South-Eastern Asia	4.3	6.7	7.3
Western Asia	3.7	14.4	14.5
Oceania	0.5	1.1	1.6
Commonwealth of Independent States	6.7	7.8	7.8
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	2.7	3.0	3.0
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	7.6	8.8	8.8
Developed regions	10.8	12.1	13.1
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	2.8	4.9	7.0
Least developed countries	8.5	9.2	9.5
Landlocked developing countries	8.8	10.8	11.2
Small island developing States	1.4	2.7	3.2

^a Ratio of protected area (terrestrial and marine combined) to total territorial area. Differences between these figures and those set out in the statistical annex to the *Millennium Development Goals Report 2009* (see <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mdg>) are due to the availability of new data and to revised methodologies.

^b Protected areas with an unknown year of establishment are included in all years.

^c Including territories that are not considered in the calculations of aggregates for the Commonwealth of Independent States, developed regions and developing regions.

(b) Terrestrial^{a,b}

(Percentage)

	1990	2000	2009
World ^c	8.7	10.7	11.6
Developing regions	9.4	12.4	13.9
Northern Africa	3.3	3.7	4.0
Sub-Saharan Africa	11.1	11.3	11.7

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	<i>1990</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2009</i>
Latin America and the Caribbean	10.5	16.1	20.8
Caribbean	9.1	9.8	11.1
Latin America	10.5	16.2	20.9
Eastern Asia	12.0	14.9	15.9
Eastern Asia excluding China	4.0	12.1	12.1
Southern Asia	5.5	6.1	6.4
Southern Asia excluding India	5.9	6.8	7.4
South-Eastern Asia	8.6	13.0	13.6
Western Asia	4.0	15.4	15.5
Oceania	2.0	3.0	3.0
Commonwealth of Independent States	7.0	7.7	7.7
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	2.7	3.0	3.0
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	7.9	8.8	8.8
Developed regions	11.6	12.9	13.6
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	2.9	4.7	6.9
Least developed countries	9.4	10.0	10.2
Landlocked developing countries	8.8	10.8	11.2
Small island developing States	4.0	6.3	6.7

^a Ratio of terrestrial protected area to total surface area. Differences between these figures and those set out in the statistical annex to the *Millennium Development Goals Report 2009* (see <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mdg>) are due to the availability of new data and to revised methodologies.

^b Protected areas with an unknown year of establishment are included in all years.

^c Including territories that are not considered in the calculations of aggregates for the Commonwealth of Independent States, developed regions and developing regions.

(c) **Marine**^{a,b}
(Percentage)

	1990	2000	2009
World ^c	2.9	5.0	6.3
Developing regions	0.9	2.9	3.5
Northern Africa	1.6	2.1	3.1
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.7	1.5	1.8
Latin America and the Caribbean	2.3	9.0	9.8
Caribbean	1.2	1.6	2.0
Latin America	2.6	10.7	11.6
Eastern Asia	1.2	1.7	1.9
Eastern Asia excluding China	3.2	3.2	3.4
Southern Asia	1.3	1.4	1.6
Southern Asia excluding India	1.0	1.2	1.5
South-Eastern Asia	0.5	1.2	1.8
Western Asia	0.7	2.0	2.2
Oceania	0.1	0.6	1.2
Commonwealth of Independent States	3.2	8.9	8.9
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	0.2	0.4	0.4
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	3.2	8.9	8.9
Developed regions	6.5	8.1	11.0
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	0.6	9.8	10.8
Least Developed Countries	0.5	1.1	2.0
Landlocked developing countries ^d	0.0	0.0	0.0
Small island developing States	0.4	1.2	1.8

^a Ratio of marine protected area to total territorial waters. Differences between these figures and those set out in the statistical annex to the *Millennium Development Goals Report 2009* (see <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mdg>) are due to the availability of new data and to revised methodologies.

^b Protected areas with an unknown year of establishment are included in all years.

^c Including territories that are not considered in the calculations of aggregates for the Commonwealth of Independent States, developed regions and developing regions.

^d Some landlocked developing countries have territorial water claims within inland seas.

Indicator 7.7

Proportion of species threatened with extinction^{a,b}

(Percentage of species not expected to become extinct in the near future)

	<i>Birds</i>		<i>Mammals</i>	
	1994	2008	1996	2008
World	93.51	93.09	86.03	85.33
Developing regions	96.44	95.71	85.87	85.13
Northern Africa	92.55	92.19	90.18	89.82
Sub-Saharan Africa	97.60	97.12	86.76	86.59
Latin America and the Caribbean	93.75	93.60	87.09	86.56
Caribbean	96.01	95.93	89.81	89.94
Latin America	93.49	93.35	87.59	87.04
Eastern Asia	93.10	92.95	91.42	90.67
Southern Asia	96.19	95.78	86.92	86.21
South-Eastern Asia	95.99	95.52	84.27	82.59

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Western Asia	93.40	92.66	92.95	92.50
Oceania	97.60	96.99	85.16	84.39
Commonwealth of Independent States	91.86	91.41	92.28	91.68
Developed regions	92.20	91.85	91.04	90.79

^a No new global or regional data are available for mammals. Data presented are from 2009 report (A/64/1).

^b International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List Index values for non-data-deficient species.

Target 7.C

Halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation

Indicator 7.8

Proportion of population using an improved drinking water source

(Percentage)

	1990			2008		
	Total	Urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Rural
World	77	95	64	87	96	78
Developing regions	71	93	60	84	94	76
Northern Africa	86	94	78	92	95	87
Sub-Saharan Africa	49	83	36	60	83	47
Latin America and the Caribbean	85	95	63	93	97	80
Eastern Asia	69	97	56	89	98	82
Eastern Asia excluding China	93 ^a	97 ^a	80 ^a	98	100	91
Southern Asia	75	91	69	87	95	83
Southern Asia excluding India	82	95	77	85	93	80
South-Eastern Asia	72	92	63	86	92	81
Western Asia	86	96	70	90	96	78
Oceania	51	92	38	50	92	37
Commonwealth of Independent States	92	98	82	94	98	87
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	88	96	80	88	97	80
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	94	98	82	96	98	91
Developed regions	99	100	98	100	100	98
Least developed countries	54	81	47	62	80	54

^a Data from 1995.

Indicator 7.9

Proportion of population using an improved sanitation facility

(Percentage)

	1990			2008		
	Total	Urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Rural
World	54	77	36	61	76	45
Developing regions	41	65	28	52	68	40
Northern Africa	72	91	55	89	94	83
Sub-Saharan Africa	28	43	21	31	44	24
Latin America and the Caribbean	69	81	39	80	86	55
Eastern Asia	43	53	39	56	61	53
Eastern Asia excluding China	86 ^a	88 ^a	78 ^a	97	99	92
Southern Asia	25	56	13	36	57	26
Southern Asia excluding India	42	74	30	50	65	42

	1990			2008		
	Total	Urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Rural
South-Eastern Asia	46	69	36	69	79	60
Western Asia	80	96	53	85	94	67
Oceania	55	85	46	53	81	45
Commonwealth of Independent States	89	94	79	89	93	83
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	91	96	86	91	91	91
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	89	94	76	89	94	76
Developed regions	99	100	97	99	100	96
Least developed countries	24	43	19	36	50	31

^a Data from 1995. These data are based on a subset of countries different from those used for the 2008 estimates.

Target 7.D

By 2020, to have achieved a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum-dwellers

Indicator 7.10

Proportion of urban population living in slums^a

(Percentage)

	1990	2000	2010
Developing regions	46.1	39.3	32.7
Northern Africa	34.4	20.3	13.3
Sub-Saharan Africa	70.0	65.0	61.7
Latin America and the Caribbean	33.7	29.2	23.5
Eastern Asia	43.7	37.4	28.2
Southern Asia	57.2	45.8	35.0
South-Eastern Asia	49.5	39.6	31.0
Western Asia	22.5	20.6	24.6
Oceania	24.1	24.1	24.1

^a Represented by the urban population living in households with at least one of the four characteristics: lack of access to improved drinking water, lack of access to improved sanitation, overcrowding (three or more persons per room) and dwellings made of non-durable material. Half of pit latrines are considered improved sanitation. These new figures are not comparable with previously published estimates in which all households using pit latrines were considered slum households.

Goal 8

Develop a global partnership for development

Target 8.A

Develop further an open, rule-based, predictable, non-discriminatory trading and financial system

Includes a commitment to good governance, development and poverty reduction—both nationally and internationally

Target 8.B**Address the special needs of the least developed countries**

Includes: tariff- and quota-free access for least developed countries' exports; enhanced programme of debt relief for heavily indebted poor countries (HIPC) and cancellation of official bilateral debt; and more generous official development assistance (ODA) for countries committed to poverty reduction

Target 8.C**Address the special needs of landlocked developing countries and small island developing States (through the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the outcome of the twenty-second special session of the General Assembly)****Target 8.D****Deal comprehensively with the debt problems of developing countries through national and international measures in order to make debt sustainable in the long term***Official development assistance*

Indicator 8.1

Net ODA, total and to the least developed countries, as a percentage of Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development/Development Assistance Committee donors' gross national income**(a) Annual total assistance^a**

(Billions of United States dollars)

	1990	2002	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 ^b
All developing countries	52.8	58.6	107.8	104.8	104.2	122.3	119.6
Least developed countries	15.1	15.9	26.1	30.1	32.1	37.1	

^a Including non-ODA debt forgiveness but excluding forgiveness of debt for military purposes.^b Preliminary data.**(b) Share of OECD/DAC donors' gross national income**

(Percentage)

	1990	2002	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 ^a
All developing countries	0.32	0.23	0.32	0.3	0.27	0.3	0.31
Least developed countries	0.09	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.09	

^a Preliminary data.

Indicator 8.2

Proportion of total bilateral, sector-allocable ODA of OECD/DAC donors to basic social services (basic education, primary health care, nutrition, safe water and sanitation)

	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008
Percentage	10.7	15.5	17.3	15.9	20.0	18.6
Billions of United States dollars	3.0	4.3	4.9	7.7	11.5	15.5

Indicator 8.3

Proportion of bilateral official development assistance of OECD/DAC donors that is untied^a

	1990	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008
Percentage	67.6	91.1	91.4	88.3	83.9	86.5
Billions of United States dollars	16.3	30.1	49	62.2	60.3	80.6

^a Excludes technical cooperation and administrative costs as well as ODA whose tying status is not reported. The percentage of bilateral ODA, excluding technical cooperation and administrative costs, with reported tying status was 99.6 in 2008.

Indicator 8.4

ODA received in landlocked developing countries as a proportion of their gross national incomes

	1990	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008
Percentage	6.3	8.1	7.0	6.2	5.6	4.2
Billions of United States dollars	7.0	12.1	15.0	16.6	18.9	22.6

Indicator 8.5

ODA received in small island developing States as a proportion of their gross national incomes

	1990	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008
Percentage	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.7
Billions of United States dollars	2.1	1.8	2.5	2.7	3.2	3.7

Market access

Indicator 8.6

Proportion of total developed country imports (by value and excluding arms) from developing countries and least developed countries, admitted free of duty

(Percentage)

	1996	2000	2004	2006	2008 ^a
(a) Excluding arms					
Developing countries ^a	53	63	76	81	84
Least developed countries	68	75	82	89	92
(b) Excluding arms and oil					
Developing countries ^a	54	65	76	77	80
Northern Africa	20	26	94	95	95
Sub-Saharan Africa	88	83	91	93	94
Latin America and the Caribbean	58	58	93	97	96
Latin America	74	82	92	93	93
Eastern Asia	35	52	63	64	68
Southern Asia	41	46	62	62	66
South-Eastern Asia	60	76	76	78	80
Western Asia	45	56	89	93	95
Oceania	82	79	84	87	91
Commonwealth of Independent States	59	59	87	89	91
Least developed countries	78	70	80	79	81

^a Includes Commonwealth of Independent States countries.

Indicator 8.7

Average tariffs imposed by developed countries on agricultural products and textiles and clothing from developing countries

(Percentage)

	1996	2000	2004	2008
(a) Agricultural goods				
Developing countries	10.5	9.3	9.1	8.0
Least developed countries	3.9	3.6	3.0	1.6
(b) Textiles				
Developing countries	7.3	6.6	5.2	5.1
Least developed countries	4.6	4.1	3.2	3.2
(c) Clothing				
Developing countries	11.5	10.8	8.6	8.2
Least developed countries	8.2	7.8	6.4	6.4

Indicator 8.8

Agricultural support estimate for OECD countries as a percentage of their gross domestic product

	1990	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008 ^a
Percentage	2.05	1.17	1.05	0.96	0.88	0.84
Billions of United States dollars	327	350	375	363	364	376

^a Preliminary data.

Indicator 8.9

Proportion of ODA provided to help build trade capacity^a

	2001	2003	2005	2007	2008
Trade policy and regulations and trade-related adjustment ^b	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Economic infrastructure	21.5	14.8	17.2	13.1	18.1
Building productive capacity	16.0	13.4	12.8	13.3	14.7
Total aid for trade	38.5	29.0	30.7	27.2	33.7

^a Aid-for-trade proxies as a percentage are of bilateral sector-allocable ODA.

