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**TREATY EVENT  
MULTILATERAL TREATY FRAMEWORK:  
AN INVITATION TO UNIVERSAL PARTICIPATION  
FOCUS 2007 : TOWARDS UNIVERSAL PARTICIPATION AND  
IMPLEMENTATION - A COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR  
PEACE, DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS  
25-27 SEPTEMBER AND 1-2 OCTOBER 2007

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events has been held annually at the United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000. An impressive total of 1,278 treaty actions (signatures, ratifications, etc.) have been undertaken at these treaty events. In 2006, the treaty event, "Focus 2006: Crossing Borders", was held during the High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development and the General Assembly General Debate, and 46 States undertook a total of 86 treaty actions.

This year, the annual treaty event will be held on 25-27 September and 1-2 October 2007 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to coincide with the General Debate of the sixty-second General Assembly. The treaty event, entitled "Focus 2007: Towards Universal Participation and Implementation - A Comprehensive Legal Framework for Peace, Development and Human Rights". Consistent with the Organization's objective of consolidating and advancing the international rule of law, this year's theme will assist in focusing attention on the important goal of moving towards universal participation and implementation and will target those areas directly affecting human beings, their security, environment, development and human dignity.

The Treaty Event will take place in parallel with the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly General Debate. The list of treaties being highlighted during Focus 2007 is attached. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary General during the Treaty Event.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments during the Treaty Event relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

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The publication *Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to Universal Participation - Focus 2007: Towards Universal Participation and Implementation - A Comprehensive Legal Framework for Peace, Development and Human Rights* is currently being compiled and will be circulated to all Permanent Missions in New York as soon as possible. This publication will contain summaries of key provisions, relevant final clauses and status of the treaties being highlighted at Focus 2007.

Further information concerning the Focus 2007 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>) and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact Ms. Sherry Holbrook or Mr. Bradford Smith at 1 (212) 963-5047).

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**RIGHTS**

**List of Multilateral Treaties Highlighted in Focus 2007 Treaty Event**

(For an up to date status of the treaties listed below, please refer to the UN Treaty Collection website at the following address: <http://untreaty.un.org>. Only those treaties highlighted with an asterisk (\*) are still open for signature. All treaties are open for ratification, acceptance, approval and accession in accordance with their provisions.)

**HUMAN RIGHTS**

1. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (New York, 7 March 1966)\*
2. International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (New York, 16 December 1966)\*
3. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (New York, 16 December 1966)\*
4. Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (New York, 16 December 1966)\*
5. Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (New York, 15 December 1989)\*
6. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (New York, 18 December 1979)\*
7. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (New York, 6 October 1999)\*
8. Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (New York, 10 December 1984)\*
9. Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (New York, 18 December 2002)\*
10. Convention on the Rights of the Child (New York, 20 November 1989)\*
11. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (New York, 25 May 2000)\*

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12. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (New York, 25 May 2000)\*

#### **TERRORISM, ORGANIZED CRIME AND CORRUPTION**

13. Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents (New York, 14 December 1973)
14. International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages (New York, 17 December 1979)
15. International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings (New York, 15 December 1997)
16. International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (New York, 9 December 1999)
17. United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (New York, 15 November 2000)
18. Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (New York, 15 November 2000)
19. Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (New York, 15 November 2000)
20. Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (New York, 31 May 2001)
21. United Nations Convention against Corruption (New York, 31 October 2003)
22. International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (New York, 13 April 2005)

#### **ENVIRONMENT AND LAW OF THE SEA**

23. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (New York, 9 May 1992)
24. Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Kyoto, 11 December 1997)
25. Convention on Biological Diversity (Rio de Janeiro, 5 June 1992)

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26. Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Montreal, 29 January 2000)
27. Lusaka Agreement on Co-operative Enforcement Operations Directed at Illegal Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora (Lusaka, 8 September 1994)
28. Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses (New York, 21 May 1997)
29. Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (New York, 4 August 1995)

#### **DISARMAMENT**

30. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I, II and III) (Geneva, 10 October 1980); amendments to Protocol II (Geneva, 3 May 1996) and to the Convention (Geneva, 21 December 2001)
31. Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons) (Vienna, 13 October 1995)
32. Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V) (Geneva, 28 November 2003)
33. Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti Personnel Mines and on their Destruction (Oslo, 18 September 1997)
34. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (New York, 10 September 1996)

#### **INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

35. United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (Vienna, 11 April 1980)
36. United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts (New York, 23 November 2005)
37. Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York, 10 June 1958)

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**LAW OF TREATIES**

- 38. Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (Vienna, 23 May 1969)
- 39. Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations (Vienna, 21 March 1986)

**