^b Reporting of trade-related adjustment data commenced in 2007. Only Canada and the European Commission reported.

Debt sustainability

Indicator 8.10

Total number of countries that have reached their HIPC decision points and number that have reached their HIPC completion points (cumulative)

	2000 ^a	2010 ^b
Reached completion point	1	28
Reached decision point but not completion point	21	7
Yet to be considered for decision point	12	5
Total eligible countries	34	40

^a As of December 2000; including only countries that are heavily indebted poor countries in 2010.

^b As of March 2010.

Indicator 8.11

Debt relief committed under HIPC and Multilateral Debt Relief initiatives^a

(Billions of United States dollars, cumulative)

	2000	2010 ^b
To countries that reached decision or completion point	32	82

^a Expressed in end-2008 net present value terms; commitment status as of March 2010.

^b Excludes \$38.4 million (in nominal terms) of committed debt relief from the International Development Association to Afghanistan and \$201.3 million (in nominal terms) of committed debt relief from the Association and the International Monetary Fund to the Congo.

Indicator 8.12

Debt service as a percentage of exports of goods and services^{a,b}

	1990	1995	2000	2008
Developing regions	19.7	14.4	12.6	3.5
Northern Africa	39.9	22.7	15.4	6.1
Sub-Saharan Africa	17.6	10.4	9.4	1.9
Latin America and the Caribbean	20.6	18.7	21.8	6.7
Caribbean	16.8	10.8	8.0	11.3
Latin America	20.7	19.0	22.2	6.6
Eastern Asia	10.6	9.0	5.1	0.6
Southern Asia	17.6	27.0	13.8	5.4
Southern Asia excluding India	9.3	22.3	11.5	7.9
South-Eastern Asia	16.7	7.9	6.5	2.8
Western Asia	27.8	22.3	17.5	9.5
Oceania	14.0	7.8	5.9	1.2
Commonwealth of Independent States	0.6 ^c	6.1	8.1	3.9
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	0.6 ^c	3.8	8.4	0.6
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	0.6 ^c	6.2	8.1	4.4
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	9.7	11.7	11.8	4.1
Least developed countries	16.8	13.4	11.6	2.9
Landlocked developing countries	14.9	7.3	8.6	1.2
Small island developing States	13.7	9.5	8.7	8.4

^a Debt service as a proportion of exports of goods and services and net income from abroad.

^b Including countries reporting to the World Bank Debtor Reporting System. Aggregates are based on available data, and for some years, might exclude countries that do not have data on exports of goods and services and net income from abroad.

^c Data for 1993.

Target 8.E

In cooperation with pharmaceutical companies, provide access to affordable, essential drugs in developing countries

Indicator 8.13

Proportion of population with access to affordable essential drugs on a sustainable basis (No global or regional data are available)

Target 8.F

In cooperation with the private sector, make available the benefits of new technologies, especially information and communications

Indicator 8.14

Number of fixed telephone lines per 100 population

	1990	2000	2008
World	9.8	15.9	18.5
Developing regions	2.4	8.0	12.9
Northern Africa	2.8	7.1	12.5
Sub-Saharan Africa	1.0	1.4	1.4
Latin America and the Caribbean	6.3	14.7	18.6
Caribbean	7.0	11.2	11.2
Latin America	6.2	15.0	19.1
Eastern Asia	2.4	13.8	26.5
Eastern Asia excluding China	24.8	42.8	39.2
Southern Asia	0.7	3.2	4.4
Southern Asia excluding India	1.0	3.4	7.2
South-Eastern Asia	1.3	4.8	13.6
Western Asia	9.7	17.8	17.1
Oceania	3.3	5.2	5.4
Commonwealth of Independent States	12.5	18.6	26.0
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	7.9	8.8	12.0
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	13.9	21.9	31.3
Developed regions	42.4	55.0	45.9
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	13.1	21.1	25.9
Least developed countries	0.3	0.5	1.0
Landlocked developing countries	2.4	2.8	3.8
Small island developing States	7.9	12.9	12.4

Indicator 8.15

Cellular subscribers per 100 population

	1995	2000	2008
World	1.6	12.1	59.7
Developing regions	0.4	5.5	48.8
Northern Africa	<0.1	2.7	66.7
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.1	1.7	31.8
Latin America and the Caribbean	0.8	12.2	80.1
Caribbean	1.2	6.4	49.8
Latin America	0.8	12.6	82.4
Eastern Asia	0.5	9.9	50.4
Eastern Asia excluding China	3.4	49.9	81.1
Southern Asia	<0.1	0.4	32.7
Southern Asia excluding India	<0.1	0.5	40.9
South-Eastern Asia	0.7	4.3	66.3
Western Asia	0.9	14.9	80.1
Oceania	0.2	2.4	20.9
Commonwealth of Independent States	<0.1	1.8	113.4
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia	<0.1	1.3	63.4
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	0.1	2.0	132.4
Developed regions	7.8	47.7	104.6

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	1995	2000	2008
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	0.1	8.9	111.9
Least developed countries ^a	<0.1	0.3	20.9
Landlocked developing countries	<0.1	1.1	27.8
Small island developing States	1.5	10.3	51.6

^a The 1995 column shows 1996 data.

Indicator 8.16

Internet users per 100 population

	1995	2000	2008
World	0.7	6.5	23.4
Developing regions	0.1	2.0	15.1
Northern Africa	<0.1	0.7	19.1
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.1	0.5	6.0
Latin America and the Caribbean	0.1	3.9	28.8
Caribbean	0.1	2.8	19.9
Latin America	0.1	4.0	29.5
Eastern Asia	0.1	3.6	24.6
Eastern Asia excluding China	0.9	27.0	54.4
Southern Asia	<0.1	0.5	5.8
Southern Asia excluding India ^a	<0.1	0.3	9.1
South-Eastern Asia	0.1	2.4	13.9
Western Asia	0.1	4.0	23.8
Oceania	<0.1	1.8	6.0
Commonwealth of Independent States	0.1	1.4	22.9
Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia ^a	<0.1	0.5	12.3
Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe	0.1	1.7	27.0
Developed regions	3.9	29.8	67.7
Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe	0.1	3.4	31.7
Least developed countries ^b	<0.1	0.1	2.1
Landlocked developing countries ^a	<0.1	0.3	5.2
Small island developing States	0.2	4.9	20.8

^a The 1995 column shows 1996 data.

^b The 1995 column shows 1998 data.

Sources: United Nations Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Millennium Development Goals Indicators and Millennium Development Goal Indicators Database (<http://mdgs.un.org>).

Notes: Except where indicated, regional groupings are based on United Nations geographical regions, with some modifications necessary to create, to the extent possible, homogeneous groups of countries for analysis and presentation. The regional composition adopted for 2010 reporting on Millennium Development Goal indicators is available at <http://mdgs.un.org>, under "Data".

Commonwealth of Independent States comprises Belarus, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine in Europe, and Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan in Asia.

Where shown, "Developed regions" comprises Europe (except Commonwealth of Independent States countries), Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and the United States of America. Developed regions always include transition countries in Europe.

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Peacekeeping, peacebuilding, economic recovery in post-conflict countries and counter-terrorism strategies were among the key challenges addressed by the United Nations in 2010. During the year, the Security Council issued statements on the transition and exit strategies of peacekeeping operations, post-conflict peacebuilding, preventive diplomacy—especially in Africa—threats to peace caused by terrorist acts and protection of civilians in armed conflict. In October, the Council adopted a resolution welcoming the review of the UN peacebuilding architecture and requested all relevant United Nations actors to take forward the recommendations of the related report and improve the Peacebuilding Commission's effectiveness. Among other issues, the Council discussed its own role in maintaining international peace and security.

At the end of 2010, there were 15 peacekeeping operations, served by 120,927 uniformed and civilian personnel, including United Nations Volunteers. On 1 July, the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) took over from an earlier UN peacekeeping operation—the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC). The United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT) completed its mandate on 31 December.

Also at year's end, the United Nations was carrying out 12 political or peacebuilding missions, served by 4,286 personnel. The United Nations Integrated Office in Burundi (BINUB) ended on 31 December; it was succeeded by the United Nations Office in Burundi (BNUB) on 1 January 2011.

International terrorist acts resulted in the deaths of hundreds of innocent civilians and injuries to many others, including in Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Russian Federation and Uganda. In Afghanistan, a terrorist attack took place against the United Nations operations centre in the western city of Herat on 23 October. A suicide bomb attack in the town of Khar in Pakistan on 25 December outside a World Food Programme distribution centre reportedly killed 45 people and injured many others. The Security Council and the Secretary-General condemned those attacks.

The General Assembly in September reiterated its condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, committed by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes, as terrorism constituted one of the most serious threats to international peace and security. Nevertheless, the Assembly in December expressed concern at violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as of international refugee and humanitarian law, committed in the context of countering terrorism.

By a resolution on conflict diamonds, the General Assembly reaffirmed its support for the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme and for the Kimberley Process as a whole. The Assembly also adopted texts on a comprehensive review of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects, the peacekeeping support account, the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, the review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture and the criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on missions.

Regarding the financial position of United Nations peacekeeping operations, expenditures rose by 7.0 per cent, from \$7,120.6 million to \$7,616.1 million for the 2009/2010 financial year. Unpaid assessed contributions decreased by 4.4 per cent, from \$954.0 million at the end of 2008/2009 to \$912.2 million at the end of 2009/2010.

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In 2010, the momentum for restoring durable peace and development in the conflict-torn regions of Africa was bolstered by concerted UN peacekeeping, peacebuilding and conflict prevention, notwithstanding the significant challenges faced. The United Nations increased its support of African peace efforts, particularly by helping develop Africa's institutional capacities to address conflicts and manage peacekeeping operations. To enhance its own efforts to better provide such assistance to Africa, and strengthen its partnership with the African Union (AU), the General Assembly, in June, established the United Nations Office to the African Union by integrating the mandates and functions of the four UN offices operating in Addis Ababa related to peace and security. In July, the Security Council held an open debate on "Optimizing the use of preventive diplomacy tools: prospects and challenges in Africa". It also formalized its consultative meeting with the AU Peace and Security Council to strengthen cooperation between the two organizations in conflict prevention and resolution and peacebuilding, and to find solutions to the challenge of financing AU peace activities. The Council also sent missions to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) as well as to Uganda and the Sudan to promote peace efforts in those countries. The Office of the Special Adviser on Africa took further steps to strengthen support for Africa's security and development.

At the subregional level, the United Nations continued work with countries in Central Africa and the Great Lakes region to confront threats to peace and security. In March, the Security Council discussed the impact of illicit arms trafficking on peace and security in Central Africa, and called on States in the region to establish mechanisms and regional networks to combat the illicit trafficking in those weapons. In August, the Council welcomed the Secretary-General's intention to establish a UN regional office for Central Africa in Libreville, Gabon, to pursue a common peace consolidation agenda in the subregion. The Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa adopted, in April, the Central African Convention for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons, Their Ammunition, and All Parts and Components That Can Be Used for their Manufacture, Repair and Assembly (Kinshasa Convention), and the Implementation Plan in November.

In the DRC, significant progress was made towards implementing the provisions of the 23 March 2009 peace agreements, including planning for legislative and presidential elections. As a result, the United Nations reconfigured the mandate of the United Nations Organization Mission in the DRC, which was replaced by the United Nations Organization Integrated Mission, whose mandate was to operationalize the transition of security responsibilities to the Government and complete its withdrawal by 31 December. That momentum, however, suffered a setback between 30 July and 2 August, with attacks by rebel forces, including the systematic rape of at least 387 people in 13 villages in Walikale territory. In addition, some 923 houses and 42 shops were looted and 116 civilians abducted. In response, the Secretary-General dispatched the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and his Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict to discuss the challenges faced by UN forces in the protection of civilians in the DRC. The Assistant Secretary-General made recommendations for enhancing that protection.

In Burundi, significant progress was made towards peace and stability. Despite the deep political divide, the country successfully held communal, presidential, legislative, senatorial and *collinaire* elections between 24 May and 7 September. Incumbent President Pierre Nkurunziza was re-elected with 91 per cent of the vote. In the light of progress made, the Secretary-General recommended that the United Nations Integrated

Office in Burundi (BINUB), whose mandate was to expire on 31 December, be succeeded by a scaled-down UN presence, the United Nations Office in Burundi (BNUB), to support the Government's efforts in consolidating democracy and paving the way for sustainable development.

In the Central African Republic (CAR), concerted efforts continued to implement the recommendations of the 2008 inclusive political dialogue, particularly preparations for holding elections and moving forward the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) process. The elections, scheduled for 16 May, had to be postponed, however, for technical and logistical reasons, thus forcing the National Assembly to amend the Constitution to allow the President and Assembly members to remain in office until elections could be held. The new date for the first round of the presidential and legislative elections was set as 23 January 2011, and a possible second round of presidential and legislative elections on 20 March 2011. Despite delays in the implementation of the DDR programme, progress was made in the development of a national reintegration strategy for former combatants. Meanwhile, the overall security situation in the country remained volatile owing to the ongoing internal rebellion in the north; the activities of road bandits and poachers; the lack of significant progress in DDR; the setbacks in the electoral process; and the presence of foreign rebel elements, including those associated with the Ugandan Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). The United Nations advanced its integration process, as its Integrated Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic was established on 1 January.

In the CAR and Chad, the improved security environment led to an agreement between the Secretariat and the Government of Chad according to which, effective 16 May, the mandate of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT) for the protection of civilians, including for refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees and host communities, would cease, and the Government of Chad would assume that responsibility and facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid and the free movement of humanitarian personnel. Under a revised mandate, MINURCAT would continue to perform the tasks relating to the rule of law, human rights and civil affairs, and mine action assistance, and support the Government's efforts to achieve self-sustainability of the *Détachement intégré de sécurité* (DIS), established specifically to protect refugees, IDPs and vulnerable civilians, as a professional enforcement entity. A joint Chad/UN working group would develop a plan for the progressive handover to the Government of the administrative, financial and logistical support to DIS. MINURCAT left Chad on 15 December. Meanwhile, relations between the Governments of Chad and the Sudan improved significantly, with the signing of an agreement on 15 January to normalize their bilateral relations. They deployed a joint border force of 3,000 troops. In north-eastern CAR, the Secretary-General proposed that MINURCAT be authorized with a troop strength of 300 to secure the airport in Birao and provide limited extraction operations for humanitarian workers.

The Security Council sent a mission to Uganda to reiterate the Council's support to the improvement of relations among the countries of the region, encourage them to strengthen cooperation, and emphasize support for action against armed groups, particularly LRA.

West Africa showed renewed signs of progress in 2010 in the prevention and resolution of violent conflict and in peacebuilding processes leading to political stability. Despite occasional setbacks in some countries in the region and political fragility, the general trend by the end of the year was in a positive direction. United Nations involvement in guiding and assisting regional nations through mediation and logistical aid was continual, particularly through the United Nations Office for West Africa (UNOWA). In addition, peacekeeping or peacebuilding missions participated in those efforts in Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea-Bissau.

UNOWA endeavoured to work with regional and subregional efforts in support of peace and stability, especially with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the AU. In December, the Secretary-General recommended that the mandate of UNOWA be extended for a further period of three years, until the end of 2013. He also proposed that its renewed mandate focus on preventive diplomacy, addressing cross-border and cross-cutting threats to peace and security, promotion of good governance and gender, and partnership with regional organizations. The Security Council agreed with those recommendations.

The peace process in Côte d'Ivoire moved forward in 2010 through efforts to implement the 2007 Ouagadougou Political Agreement and its four supplementary accords, which dealt with identification of voters and election processes, reunification of the army, and restoration of State authority throughout the country. The United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) worked with the Government in providing logistical and technical support in preparing elections, and in assisting with disarmament and demobilization of ex-combatants and restoring State authority. The Security Council, in June, redefined the mandate of UNOCI, outlining the mission's responsibilities in monitoring armed groups, preventing hostilities, monitoring the borders, protecting civilians, monitoring the arms embargo, collecting illegal arms, promoting the peace process through public information, promoting human rights, and supporting humanitarian assistance. In regard to the electoral process, it was mandated to support the organization of free, fair and transparent elections, to monitor pre-election activities, and to contribute to identification of the population. Two rounds of presidential elections were held in late 2010. The first, on 31 October, left no candidate with a majority, and a second round was held on 28 November. The country's Independent Electoral Commission announced that Alassane Ouattara had been elected, defeating Laurent Gbagbo by 6 per cent. Shortly after the announcement of those results on 2 December, forces and militias loyal to Mr. Gbagbo and his political party resorted to violent attacks against communities believed to be strongholds for President Ouattara and against his headquarters in the capital. The uncompleted tasks of disarmament and reintegration of former combatants and reunification of the country contributed to a tense atmosphere as the year closed.

Progress was seen in Liberia, where the Government continued its efforts to improve governance and security, consolidate State authority, manage natural resources, address human rights issues, and build a better economy. Assistance in those efforts was provided by the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) and other international and regional organizations. UNMIL continued to support Liberia in the implementation of the 2003 Agreement on Ceasefire and Cessation of Hostilities. Liberia requested to be added to the agenda of the Peacebuilding Commission and, when accepted, specified rule of law, security sector reform and national reconciliation as priority areas to the Commission. UNMIL completed the third stage of its drawdown in May 2010, reducing its military personnel to 8,102 by year's end. In anticipation of the eventual withdrawal of UNMIL after elections, joint planning for the transition of security responsibilities from UNMIL to national authorities began. The security situation, while stable, was fragile as a result of disputes over land and resources, as well as ethnic and communal tensions.

Sierra Leone continued in 2010 to work towards the goals of peace consolidation and economic recovery, in line with the programme laid out in the President's Agenda for Change and in tandem with the Joint Vision of the United Nations Family for Sierra Leone, setting peacebuilding priorities for 2009–2012. The Government was assisted in its efforts to shift from peacekeeping efforts to focus on peacebuilding and development by the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone. In September, the Security Council lifted the last remaining sanctions against Sierra Leone, affirming that the Government had fully re-established control over its territory and former rebel fighters had been disarmed and demobilized. The Special Court for Sierra Leone drew close to concluding its trials of those bearing the greatest responsibility for serious violations of humanitarian laws committed in the country since 1996. The trial of the former Liberian President, Charles Taylor, which opened in July 2009, remained the only case before the court, and closing arguments were scheduled for February 2011.

Guinea-Bissau encountered a setback on 1 April in its peace process and return to constitutional order, when elements within the armed forces, led by the Deputy Chief of General Staff, detained the Prime Minister and the Chief of General Staff and other senior military officers. They were released nine months later. An unprecedented violation of the UN premises on that date resulted in the extraction of the former Chief of Defence Staff, who had sought asylum at the United Nations Integrated Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNIOGBIS) headquarters. Despite those circumstances, the Mission and other organizations continued to work with the Government towards consolidating peace. The Peacebuilding Commission sent a delegation to Guinea-Bissau that made recommendations on ways the international community could assist the country to

achieve stability, protect and provide basic services for its people, and increase economic growth. Drug trafficking remained a concern.

Cameroon and Nigeria continued to cooperate in implementing the 2002 ruling of the International Court of Justice on the land and maritime boundary between the two countries through the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission. The Commission continued its work in determining the joint border, and its field work in demarcating the border. By the end of the year, the two countries agreed on 1,466 kilometres of the total length of an estimated 1,950 kilometre land boundary, not taking into account an additional section of 95 kilometres still being assessed. The Commission also adopted recommendations for the formulation of a “resource clause” on off-shore petroleum fields straddling the maritime boundary, paving the way for cross-boundary cooperation on oil and gas.

The situation in Guinea remained unsettled at the beginning of the year, due to the absence of President Moussa Dadis Camara, who remained in Morocco for medical treatment. Mr. Camara had established a National Council for Democracy and Development (CNDD) that ruled the country with a group of military officers, and in his absence, Vice President Sekouba Konaté served as interim President. In mid-January 2010, Mr. Camara and General Konaté met in Ouagadougou with President Blaise Compaoré of Burkina Faso, who acted as mediator in the political discussions on Guinea. A Joint Declaration issued at the end of the meeting set out a list of principles for planning a new government, including a return to civilian rule by elections within six months, and setting up a transitional government. The situation evolved in a generally positive direction following the Declaration. The United Nations joined regional organizations in assisting the transitional government through the process leading to presidential elections—the first democratic election in Guinea’s history. The first round of elections was held on 27 June. After several postponements, a required run-off was held on 7 November. Provisional results were released shortly thereafter and were declared by the candidate Cellou Dalein Diallo to be fraudulent. On 3 December, however, the Supreme Court confirmed Alpha Condé as President-elect, and later Mr. Diallo announced he accepted the decision.

The political situation in Mauritania remained tense due to lack of progress in political discussions between the Government installed in 2009 and the opposition. The Special Representative for West Africa travelled to Mauritania to discuss the national dialogue process, insecurity and terrorism in the Sahel, and prospects for regional cooperation on those issues. The talks confirmed that mistrust between the Government and the opposition remained, and that there was no consensus on the terms of reference envisaged for national dialogue. The opposition insisted on the need to implement the 2009 Dakar Framework Agreement, while the Government wanted no reference to that agreement.

The United Nations continued to work for lasting peace in the Horn of Africa. In the Sudan, the parties to the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) made progress on a number of fronts. National elections successfully conducted in April marked a milestone in CPA implementation. Discussions on holding the Southern Sudan and Abyei referendums continued, with the parties showing renewed commitment to negotiating the post-referendum process and structure. While preparations for the referendum in Southern Sudan, scheduled for January 2011, gained momentum with the establishment of the Southern Sudan Referendum Commission, arrangements for the Abyei referendum were behind schedule, exacerbating an already tense situation. In September, the Secretary-General appointed a panel to monitor both referendum processes.

The United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS) continued to support the resolution of core CPA issues. In April, the Security Council extended the mandate of UNMIS for another 12 months.

The commitment of the international community to CPA implementation and to a peaceful, comprehensive and inclusive resolution of the situation in Darfur was reaffirmed by a Security Council mission to the region in October. The Governments of the Sudan and Chad improved their relations by signing a protocol on border security, and in February and March, respectively, the Government of the Sudan signed separate agreements with the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) and the newly formed Liberation and Justice Movement, setting parameters for peace negotiations. Earlier in the year, the elections in April were conducted without any major incidents, but afterwards violence flared up again, making May the deadliest

month since the establishment of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID). Tribal conflict, displacements, criminality and human rights violations drove tens of thousands of Darfurians from their homes. In separate attacks in May and June in Darfur, five UNAMID peacekeepers were killed.

In July, the Security Council extended UNAMID's mandate for one year, and later strengthened the arms embargo to ensure that States provided the necessary end-user documentation to prevent breaches of prior resolutions when exporting arms to the Sudan.

With a view to enhancing civil society participation in the peace process, UNAMID and the Government of Qatar jointly organized in Doha in July the second conference of Darfur civil society representatives. In September, the Government of the Sudan endorsed a new political and security strategy for Darfur aimed at facilitating participation and enhancing local ownership of the peace process, to be supplemented by socio-economic development and support for the return of the some 2 million internally displaced persons (IDPs). In December, JEM agreed to resume negotiations with the Government on a ceasefire, while relations between the Government and the Sudan Liberation Army-Minni Minawi deteriorated to the point that Minni Minawi was declared an enemy of the Government.

The situation in Somalia remained volatile, despite progress in implementing the 2008 Djibouti Peace Agreement. In March, the Security Council condemned continuing violations of its arms embargoes on Somalia and Eritrea, and extended for 12 months the mandate of the Group monitoring embargo compliance. Through its newly renamed "Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751(1992) and 1907(2009)", the Council oversaw the sanctions regime against both countries.

As the number of piracy attacks off the coast of Somalia continued to rise, together with related levels of violence, the Council intensified its efforts to enhance international and regional cooperation in bringing pirates to justice. The African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) continued to support the transitional federal institutions in their efforts to stabilize the country; facilitate the provision of humanitarian assistance; and create conditions conducive to stabilization, reconstruction and development. In December, the Security Council extended its authorization for AMISOM until 30 September 2011, and approved a troop number of 12,000.

In June, Djibouti and Eritrea decided to resolve, through a negotiated settlement, their border conflict over Ras Doumeira and Doumeira Island, which had erupted in 2008. The administrative liquidation of the United Nations Mission to Ethiopia and Eritrea, which was terminated in 2008, continued. The Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission completed its mandate.

Negotiations towards a lasting political settlement to the question of Western Sahara continued, but the two parties to the dispute concerning the Territory—Morocco and the Frente Polisario para la Liberación de Saguía el-Hamra y de Río de Oro (Frente Polisario)—remained far apart. The United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) monitored compliance with the 1991 ceasefire between the parties. The Security Council in April extended MINURSO's mandate for another year, until April 2011.

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During 2010, the United Nations continued to advance the cause of lasting peace, human rights, good governance and the rule of law in the Americas, as well as to respond to natural disasters and humanitarian emergencies that also affected political stability.

The 12 January earthquake in Haiti took an estimated 222,750 lives and destroyed 105,000 homes. The Head of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), his deputy and 100 other UN personnel were killed. The United Nations response to the earthquake was one of the largest ever mounted. The Security Council increased the overall force level of MINUSTAH to support the immediate recovery, reconstruction and stability efforts. Nearly 1.5 million people were sheltered and regularly provided with food, clean water and medical care. In October, ten months after the earthquake, a cholera outbreak was confirmed in Haiti. The epidemic quickly spread throughout the country, killing more than 2,000 people in less than two months. The suggestion that UN peacekeepers based in the central town of Mirebalais might have brought the disease to Haiti caused violent protests in several cities. In those circumstances, elections were held on 28 November to choose a new president and a 99-member Parliament, and to renew the mandate of one-third of the Senate. Widespread allegations of vote rigging emerged shortly after the Provisional Electoral Council announced that one of the presidential front-runners, Michel Martelly, had failed by a thin margin to secure sufficient votes to run in the second round. Protesters in the capital and other cities subsequently demanded a cancellation of the election results. The Security Council called on all political actors to work through the electoral process to ensure that the will of the people was reflected in the outcome.

The International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala continued to implement its mandate. In December, the Secretary-General provided the General Assembly with an update on the activities of the Commission, and the role of the United Nations in implementing its mandate.

In October, Costa Rica complained about dredging operations carried out by Nicaragua in the San Juan River, which represented a violation of territorial sovereignty and caused environmental damage on Costa Rican soil. Nicaragua rejected Costa Rica's claims, stating that the clean-up of the river had been carried out in Nicaraguan territory. In November, Costa Rica instituted proceedings against Nicaragua before the International Court of Justice.

As in previous years, the General Assembly called on States to refrain from promulgating laws and measures such as the ongoing embargo against Cuba by the United States.

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In 2010, the United Nations continued to address political and security challenges in Asia and the Pacific in its efforts to restore peace and stability and to promote economic and social development in the region.

The London Conference in January saw a renewal of the commitment between the Afghan Government and the international community to implement a reform-oriented nation-building agenda, and the Kabul Conference in July resulted in a strategy on the way forward: the Kabul process. On 18 September, despite threats and violence, 4.3 million Afghans voted in elections for the Lower House of the National Assembly, the Wolesi Jirga. The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan continued to foster political dialogue, coordinate international humanitarian and development activities, and assist the Government in institution-building. In March, the Security Council extended the Mission’s mandate by another year. The International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), a multinational force led by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, continued to assist the Government in maintaining security. The Council extended the authorization of ISAF until October 2011.

In Iraq, an estimated 12 million voters turned out to cast their ballots for the national parliamentary elections in March. In November, leading political blocs reached an agreement on forming a national partnership Government on the basis of the election results. In December, the Council adopted resolution 1956(2010) extending the arrangements for depositing proceeds from export sales of petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas into the Development Fund for Iraq until 30 June 2011; resolution 1957(2010) terminating the measures by which Iraq was requested to destroy all weapons of mass destruction and long-range ballistic missiles, and not to acquire any nuclear weapons; and resolution 1958(2010) terminating the residual activities of the oil-for-food programme. A series of attacks across Iraq in May, including in the relatively calm areas of southern Iraq, killed over 100 people. The United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq continued to advise the Government on developing civil and social services, foster human rights protection and legal reforms, and contribute to the coordination of development and reconstruction. The Council extended the Mission’s mandate until July 2011.

The United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) continued to assist the country in reforming the security sector, strengthening the rule of law, promoting economic and social development and fostering democratic governance. The Secretary-General recommended the phased drawdown of the UNMIT police force, which began in April. In February, the Council extended the Mission’s mandate for another year. After the Dili District Court delivered its verdict in the trial of the 11 February 2008 attacks against the President and the Prime Minister, convicting 24 of 28 defendants, President José Ramos-Horta granted commutations of the sentences for 23 of the convicted persons.

During the year, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea continued its nuclear weapons programme. In May, the Panel of Experts established under Council resolution 1874(2009) [YUN 2009, p. 384] submitted its final report. Tensions escalated on the Korean peninsula following a 26 March attack by the DPRK against a Republic of Korea naval ship, the *Cheonan*, which resulted in the sinking of the vessel and the deaths of 46 Korean servicemen on board.

The peace process in Nepal remained stalled during 2010, with few signs of a consensual way forward. Positive developments included the discharge of disqualified Maoist army personnel, which concluded in February, and the 13 September signing of a four-point agreement between the Government and the political parties to complete the process by 14 January 2011. The United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) continued to encourage the parties to reach an agreement on integration and rehabilitation and other related commitments. In September, by resolution 1939(2010), the Council extended the Mission's mandate for a four-month period and decided that UNMIN would terminate on 15 January 2011.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) reported that Iran had not implemented the Additional Protocol to Iran's Safeguards Agreement or the relevant resolutions of the Security Council and the IAEA Board of Governors. The Government had also failed to provide the necessary cooperation to permit the Agency to confirm that all nuclear material in Iran was being used in peaceful activities. In June, by resolution 1929(2010), the Council imposed additional sanctions on Iran.

The three-member UN Commission of Inquiry into the assassination of former Prime Minister of Pakistan Benazir Bhutto submitted its report to the Secretary-General on 30 March. Following an unconstitutional change of power in Kyrgyzstan in April, parliamentary elections were held on 10 October, which were assessed by observers as positive, transparent and well organized. In August, Cambodia and Thailand addressed the issue of border demarcation.

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Europe and the Mediterranean

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, 409: Implementation of Peace Agreement, 410. KOSOVO, 416: Political and security developments, 416; EULEX, 417; UNMIK, 418; Kosovo Force, 419. THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, 420. GEORGIA, 420: UNOMIG, 422. ARMENIA AND AZERBAIJAN, 422. ORGANIZATION FOR DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-GUAM, 423. CYPRUS, 423: Political and security developments, 424; UNFICYP, 425. OTHER ISSUES, 431: Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean, 431; Cooperation with the Collective Security Treaty Organization, 432; Cooperation with the Council of Europe, 433; Cooperation with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, 436; Stability and development in South-Eastern Europe, 436.

In 2010, progress towards the restoration of peace and stability in the post-conflict countries in the European and Mediterranean region was slow and difficult, as efforts to re-establish their institutions and social and economic infrastructure continued. A number of issues remained unresolved.

The international community, led by the European Union (EU), continued to assist Bosnia and Herzegovina to move towards full integration into Europe through the EU Stabilization and Association Process. Visa liberalization for Bosnia and Herzegovina citizens holding biometric passports came into effect on 15 December. General elections, held on 3 October, were assessed as being generally free and fair by the international election observation missions. Nevertheless, no further progress was achieved in addressing key reforms required for further EU integration.

The situation in northern Kosovo remained unstable, and tensions grew in the aftermath of the 22 July International Court of Justice (ICJ) advisory opinion on Kosovo's declaration of independence, which concluded that "the adoption of that declaration did not violate any applicable rule of international law". Following the ICJ decision, the General Assembly on 9 September adopted a resolution welcoming the readiness of the EU to facilitate a process of dialogue between Pristina (Kosovo) and Belgrade (Serbia).

Although the United Nations continued to support the negotiation process to find a solution to the dispute between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia regarding the name of the latter country, the issue remained unresolved at year's end.

The Georgian-Abkhaz peace process continued to be affected by the August 2008 war in South Ossetia and its aftermath and by Georgian-Russian relations. International discussions under the co-chairmanship of the EU, the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to address security, stability and humanitarian issues in Georgia continued to be held throughout the year. On 7 September, the Assembly adopted a resolution on the status of internally displaced persons and refugees from Abkhazia, Georgia, and the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, Georgia, in which it called on all participants in the international discussions to ensure respect for human rights and create favourable security conditions conducive to the voluntary, safe, dignified and unhindered return of all internally displaced persons and refugees to their places of origin.

No progress was made towards the settlement of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the occupied Nagorny Karabakh region of Azerbaijan.

The United Nations continued efforts through the Secretary-General's good offices to help resolve the Cyprus problem. Progress was made in the United Nations-sponsored peace talks, in particular the intensive rounds of early 2010, which generated increasing international focus on reaching a lasting solution in Cyprus. The United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus continued to cooperate with the two communities, to facilitate projects benefiting Greek and Turkish Cypriots in the buffer zone and to advance the goal of restoring normal conditions and humanitarian functions on the island.

During the year, the Assembly adopted a number of resolutions concerning security in the Mediterranean and on cooperation with European intergovernmental organizations.

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Middle East

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In 2010, the Israelis and Palestinians held seven rounds of indirect proximity talks, jumpstarted in May by international diplomatic activity mediated by the United States. The proximity talks led to a bilateral meeting on 2 September in Washington, D.C., between Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. These talks were considered an important step towards the resumption of direct bilateral negotiations, which had not been held since 2008. In late September, however, the Palestinians disengaged from further talks following renewed settlement building by Israel.

The Quartet—a coordinating mechanism for international peace efforts—comprising the Russian Federation, the United States, the European Union and the United Nations, urged a durable resolution to outstanding issues while addressing Israel’s legitimate security concerns. The Quartet did not achieve a breakthrough on securing the release of abducted Israeli Staff Sergeant Gilad Shalit, in custody of Hamas for more than four years.

The Security Council held 17 meetings throughout the year on the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question, and on the use of force during the Israeli military operation in international waters against a humanitarian flotilla sailing to Gaza in May. The Council condemned the operation, which had reportedly resulted in the death of 10 civilians and many more wounded, including Israel Defence Forces officers. In presidential statement S/PRST/2010/9, the Council requested the immediate release of the ships and their civilian passengers held by Israel.

In August, the Secretary-General established a Panel of Inquiry on the flotilla incident following intensive consultations with, and the concurrence of, Israel and Turkey. The panel submitted its first progress report in September.

The Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories was concerned about policies of collective punishment of the occupied Palestinian population, whether by means of the blockade on Gaza’s 1.5 million inhabitants or by the restrictions on movement, including those resulting from the wall being built by Israel and its gate and permit regime. The Special Committee urged Member States and the Security Council to ensure implementation of the 2004 advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences of the construction of the barrier in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

The blockade of Gaza detrimentally affected reconstruction and economic recovery, in addition to worsening humanitarian conditions in Gaza. Per capita gross domestic product in the Occupied Palestinian Territory remained more than 30 per cent lower than its level 10 years earlier, and the long-term prospects for establishing a viable, contiguous Palestinian State appeared bleak given the diminishing access to natural and economic resources, as well as the separation and fragmentation of the Gaza Strip, West Bank and East Jerusalem. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East stated that very high unemployment and poverty rates persisted in Gaza and there was little hope of a significant improvement while the blockade remained in force. The situation in the West Bank and East Jerusalem was similar.

In Lebanon, the Prosecutor with the Special Tribunal set up to investigate and prosecute the perpetrators of the 2005 assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri intensified investigations. The mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was extended for 12 more months. UNIFIL continued to work with the Lebanese Armed Forces to consolidate security in southern Lebanon, mediate between the Lebanese and Israeli forces and prevent non-state militias from attacking Israel.

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Also during the year, the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) in the Golan Heights was extended twice. The United Nations Truce Supervision Organization continued to assist UNIFIL and UNDOF by providing unarmed military observers to supervise armistice agreements, ceasefires and related tasks.

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Disarmament

UN MACHINERY, 504. UN ROLE IN DISARMAMENT, 511. NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, 514: Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, 525; Advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice, 529; Prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons, 530. NON-PROLIFERATION, 531: Non-proliferation treaty, 531; Missiles, 533; Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, 534; Multilateralism in disarmament and non-proliferation, 537; IAEA safeguards, 539; Radioactive waste, 542; Nuclear-weapon-free zones, 543. BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS, 549: Bacteriological (biological) weapons, 549; Chemical weapons, 551; 1925 Geneva Protocol, 553. CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, 554: Towards an arms trade treaty, 554; Small arms, 554; Convention on excessively injurious conventional weapons and Protocols, 559; Cluster munitions, 562; Anti-personnel mines, 562; Practical disarmament, 563; Transparency, 565. OTHER ISSUES, 566: Prevention of an arms race in outer space, 566; Prevention of an arms race on the seabed and the ocean floor, 569; Observance of environmental norms, 569; Effects of depleted uranium, 570; Science and technology and disarmament, 571. STUDIES, RESEARCH AND TRAINING, 571. REGIONAL DISARMAMENT, 575: Regional centres for peace and disarmament, 577.

In the international community's movement towards a world free of nuclear weapons, the highlight of 2010 was the 64-point action plan on nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and peaceful uses of nuclear energy and a call for a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East adopted in May by the eighth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). The Review Conference recognized that Treaty breaches undermined that momentum, and called on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to return to the Treaty. The Conference recognized the legitimate interests of non-nuclear-weapon States in constraining the development and qualitative improvement of nuclear weapons and ending the development of advanced new types of such weapons.

In April in Prague, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and United States President Barack Obama signed the New START Treaty—the Treaty on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms. Meanwhile, at the Conference on Disarmament—the sole multilateral disarmament negotiating body—negotiations continued to be stalled despite the agreement on an agenda the previous year. At a high-level meeting on revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament, Member States could not agree on whether the UN disarmament machinery should be reassessed or whether the nature, role and purpose of each part of the machinery should be preserved, including the Conference on Disarmament and the Disarmament Commission.

The Disarmament Commission was unable to reach a consensus on the key issues on its agenda—nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, the adoption of a draft declaration of the 2010s as the fourth disarmament decade, and practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional weapons.

Although two more countries ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), bringing the total parties to 153, the Treaty could not enter into force. At the Treaty's Fifth Ministerial Meeting, countries committed themselves to making CTBT a focus of attention at the highest political level. Meanwhile, the International Atomic Energy Agency continued its efforts to verify the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme, and was unable to make progress towards resolving allegations regarding a destroyed nuclear reactor in the Syrian Arab Republic.

Regarding the scope of the proposed fissile material cut-off treaty, States debated on whether to include reduction in existing stocks among the treaty's provisions. Marked divergences emerged on whether such treaty should be considered a nuclear disarmament or a non-proliferation measure.

At the NPT Review Conference, States decided to call for a conference in 2012 on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East, while the three regional centres for peace and disarmament continued to fulfil their mandates under budgetary constraints.

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Concerning conventional weapons, the General Assembly made preparations to meet in 2012 to begin work on a treaty to reinforce licit and stamp down illicit trade in small arms. The Convention on Cluster Munitions entered into force in August. The number of States parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention remained the same, and countries expressed concern that the final extended deadline of 29 April 2012 for destruction of all categories of chemical weapons in the world might not be met. The Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters discussed conceptual issues leading up to the 2010 NPT Review Conference and follow-up action on the 2002 UN study on disarmament and non-proliferation education.

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In 2010, the United Nations continued to address political and security questions related to its support for democratization worldwide, the promotion of decolonization and the peaceful uses of outer space, as well as the Organization's public information activities.

In a March resolution, the General Assembly recalled that 2010 marked the sixty-fifth anniversary of the end of the Second World War, and underlined the progress made since the War's end towards reconciliation, international cooperation and the promotion of democratic values, human rights and fundamental freedoms, particularly through the United Nations. In May, the Assembly held a special solemn meeting in commemoration of all victims of the Second World War.

The Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples reviewed progress in implementing the 1960 Declaration, particularly as regards the exercise of self-determination by the remaining 16 Non-Self-Governing Territories. It organized a Pacific regional seminar in Nouméa, New Caledonia, to review implementation of the plan of action for the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism (2001–2010) and to identify priority actions for the remaining year of the Decade. In August, the Secretary-General submitted a report reviewing the achievements of the Decade, but also noting that the task of decolonization was incomplete. In that regard, and on the recommendation of the Special Committee, the Assembly in December declared the period 2011–2020 the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism.

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space discussed ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes; the spin-off benefits of space technology; space and society; space and water; space and climate change; the use of space technology in the UN system; and promoting the use of space-derived geospatial data for sustainable development. It also reviewed the work of its two subcommittees, one dealing with scientific and technical issues and the other with legal issues, and considered the implementation of the recommendations of the Third (1999) United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (1999).

There was progress in implementing the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER). A host country agreement was signed between China and the Office for Outer Space Affairs for the establishment of the UN-SPIDER office in Beijing. UN-SPIDER took a lead role in the aftermath of major earthquakes in Haiti and Chile by ensuring the immediate activation and delivery of satellite imagery and maps of the affected areas, including through the UN-SPIDER portal.

The United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation held its fifty-seventh session in Vienna in August. The Committee developed and approved for submission to the Assembly a scientific report summarizing low-dose radiation effects on health. It also approved a strategy to improve data collection, analysis and dissemination.

Addressing developments in information and telecommunications in the context of international security, the Assembly in December called on Member States to promote the consideration of existing and potential threats in the field of information security, as well as strategies to address those threats, consistent with the need to preserve the free flow of information.

The Committee on Information continued to review UN information policies and activities and the management and operation of the UN Department of Public Information (DPI). At its session in May, the Committee considered reports by the Secretary-General on DPI activities in promoting the work of the United Nations to a global audience, and adopted two resolutions for submission to the General Assembly. During the year, DPI provided communications support to the creation of UN-Women; the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons; International Women's Day; the 15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action; and the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, among other occasions. The Academic Impact initiative continued to expand, with some 300 universities from 60 countries having joined the programme.

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Promotion of human rights

UN MACHINERY, 633: Human Rights Council, 633; Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, 637; Other aspects, 639. HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS, 639: Convention against racial discrimination, 640; Covenant on civil and political rights and optional protocols, 643; Covenant on economic, social and cultural rights and optional protocol, 644; Convention on elimination of discrimination against women and optional protocol, 645; Convention against torture, 645; Convention on the rights of the child, 646; Convention on migrant workers, 653; Convention on rights of persons with disabilities, 653; International convention for protection from enforced disappearance, 654; Convention on genocide, 655; General aspects, 655. OTHER ACTIVITIES, 656: Strengthening action to promote human rights, 656; Human rights education, 660; International Year for People of African Descent, 661; Follow-up to 1993 World Conference, 662.

Efforts to promote human rights continued to build incrementally in 2010. The Human Rights Council examined the human rights record of 48 Member States through the universal periodic review mechanism, designed to assess the human rights record of all States every four years. A variety of recommendations were made during the reviews, ranging from calls for ratification of human rights treaties, enactment of national legislation and deepened cooperation with human rights mechanisms to specific action and measures at the national level.

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, which provided expertise to the Council, held its fourth and fifth sessions and submitted 10 recommendations, while the Council's complaint procedure, which consisted of the Working Group on Communications and the Working Group on Situations, addressed consistent patterns of gross and reliably attested human rights violations throughout the world.

During the year, the Council held three regular sessions (thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth), as well as two special sessions (thirteenth and fourteenth) that focused on a human rights approach to the earthquake recovery in Haiti and on the human rights situation in Côte d'Ivoire. Human rights were also promoted through the work of the treaty bodies—committees of experts monitoring States parties' compliance with the legally binding human rights treaties.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights provided support to the work of the Council and its mechanisms, including the treaty bodies and the special procedures. The Office strengthened its country engagement and expanded its presence at the country and regional levels.

The Council in March established an open-ended intergovernmental working group with the mandate of negotiating, finalizing and submitting to the Council the draft UN declaration on human rights education and training. In September, the Council adopted the plan of action for the second phase (2010–2014) of the World Programme for Human Rights Education.

The General Assembly in December took note of the draft programme of activities for the International Year for People of African Descent, 2011, and invited Member States to support the activities for the Year.

The International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance entered into force in December. The General Assembly declared 30 August the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances.

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SPECIAL PROCEDURES, 663. CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, 664: Racism and racial discrimination, 664; Human rights defenders, 673; Reprisals for cooperation with human rights bodies, 674; Protection of migrants, 675; Discrimination against minorities, 679; Freedom of religion or belief, 681; Right to self-determination, 688; Rule of law, democracy and human rights, 693; Other issues, 699. ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, 719: Realizing economic, social and cultural rights, 719; Impact of economic and financial crises, 719; Right to development, 719; Social Forum, 732; Extreme poverty, 733; Right to food, 736; Right to adequate housing, 740; Right to health, 741; Cultural rights, 744; Right to education, 744; Environmental and scientific concerns, 747; Slavery and related matters, 748; Vulnerable groups, 751.

In 2010, the United Nations continued to protect human rights worldwide through several mechanisms. Its main organs—the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council—remained engaged in protecting those rights. The Human Rights Council carried out its task as the central United Nations intergovernmental body responsible for promoting and protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms worldwide. The Council addressed violations, worked to prevent abuses, provided overall policy guidance, monitored the observance of human rights around the world and assisted States in fulfilling their human rights obligations.

Central to human rights protection were the special procedures of the Human Rights Council— independent experts with mandates to investigate, report and advise on human rights from a thematic or country-specific perspective. At the end of 2010, there were 41 special procedures (33 thematic mandates and eight mandates relating to countries or territories) with 61 mandate-holders. Those special rapporteurs, independent experts, working groups and representatives of the Secretary-General served in their personal capacity, were not UN staff members and did not receive financial remuneration.

During the year, special procedures submitted 156 reports to the Human Rights Council, including 58 country visit reports, and 26 reports to the General Assembly. They sent 604 communications to 110 States; 66 per cent of all communications were sent jointly by more than one mandate. Communications covered at least 1,407 individuals, 19 per cent of whom were women. Governments replied to 35 per cent of communications sent in 2010, and 18 per cent of communications were followed up on by mandate-holders. Special procedures issued 232 news releases and public statements on situations of concern, including 24 statements issued jointly by two or more mandate-holders.

Special procedures conducted 67 country visits to 48 States and territories. Seventy-eight countries had extended a standing invitation to special procedures as at 31 December.

The Council in 2010 established two thematic mandates: the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, and the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association.

Human rights were also protected through the network of human rights defenders in individual countries, operating within the framework of the 1998 Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.

Economic, social and cultural rights continued to be a major focus of activity. The General Assembly in July recognized the human right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation. Also in July, the Assembly adopted a resolution on the right to education in emergency situations.

In December, the General Assembly proclaimed 24 March as the International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims, and 30 August as the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances.

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Human rights country situations

GENERAL ASPECTS, 765. AFRICA, 766: Burundi, 766; Côte d'Ivoire, 766; Democratic Republic of the Congo, 767; Guinea, 768; Sierra Leone, 768; Somalia, 768; Sudan, 769. AMERICAS, 770: Bolivia, 770; Colombia, 771; Guatemala, 771; Haiti, 771. ASIA, 772: Afghanistan, 772; Cambodia, 772; Democratic People's Republic of Korea, 773; Iran, 776; Kyrgyzstan, 779; Myanmar, 779; Nepal, 783. EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN, 783: Cyprus, 783. MIDDLE EAST, 784: Territories occupied by Israel, 784.

In 2010, the General Assembly, the Human Rights Council, the Secretary-General, Special Rapporteurs and independent experts addressed the human rights situation in Member States.

In Africa, the human rights situation worsened in Côte d'Ivoire, following presidential elections in November, as well as in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where impunity and the use of child soldiers remained serious concerns. In Somalia, indiscriminate attacks on civilian populations worsened the human rights and humanitarian situation, however, Somaliland saw a decrease in human right abuses and successful presidential elections in June. In Guinea, a new President, Alpha Condé, promised the establishment of a truth and reconciliation commission to ensure accountability for past human rights violations. The Sudan made some progress in institutional and legislative reform, but the justice sector and the police remained ill-equipped and under-resourced. General elections in April were largely orderly and peaceful, marking the country's first multiparty elections in 24 years.

In Asia, the human rights situation worsened in Afghanistan due to intensified armed conflict, and in Iran due to a crackdown on human rights defenders, women's rights activists, journalists and political opponents. The first Khmer Rouge trial was completed in Cambodia, where noteworthy progress was made in the promotion and protection of human rights. In Kyrgyzstan, loss of life occurred during protests leading to the change of government on 7 April and during renewed violence in May and June. In Myanmar, the human rights situation remained serious despite national parliamentary elections in November and a review of laws for conformity to international standards. The General Secretary of the National League for Democracy, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, was released from house arrest, yet many other prisoners of conscience remained in detention. The Muslim community in Northern Rakhine State continued to face endemic discrimination.

Israel continued its blockade of the Gaza Strip and its restrictions of the movement of Palestinians through the construction of the wall in the West Bank, multiple checkpoints and the fragmentation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Impunity for violations of international human rights and humanitarian law remained widespread, the Palestinian people's right to self-determination was violated and the human rights situation in East Jerusalem worsened. On 31 May, Israel attacked a flotilla of ships seeking to bring humanitarian aid to Gaza. An international fact-finding mission concluded that Israel had committed a series of violations of international law during the interception of the flotilla and the subsequent detention of passengers prior to deportation.

The Human Rights Council held two special sessions on particular human rights situations: its thirteenth special session (27–28 January) on support to the recovery process in Haiti after the earthquake of 12 January 2010; and its fourteenth special session (23 December) on the human rights situation in Côte d'Ivoire in relation to the conclusion of the 2010 presidential election.

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Five years away from the agreed target date of 2015 for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), progress in poverty reduction was unbalanced across regions and threatened in some parts of the world. Despite the financial and economic crisis, the momentum of economic growth in developing countries was strong enough to sustain progress on poverty and to put the world on track to meet the poverty reduction target.

A number of initiatives were under way with a view to accelerating progress towards the MDGs and other internationally agreed development goals. The UN system was advancing the implementation of its nine joint crisis initiatives designed to help countries weather and recover from the economic crisis. A plan of action for the Second United Nations Development Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008–2017) sought to contribute to a system-wide response to the economic crisis and its impact. At the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on MDGs in September, world leaders put forward a road map outlining what was needed to meet the goals by 2015.

The Economic and Social Council focused on a broad range of issues relevant to the implementation of the UN development agenda. The Commission on Sustainable Development reviewed progress in the follow-up to the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development and implementation of Agenda 21, the action plan on sustainable development adopted by the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

The Commission's session took place at a crucial time, as the international community was preparing for several high-level meetings, including the High-Level Plenary Meeting on the MDGs, the High-Level Event on a Five-Year Review of the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy, the High-level Event on Biodiversity, as well as the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to be held in 2012, and the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC-IV) scheduled in 2011.

The Commission on Science and Technology for Development conducted a five-year review of progress made in the follow-up to the 2003–2005 World Summit on the Information Society. The Committee for Development Policy addressed the impact of global crises on gender equality and the empowerment of women; the international support measures available for least developed countries (LDCs); and UN system support for small island developing States. The Committee of Experts on Public Administration dealt with a review of the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance.

The special problems of the 49 countries designated as least developed were considered in connection with the implementation of the Brussels Declaration and Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010 and preparations for LDC-IV. The Committee for Development Policy found that Equatorial Guinea and Maldives were on the path of smooth transition to post-LDC status. Samoa had suffered considerable human and economic losses from the September 2009 Pacific Ocean tsunami, and its economic outlook remained uncertain.

Implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action, which addressed the needs of landlocked developing countries, was reviewed by the General Assembly at its 2010 regular session as well as at the Ninth Annual Ministerial Meeting in September on the sidelines of the Assembly session. In September, the General Assembly conducted a high-level review to assess progress made in addressing the problems of small island development States.

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The year 2010 was an important one for all development actors, as it marked the beginning of the countdown to the 2015 deadline to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The UN system continued to deliver development assistance to developing countries and countries with economies in transition. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)—the central UN body for technical assistance, in its dual role as the lead development agency and coordinator of the UN development system—saw its income increase to \$5.95 billion, and overall expenditures to \$5.99 billion. Development assistance was also provided through the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, which funded technical cooperation projects worth some \$71.8 million; the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships, with cumulative allocations to projects reaching \$1.17 billion; the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), which implemented projects valued at \$1.27 billion on behalf of its partners; and the United Nations Capital Development Fund, whose total income increased to \$42.3 million, despite a difficult external environment, allowing it to develop new interventions in response to country-level demand.

The Secretary-General found long-term funding trends for operational activities for development to be favourable, total funding having more than doubled in real terms between 1995 and 2010. There was concern, however, that the growth in contributions could stagnate, or possibly reverse, owing to the negative impact of the global economic crisis. Nevertheless, the Secretary-General noted an improved functioning of the UN development system, with strengthened inter-agency coordination and progress in the simplification and harmonization of business practices.

The High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation met in February to consider implementation of the Nairobi outcome document of the 2009 High-level Conference on South-South Cooperation. It requested the Secretary-General, with the support of the UNDP Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, to prepare operational guidelines for UN organizations and agencies for the implementation of the Nairobi outcome document.

The UNDP-administered United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme, with 7,765 volunteers, carried out 7,960 assignments in 132 countries. It served as the focal point for the tenth anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers in 2011.

In December, the General Assembly renamed the Executive Board of UNDP/United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS.

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Humanitarian and special economic assistance

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In 2010, devastating natural disasters, the crippling impact of the world financial and economic crisis on the most vulnerable countries, and continuing conflict situations in many parts of the world resulted in large-scale humanitarian crises. Some 385 disasters took the lives of over 297,000 people and affected 217 million others, causing an estimated \$124 billion in economic damages. The United Nations, through the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), mobilized and coordinated humanitarian assistance to respond to those international emergencies, launching consolidated and flash appeals for Afghanistan, the Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guatemala, Haiti, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Pakistan, Somalia, the Sudan, Uganda, West Africa, Yemen and Zimbabwe. OCHA received contributions for natural disaster assistance totalling \$6.4 billion. The Central Emergency Response Fund continued to ensure the rapid provision of assistance to populations affected by sudden-onset disasters and underfunded emergencies.

In Haiti, where the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti was already working to promote long-term post-disaster socio-economic recovery, stability and reconstruction, a severe earthquake in January caused hundreds of thousands of deaths and injuries and widespread damage. The United Nations, through OCHA, mobilized the international humanitarian response. Two international conferences were held on Haiti—the international donors’ conference in March and the World Summit for the Future of Haiti in June. In other development activities, the Joint Inspection Unit issued a report on UN system support to Africa containing 17 recommendations on enhancing coordination, cooperation and coherence of that support.

Efforts continued to implement the Hyogo Declaration and the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005–2015—the 10-year plan for reducing disaster risks adopted at the World Conference on Disaster Reduction in 2005. A midterm review of the Framework for Action began, which was intended to inform its continued implementation and post-2015 international cooperation in disaster risk reduction.

During the year, the Economic and Social Council worked to strengthen UN humanitarian assistance coordination, especially those humanitarian operations conducted in highly hazardous or insecure and unsafe environments, and to improve preparedness for humanitarian emergencies. The “cluster leadership approach”—a mechanism for improving humanitarian response effectiveness and strengthening partnerships—was evaluated and recommendations were made to improve its implementation.

The new OCHA strategic framework 2010–2013 focused on providing a more enabling environment for humanitarian action, creating a more effective humanitarian coordination system and strengthening OCHA management and administration.

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International trade, finance and transport

INTERNATIONAL TRADE, 937: Multilateral trading system, 938; Trade policy, 941; Trade promotion and facilitation, 942; Commodities, 944. FINANCE, 945: Financial policy, 945; Financing for development, 953; Other issues, 961. TRANSPORT, 963: Maritime transport, 963; Transport of dangerous goods, 963. UNCTAD INSTITUTIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS, 964.

In 2010, the work of the United Nations system on international trade, finance and transport dealt mainly with the global economic and financial crisis that began in 2008. The system, mainly through the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), sought to address what the General Assembly in December termed “the enormity and the multidimensional nature” of the crisis.

After a year of fragile and uneven recovery, global economic growth started to decelerate on a broad front in mid-2010. World trade continued to rise in 2010, but the momentum of the strong growth observed in the first half of the year started to peter out in the second. While the volume of exports of many emerging economies achieved, or even went beyond, pre-crisis peaks, exports of developed economies did not fully recover and, in the third quarter of 2010, were 8 per cent below pre-crisis highs. Reflecting the recovery in world trade, international shipping experienced an upswing in 2010, after contracting in 2009. Net private capital inflows to emerging economies recovered from their precipitous decline in late 2008 and early 2009; they were estimated to be above \$800 billion in 2010, a more than 30 per cent increase from 2009. After negative net flows in 2009, international bank lending to emerging economies resumed in 2010, even though it remained far below pre-crisis levels.

In March, the high-level meeting between the Economic and Social Council and the Bretton Woods institutions (the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund), the World Trade Organization and UNCTAD discussed the topic “Building on Monterrey and Doha: achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals”. In June, the General Assembly held an informal event on innovative sources of development finance, which provided inputs to the Assembly’s High-level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals in September.

Also in June, the United Nations Cocoa Conference for the Negotiation of a Successor Agreement to the International Cocoa Agreement, 2001, concluded a new International Cocoa Agreement to replace that of 2001. The Agreement aimed to strengthen international cooperation between cocoa producers and consumers.

At the Sixth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (the Set) in November, heads of competition authorities and representatives of Governments, the private sector and civil society assessed the application of the Set on competition and discussed proposals for its improvement.

At its annual session in September, the Trade and Development Board, UNCTAD governing body, took action on Africa and new forms of development partnerships. It also undertook an evaluation and review of UNCTAD implementation of the 2008 Accra Accord, adopted at UNCTAD XII, and reviewed UNCTAD technical cooperation activities and their financing.

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Regional economic and social activities

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In 2010, the five UN regional commissions continued to provide technical cooperation, including advisory services, to their member States, promote programmes and projects, and provide training to enhance national capacity-building in various sectors. Four of them held regular sessions during the year—the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA). The Economic Commission for Europe did not meet in 2010. The Executive Secretaries of the commissions continued to hold periodic meetings to exchange views and coordinate activities and positions on major development issues.

ECA organized its annual session as part of the joint meetings of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and the ECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. The session met in March and adopted a ministerial statement by which Ministers committed to implement plans for economic transformation, job creation and poverty eradication by ensuring a food-secure Africa within five years.

In May, ESCAP adopted the Incheon Declaration emphasizing the need for stronger regional cooperation for more resilience in future crises and to bolster the capacity of countries in reaching the Millennium Development Goals. The Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (Astana, Kazakhstan, 27 September–2 October) adopted the Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2010; the Regional Implementation Plan for Sustainable Development, 2011–2015; and the Astana “Green Bridge” Initiative: Europe-Asia-Pacific Partnership for the Implementation of “Green Growth”.

ECLAC, during its thirty-third session, adopted the Brasilia resolution, in which it asked the Executive Secretary to conduct studies and formulate policy proposals to build national economic and social development capacities. The Commission also asked the Executive Secretary to develop indicators for measuring the social and economic impact of South-South cooperation.

At its May session, ESCWA held two round tables: the first on national youth policies within the framework of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond and the second on human and institutional capacity-building. It called for the holding of an Arab Internet Governance Forum and adopted a statute establishing the ESCWA Technology Centre, which was endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in July.

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Energy, natural resources and cartography

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, 999: Energy, 999; Natural resources, 1002. CARTOGRAPHY, 1004.

Among the several UN bodies dedicated to the conservation, development and use of energy and natural resources in 2010, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), in addition to its work on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, continued to address global issues related to nuclear technology, in particular by serving as the focal point for worldwide cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear technology and for promoting global nuclear safety and security. The IAEA Peaceful Uses Initiative, launched during the year, increased funding for technical cooperation activities.

The General Assembly designated 2012 as the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All, and 2013 as the Year of International Water Cooperation. The Assembly also recognized the right to water and sanitation, and that access to clean water and sanitation was fundamental to the achievement of all human rights. It called for greater support of capacity-building efforts, particularly for developing countries.

A high-level interactive dialogue on World Water Day (22 March) highlighted that solutions to competition over shared water resources and transboundary surface and ground water would support the achievement of many Millennium Development Goals. Meanwhile, the inter-State distribution of transboundary water continued to present a challenge, particularly in countries with arid or semi-arid climates. The midterm comprehensive review of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Life”, 2005–2015, highlighted the need for further mobilization of resources during the second half of the Decade.

The Economic and Social Council took note of the recommendations of the Ninth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas and the Eighteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific, and adopted a resolution on global geographic information management.

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Environment and human settlements

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In 2010, the United Nations and the international community enhanced efforts to strengthen the protection of the environment and to address emerging environmental challenges through legally binding instruments and the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

The eleventh special session of the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum discussed the environment in the multilateral system as an emerging policy issue. It adopted the Nusa Dua Declaration, which addressed fundamental environmental concerns, particularly those related to climate change, sustainable development, the green economy and biodiversity. The Council established a consultative group of ministers or high-level representatives to consider the broader reform of the international environmental governance system. It adopted guidelines for the development of national legislation on access to information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters, and for the development of domestic legislation on liability, response action and compensation for damage caused by activities dangerous to the environment. The Council also adopted decisions on UNEP support for Haiti following the devastating January earthquake in that country; enhanced coordination across the UN system, including the Environment Management Group; the intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services; the environmental situation in the Gaza Strip; oceans; and financing options for chemical wastes.

On 22 September, the General Assembly held a high-level meeting as part of the observance of the International Year of Biodiversity. The meeting discussed core strategic and political issues, including the framing the post-2010 biodiversity strategy; the benefits of biodiversity for development and poverty alleviation; and measures to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The tenth meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization on Biological Diversity, and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020, including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity Serving as The Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety adopted the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011–2020.

The sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to UNFCCC adopted the Cancún Agreements, setting out a plan for long-term cooperative action towards a global goal to substantially reduce global emissions by 2050, and to cooperate in achieving the peak of global and national greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible. The Agreements also established the Cancún Adaptation Framework to enhance action on adaptation, and an Adaptation Committee to promote coherent implementation of such action.

The Assembly re-elected Achim Steiner as UNEP Executive Secretary for a four-year term of office beginning on 15 June 2010 and ending on 14 June 2014.

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) continued to support the implementation of the 1996 Habitat Agenda and the Millennium Development Goals. The fifth session of the World Urban Forum was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in March, under the theme “The right to the city—Bridging the urban divide”. The Forum discussed emerging urban inequality, policy alternatives and effective practices in human settlements development. The World Urban Campaign, designed to advance the drive by UN-Habitat and its Habitat Agenda partners for better, smarter, greener and more equitable cities, was launched during the session.

In August, the Assembly elected Joan Clos as Executive Director of UN-Habitat for a four-year term of office beginning on 18 October 2010 and ending on 17 October 2014.

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Population

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In 2010, world population stood at 6.9 billion and life expectancy reached 69 years in all of the world's regions except Africa. Ninety-one per cent of reproductive rights were incorporated into the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Violence against Women, and over 6,000 communities in eight countries rejected the practice of female genital mutilation. The United Nations provided support to countries carrying out the 2010 round of population censuses, to countries implementing programmes aimed at preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS, and to areas in need of emergency obstetric and newborn care, family planning, and neonatal care.

UN-system population activities continued to be guided by the Programme of Action adopted at the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the key actions for its implementation adopted at the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly in 1999. The Commission on Population and Development—the body responsible for monitoring, reviewing and assessing implementation of the Programme of Action—extended the Programme and key actions beyond 2014, and considered the special theme “Health, morbidity, mortality and development”. The Population Division analysed and reported on world demographic trends and policies, making its findings available in publications and on the Internet.

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) assisted countries in implementing the ICPD agenda and the Millennium Development Goals through their use of population data to formulate sound policies and programmes. In 2010, UNFPA provided assistance to 155 countries, areas and territories, with emphasis on increasing the availability and quality of reproductive health services, especially among young people; empowering women; eliminating gender-based violence; and formulating effective population policies.

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Social policy, crime prevention and human resources development

SOCIAL POLICY AND CULTURAL MATTERS, 1065: Social development, 1065; Persons with disabilities, 1077; Follow-up to International Year of the Family, 1081; Cultural development, 1082. CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, 1094: Twelfth United Nations Crime Congress, 1094; Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, 1101; Crime prevention programme, 1103; Integration and coordination, 1109. HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, 1129: UN research and training institutes, 1129; Education for All, 1130.

In 2010, the United Nations continued to promote social, cultural and human resources development, and strengthen its crime prevention and criminal justice programme.

The Commission for Social Development, in February, again considered as its priority theme “Social integration” and adopted, for the first time in its history, a draft resolution on that theme, which was endorsed by the Economic and Social Council. The General Assembly considered the implementation of the outcome of the 1995 World Summit for Social Development and of the further initiatives adopted at the Assembly’s twenty-fourth (2000) special session. It also adopted a resolution in December on cooperatives in social development ahead of the launch of the International Year of Cooperatives in 2012. Also in February, the Assembly proclaimed 21 March of each year the International Day of Nowruz.

The Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, held in Brazil in April, adopted the Salvador Declaration on Comprehensive Strategies for Global Challenges: Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Systems and Their Development in a Changing World. In May, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held a thematic discussion on protection against illicit trafficking in cultural property and considered, among other subjects, strengthening crime prevention and criminal justice responses to violence against women; the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders; realignment of the functions of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); and the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

In July, the Assembly adopted the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons; and the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders. In October, the Assembly adopted a consensus resolution proclaiming the first week of February of every year as World Interfaith Harmony Week among all faiths and beliefs. It recognized the urgent need for dialogue among different faiths and religions in enhancing mutual understanding, harmony and cooperation among people.

In 2010, the United Nations observed the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures. The year also marked the end of the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, which began in 2001. In a November resolution, the Assembly reiterated that the objective of the effective implementation of the Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace was to strengthen the global movement for a culture of peace, and called upon all concerned to renew their attention to the objective.

In December, the General Assembly adopted resolutions on sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); culture and development, emphasizing the important contribution of culture for sustainable development and the achievement of development goals; and realizing the MDGs for persons with disabilities. Also in December, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to devote due attention to the resource requirements for meeting the mandates entrusted to UNODC; urged Member States to develop strategies, in cooperation with the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, to address transnational organized crime; and urged Member States, non-governmental organizations and the international community to continue adopting concrete practical measures to support the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders. In the same month, the Assembly, in a resolution on the United Nations Literacy

Decade, called upon Member States, their development partners, the international donor community, the private sector and civil society to further scale up literacy efforts and consider the post-2012 strategy for addressing youth and adult literacy challenges.

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Women

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The year 2010 marked the fifteenth anniversary of the Fourth (1995) World Conference on Women, and the United Nations observed the milestone with a number of activities that served to gauge its efforts to advance the status of women worldwide. The Commission on the Status of Women carried out a global review of progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, adopted at the Fourth World Conference, and the outcomes of the General Assembly's twenty-third (2000) special session (Beijing+5). The Commission held a series of high-level round table and panel discussions, the summaries of which were submitted to the Economic and Social Council as input for its 2010 annual ministerial review on implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and the empowerment of women. It also adopted a declaration on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary and transmitted it, through the Council, to the Assembly, which endorsed it in December.

In July, the Assembly established the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), to be operational by 1 January 2011. Combining the mandates and assets of the four existing entities dealing with women's issues—the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, the Division for the Advancement of Women, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women—UN-Women would be the centre of the UN system gender architecture. In October, the Council decided on procedures for the election of the UN-Women Executive Board and the Assembly made key financing decisions, including by approving the use of a grant modality to administer UN-Women regular budget resources, and determining the amount and sources of funding to be transferred to UN-Women in the 2010–2011 UN regular budget.

The Commission on the Status of Women, in March, brought to the Council's attention resolutions on: women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS; the release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts; women's economic empowerment; ending female genital mutilation; and eliminating maternal mortality. It also recommended to the Council the adoption of a draft resolution on the situation of and assistance to Palestinian women, on which the Council took action in July, along with a resolution on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the UN system.

Issues central to women's lives on which the Assembly adopted resolutions included: eliminating violence against women; supporting efforts to end obstetric fistula; the establishment of International Widows' Day; trafficking in women and girls; strengthening criminal justice responses to violence against women; follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session; and strengthening crime prevention and criminal justice responses to violence against women. The last resolution contained the updated Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Women in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Two Security Council presidential statements in April and October on women and armed conflict welcomed the appointment of Margot Wallström as the Secretary-General's Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict and supported the development of a set of proposed indicators for use at the global level to track implementation of resolution 1325(2000) on women's full participation in the prevention and resolution of conflicts. In a December resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General to list in his annual reports on the implementation of resolutions 1820(2008) and 1888(2009) on sexual violence and armed conflict the parties suspected of committing rape and other sexual violence in conflict situations on the Council's agenda.

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Children, youth and ageing persons

CHILDREN, 1183: Follow-up to 2002 General Assembly special session on children, 1183; United Nations Children's Fund, 1184. YOUTH, 1192. AGEING PERSONS, 1193: Follow-up to Second World Assembly on Ageing (2002), 1193.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in 2010 continued to work to give children the best start in life and to overcome poverty, violence, disease and discrimination. In its activities, UNICEF cooperated with 150 countries, areas and territories and focused on five main areas: young child survival and development; basic education and gender equality; HIV/AIDS and children; child protection from violence, exploitation and abuse; and policy advocacy and partnerships for children's rights. Emergency response services were provided in 98 countries, with the greatest efforts addressing the aftermath of natural disasters in Haiti and Pakistan. On 1 May, the new Executive Director, Anthony Lake, started his work with UNICEF, visiting 22 countries in which the Fund worked during his first year in office.

The International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding (12 August 2010–11 August 2011) was celebrated worldwide through a variety of events, conferences and initiatives. Its aim was to promote communication across generations, cultures, religions and civilizations, championing the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and solidarity. The UN system collaborated on youth-related activities at all levels in order to implement the World Programme of Action for Youth. Seventeen UN entities working for youth development made efforts to strengthen the implementation of HIV programmes, support policies improving job creation and seek protection for disadvantaged adolescent girls.

The Secretary-General submitted two reports on the follow-up to the 2002 Second World Assembly on Ageing, one focusing on national efforts and the other reviewing the status of the social situation, well-being, participation in development and rights of older persons worldwide. The United Nations continued to implement the 2002 Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, and the Secretary-General reported on the implementation of the Plan, mechanisms to improve it and modalities for its review. In July, the Economic and Social Council made recommendations to Member States, the international community and UN system organizations on further implementation of the Plan. In December, the General Assembly established an open-ended working group to strengthen the protection of the human rights of older persons.

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Refugees and displaced persons

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In 2010, the number of people of concern to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) decreased to 33.9 million, from 36.5 million in 2009, including 10.6 million refugees, of which 7.2 million were living in a protracted situation. The number of stateless persons stood at 3.5 million, compared with 6.6 million in 2009. The reduction was a result of methodological changes for counting stateless persons, with the actual number of stateless persons estimated to be closer to 12 million. The number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) reached an estimated 27.5 million, with some 14.7 million receiving UNHCR protection and assistance. The estimated number of returned refugees was 197,600, the lowest in 20 years. In contrast, the number of returned IDPs was 2.9 million, the highest in almost 15 years.

Sub-Saharan Africa hosted 10 million people of concern, and efforts to keep them safe from violence, rape and exploitation were critical in all operations. In central and south Somalia, continued political turmoil, violence and a severe drought displaced tens of thousands of people within the country and across its borders. Positive developments included the return of some 42,000 refugees and nearly 1 million IDPs, mostly in the Central Africa and Great Lakes region. Some 9,250 Congolese repatriated from Zambia during the year, bringing organized returns from that country to a close. Some 162,000 Burundian refugees were naturalized in the United Republic of Tanzania. The General Assembly in December took action on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa.

In the Americas, which hosted 4.6 million people of concern, UNHCR focused on reinforcing protection mechanisms, finding comprehensive solutions and enhancing partnerships.

The Asia-Pacific region hosted 10.8 million people of concern, with UNHCR activities centring on safeguarding protection and asylum space, finding solutions for protracted refugee situations, ensuring protection and durable solutions for IDPs, and protecting stateless persons.

The Middle East and North Africa hosted and produced large numbers of refugees and IDPs, as well as a large stateless population of approximately 4.5 million people. The protection space remained weak, and the absence of national asylum systems hampered the Office's ability to carry out its mandate.

Some 274,000 people applied for asylum in Europe, which hosted 4 million people of concern. UNHCR priorities were to ensure respect for the principles of international protection, strengthen assistance and durable solutions, and mobilize support for UNHCR global efforts to protect and assist people of concern.

In pursuit of durable solutions for refugees, UNHCR efforts focused on voluntary repatriation, local integration and resettlement. A number of voluntary repatriation operations took place, with 197,600 refugees returning home, primarily to Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Iraq. The Office assisted many refugees in different countries to prepare for local integration, including through education and self-reliance projects and by providing legal assistance. The number of countries with regular resettlement programmes expanded to 25, with Bulgaria, Hungary, Paraguay and Spain establishing new programmes, and Japan and Romania starting pilot programmes.

The Executive Committee in October adopted a conclusion on refugees with disabilities and other persons with disabilities protected and assisted by UNHCR. In December, UNHCR marked its sixtieth anniversary.

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Health, food and nutrition

HEALTH, 1218: AIDS prevention and control, 1218; Non-communicable diseases, 1222; Water and sanitation, 1225; Tobacco, 1226; Malaria, 1227; Global public health, 1228; Road safety, 1233. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, 1235: Food aid, 1235; Food security, 1236. NUTRITION, 1240.

In 2010, the United Nations continued its determined efforts to eradicate hunger and to achieve health and proper nutrition for all.

The General Assembly reaffirmed its commitment to fight the HIV/AIDS pandemic, which was a major cause of childhood illness and death and the leading cause of death among women between the ages of 15 and 49. The Assembly decided to convene a high-level meeting in 2011 to review the global response to HIV/AIDS, which, according to the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, began to cause fewer deaths or new infections. At the end of 2010, an estimated 34 million people were living with HIV worldwide, and about \$15 billion was available for the AIDS response.

The Assembly also decided to convene a high-level meeting in 2011 on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, including cardiovascular diseases, cancers, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes, which caused more than 60 per cent of deaths worldwide. The Assembly considered the lack of access to basic sanitation services that affected 2.6 billion people and called upon Member States to promote the mobilization of financial, technological, and human resources to improve the delivery of those services. The Assembly also considered road traffic deaths and injuries and proclaimed 2011–2020 as the Decade of Action for Road Safety. Recognizing the role of agriculture in eradicating poverty, which in its extreme form affected more than 1 billion people, the Assembly called for a coordinated follow-up to the 2009 World Summit on Food Security.

The World Food Programme provided 5.7 million metric tons of food to 109.2 million people in 75 countries. The UN System Standing Committee on Nutrition began administrative reforms to facilitate closer relationships with the Economic and Social Council and the Committee on World Food Security. The United Nations University carried out several activities to address hunger and malnutrition.

The Economic and Social Council discussed the harm wrought by tobacco consumption, which caused more than 5 million deaths each year, and called upon Member States to include tobacco control in their efforts to improve maternal and child health.

The World Health Organization (WHO) advocated for the implementation of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, whose membership increased to 171 States plus the European Union. WHO also followed up on efforts to fight malaria, which caused 800,000 deaths each year. In May, more than 2,800 delegates convened at the World Health Assembly to discuss global public health issues.

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International drug control

UN ACTION TO COMBAT DRUG ABUSE, 1241: UN Office on Drugs and Crime, 1241; Commission on Narcotic Drugs, 1245. COOPERATION AGAINST THE WORLD DRUG PROBLEM, 1249. CONVENTIONS, 1256: International Narcotics Control Board, 1257.

In 2010, the United Nations, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), continued to strengthen international cooperation in countering the world drug problem. According to UNODC, about 230 million people, or 5 per cent of the world's adult population, were estimated to have used an illicit drug at least once in 2010. Problem drug users numbered about 27 million.

UNODC provided technical assistance, legal advice and research to the main UN policymaking bodies in drug control, and assisted Member States in developing domestic legislation on drugs and in implementing the international drug control conventions. During the year, activities were carried out in areas such as supply and demand reduction; sustainable livelihoods, with particular emphasis on illicit drug crop monitoring, cultivation and poverty eradication; data collection, research and trend analysis; scientific and forensic support to Member States, national laboratories and intergovernmental bodies; regional policy and programming initiatives; strengthening of partnerships within the UN system and with civil society; and follow-up to the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem.

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs—the main UN policymaking body dealing with drug control—held its fifty-third session in March, during which it recommended one resolution and two decisions for adoption by the Economic and Social Council and adopted 15 resolutions on topics such as regional and international cooperation, illicit drug use prevention, alternative development and emerging trends in drug abuse.

INCB reviewed the issue of drug-related corruption, which was undermining international efforts to eliminate problems related to controlled drugs. It discussed the challenges facing the international community in applying the three major international drug control conventions, how Governments were responding to them and what actions Governments should take. The Board continued to oversee the implementation of the conventions, analyse the drug situation worldwide and draw the attention of Governments to weaknesses in national control and treaty compliance, making recommendations for improvements at the national and international levels.

In February, the Security Council noted with concern the serious threats posed by drug trafficking and transnational organized crime to international security. It called upon Member States to increase international and regional cooperation, as well as their cooperation with UNODC and INCB, in order to counter the illicit production of, demand for and trafficking in drugs, and to identify emerging trends in drug trafficking.

In July, the Economic and Social Council welcomed the progress made by UNODC in developing an integrated programme approach comprising thematic and regional programmes. In December, the General Assembly called upon States to take the measures necessary to implement the actions and attain the goals and targets set out in the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action. It reaffirmed that countering the world drug problem was a common and shared responsibility, and undertook to promote bilateral, regional and international cooperation aimed at countering the world drug problem more effectively.

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Statistics

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The United Nations continued in 2010 its work on various aspects of statistics, mainly through the Statistical Commission and the United Nations Statistics Division. In February, the Commission endorsed the technical content and strategic directions of a global strategy to improve agricultural statistics; adopted a workplan for obtaining international merchandise trade statistics; adopted a manual on statistics of international trade in services; expanded the International Comparison Programme; made plans for dissemination of the *System of National Accounts, 2008*; and endorsed improvements and initiatives in producing data on and monitoring the Millennium Development Goals.

On 3 June, the General Assembly decided to designate 20 October 2010 as World Statistics Day with the theme “Celebrating the many achievements of official statistics”, premised on the core values of service, integrity and professionalism. The Division organized promotional activities at the national, regional and international levels, including the launch of a dedicated website.

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International Court of Justice

JUDICIAL WORK OF THE COURT, 1273: Contentious proceedings, 1273; Advisory proceedings, 1286. OTHER QUESTIONS, 1289: Functioning and organization of the Court, 1289; Trust Fund to Assist States in the Settlement of Disputes, 1289.

In 2010, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) delivered three Judgments, made nine Orders, and had 17 contentious cases and one advisory procedure pending before it. In a 28 October address to the General Assembly, the ICJ President, Judge Hisashi Owada, noted that during the period from 1 August 2009 to 31 July 2010, the coverage of the cases that the Court was entrusted to deal with was broader in scope than ever before, with each case presenting distinct legal and factual elements. He added that the increased recourse by States to ICJ for the judicial settlement of their disputes testified to the growing consciousness among political leaders of those States of the importance of the rule of law in the international community.

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International tribunals and court

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, 1290: The Chambers, 1290; Office of the Prosecutor, 1295; The Registry, 1296; Financing, 1296. INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA, 1298: The Chambers, 1298; Office of the Prosecutor, 1302; The Registry, 1303; Financing, 1303. FUNCTIONING OF THE TRIBUNALS, 1305: Implementation of completion strategies, 1305. INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT, 1314: The Chambers, 1317.

In 2010, the international tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda worked towards the completion of their mandates.

The International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 continued to expedite its proceedings, in keeping with its completion strategy. During the year, the Tribunal rendered one Trial Chamber judgement and two Appeals Chamber judgements. As at 6 December, four of the ten remaining trials were expected to be completed in 2011, five in 2012, one in 2013, and all appeals by the end of 2014.

The International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 continued to work towards its completion strategy. In 2010, it rendered six Trial Chamber judgements and five Appeals Chamber judgements bringing the number of remaining judgements to be delivered at the trial level down to 10. One fugitive was arrested, yet 10 remained at large.

The International Criminal Court continued its proceedings with respect to situations of concern in five countries. A second warrant of arrest was delivered against Omar Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir, the President of the Sudan, with respect to three counts of genocide. Nine warrants of arrest were outstanding at year's end. In May and June, the UN Secretary-General convened the Review Conference of the Rome Statute, where States parties adopted the Kampala Declaration, reaffirming their commitment to the Rome Statute and its full implementation, as well as its universality and integrity.

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International legal questions

LEGAL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL RELATIONS, 1321: International Law Commission, 1321; International State relations and international law, 1328; Diplomatic relations, 1336; Treaties and agreements, 1338. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW, 1339: Commission on International Trade Law, 1339. OTHER QUESTIONS, 1347: Rule of law at the national and international levels, 1347; Strengthening the role of the United Nations, 1348; Host country relations, 1354.

In 2010, the International Law Commission continued to examine topics relating to the progressive development and codification of international law. It provisionally adopted 59 draft guidelines on reservations to treaties, including 11 draft guidelines dealing with the freedom to formulate objections and with matters relating to the permissibility of reactions to reservations and of interpretative declarations and reactions thereto. The Commission thus completed the provisional adoption of the set of draft guidelines. It also referred to the Drafting Committee 14 draft articles on the expulsion of aliens and 17 draft articles on the effects of armed conflicts on treaties. The Commission further adopted five draft articles on the protection of persons in the event of disasters. It reconstituted its working groups on shared natural resources, on the obligation to extradite or prosecute (*aut dedere aut judicare*) and on the long-term programme of work, as well as its study groups on the most-favoured-nation clause and treaties over time. The Commission also established a planning group to consider the programme, procedures and working methods on settlement of disputes clauses.

The Ad Hoc Committee established by the General Assembly continued to elaborate a draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism. In July, the Secretary-General reported on measures taken by States, UN system entities and international organizations to implement the 1994 General Assembly Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism. The Assembly's Sixth (Legal) Committee in October established a working group with a view to finalizing the draft comprehensive convention. In December, the Assembly condemned all acts, methods and practices of terrorism as criminal and unjustifiable, and called on States to implement the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy at the international, regional, subregional and national levels.

The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) adopted the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules as revised in 2010, the UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Secured Transactions: Supplement on Security Rights in Intellectual Property, and part three of the UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Insolvency Law on the treatment of enterprise groups in insolvency. It continued work on procurement, arbitration and conciliation, insolvency law and security interests, and considered possible future work in the areas of electronic commerce, online dispute resolution, insolvency law and security interests. On the issue of microfinance, it agreed to convene a colloquium to explore the legal and regulatory issues surrounding microfinance that fell within its mandate.

The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization continued to consider, among other items, proposals relating to the maintenance of international peace and security, with a view to strengthening the Organization, and the implementation of Charter provisions on assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions under Chapter VII.

The Committee on Relations with the Host Country addressed issues raised by permanent missions to the United Nations, including acceleration of immigration and customs procedures, entry visas issued by the host country, and the question of security of missions and safety of personnel.

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Law of the Sea

UN CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA, 1356; Institutions created by the Convention, 1370; Other developments related to the Convention, 1372; Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, 1391.

In 2010, the United Nations continued to promote universal acceptance of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and its two implementing Agreements, one on the implementation of Part XI of the Convention and the other on the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks.

The three institutions created by the Convention—the International Seabed Authority, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf—held sessions during the year.

In May, the resumed Review Conference on the implementation of the Fish Stocks Agreement sought to assess the effectiveness of the Agreement in securing the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks.

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United Nations restructuring and institutional matters

RESTRUCTURING MATTERS, 1395: Programme of reform, 1395. INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS, 1407: Intergovernmental machinery, 1407. INSTITUTIONAL MACHINERY, 1409: General Assembly, 1409; Security Council, 1411; Economic and Social Council, 1411. COORDINATION, MONITORING AND COOPERATION, 1412: Institutional mechanisms, 1412; Other matters, 1413. UN AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, 1414: Cooperation with organizations, 1414; Participation in UN work, 1422.

In 2010, the General Assembly took concerted steps to strengthen UN coherence system-wide by streamlining institutional arrangements for gender equality and the empowerment of women, consolidating governance of operational activities for development, and improving the funding for those activities. In June, a High-level Tripartite Conference of the eight “Delivering as one” pilot countries reviewed lessons learned from the programme and made proposals for the way forward. In July, the General Assembly adopted a resolution on system-wide coherence, in which it established the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, to be known as UN-Women, by consolidating and transferring to the Entity the mandates and functions of the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, the Division for the Advancement of Women, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, and the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women. The Assembly also welcomed the Assembly President’s proposal to designate as the special theme for the general debate of its sixty-fifth session “Reaffirming the central role of the United Nations in global governance” and his intention to organize in 2011 an informal thematic debate on global governance, and considered the Secretary-General’s proposal on a new accountability architecture for the Secretariat.

The Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly focused on the Assembly’s working methods, its role and relationship to the other principal UN organs, the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and the strengthening of the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly. The Assembly resumed its sixty-fourth session, and opened its sixty-fifth session on 14 September. It held its fourth High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development; a summit on the Millennium Development Goals; high-level meetings on the International Year of Biodiversity and on revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations; the five-year review of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; and a commemorative meeting on the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

The Security Council held 187 formal meetings to deal with regional conflicts, peacekeeping operations and other issues related to the maintenance of international peace and security.

In addition to its organizational and substantive sessions, the Economic and Social Council held a special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions (the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund), the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

In other coordination matters, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, while the Assembly considered a number of reports by the Secretary-General on cooperation activities between the United Nations and regional organizations.

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United Nations financing and programming

FINANCIAL SITUATION, 1424. UN BUDGET, 1425: Budget for 2010–2011, 1425; Programme budget outline for 2012–2013, 1438. CONTRIBUTIONS, 1440: Assessments, 1440. ACCOUNTS AND AUDITING, 1442: Financial management practices, 1444; Review of UN administrative and financial functioning, 1445. PROGRAMME PLANNING, 1446: Strategic framework for 2012–2013, 1446; Programme performance, 1447.

During 2010, the financial situation of the United Nations was generally mixed, with improvement in some areas. By year's end, aggregate assessments had increased to \$12.5 billion, compared with \$9 billion in 2009. Total unpaid assessments were higher, with \$351 million for the regular budget and just under \$2.5 billion for peacekeeping operations, up from \$335 million and \$1.85 billion, respectively, in 2009. Cash balances were lower for all categories, except peacekeeping, with \$412 million available for the regular budget, while debt owed to Member States for troops, formed police units and contingent-owned equipment was \$539 million. The number of Member States paying their regular budget assessments in full and on time increased to 138.

In December, the General Assembly adopted revised budget appropriations for the 2010–2011 biennium of \$5,367,234,700, representing an increase of \$208,273,500 over the revised appropriation of \$5,158,961,200 approved in March. It also invited the Secretary-General to prepare his proposed 2012–2013 programme budget on the basis of a preliminary estimate of \$5,396,697,200.

The Committee on Contributions continued to review the methodology for preparing the scale of assessments of Member States' contributions to the budget and to encourage the payment of arrears through multi-year payment plans. The General Assembly continued to review the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the Organization.

The Assembly also examined the proposed strategic framework for 2012–2013 and endorsed the proposed biennial programme plan for that period.

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Administrative and staff matters

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, 1448: Managerial reform and oversight, 1448. OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, 1454: Conference management, 1454; UN information systems, 1461; UN premises and property, 1463. STAFF MATTERS, 1465: Conditions of service, 1465; Staff safety and security, 1473; Other staff matters, 1478; UN Joint Staff Pension Fund, 1486; Travel-related matters, 1488; Administration of justice, 1488.

During 2010, the General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies continued to review the administrative functioning of the Organization, including internal and external oversight activities and matters related to United Nations staff.

The Committee on Conferences considered meetings management and utilization of conference services and facilities; the impact of the capital master plan (CMP), which covered the renovation of the United Nations Headquarters building, on meetings held in New York; progress in integrated global management; and matters related to documentation, translation and interpretation. The Assembly, in December, requested the Secretary-General to ensure continued maintenance of information technology facilities during the implementation of CMP.

With regard to the Organization's information and communications technology strategy, which comprised three programmes dealing with the management of knowledge, resources and infrastructure, the Assembly approved additional resources for the strategy's implementation.

Significant progress was achieved in implementing CMP, including the relocation of several thousand UN staff to off-site and on-site swing space, the inauguration of the North Lawn building and the commencement of construction in the Conference and Secretariat buildings. The Assembly, in December, authorized the rollover into 2011 of the unspent balance of the funding for associated costs approved in 2010.

During the year, the International Civil Service Commission reviewed the conditions of service of staff of the UN common system. The Commission's recommendations relating to various aspects of the conditions of service were adopted by the Assembly in December.

United Nations personnel continued to be subjected to violent attacks in 2010, with personnel suffering death and injury. In response, the Organization took measures to strengthen the unified security structure, developed a new security level system and adopted guidelines for acceptable risk. In December, the Assembly condemned all acts of violence against UN staff and urged States to take stronger action to investigate such attacks.

Regarding human resources management, the Assembly approved the granting of continuing contracts as at 1 January 2011, requested the Secretary-General to increase his efforts to achieve gender parity in the Secretariat, in particular at the senior levels, and took note of the new provisional Staff Rules promulgated by the Secretary-General. The new system of administration of justice for UN Secretariat staff, which became operational in 2009, comprised the United Nations Dispute Tribunal; the United Nations Appeals Tribunal; the Management Evaluation Unit; the Office of Staff Legal Assistance; and the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services. The Assembly, in December, noted the achievements of the new system and took steps to enhance it.

Other action taken by the Assembly in 2010 related to procurement, the Office of Internal Oversight Services, the Joint Inspection Unit, conditions of service of ad litem judges of the international tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia, conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials, and the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund. The Secretary-General also reported on the role of multilingualism in the Secretariat, and protection from sexual exploitation and abuse.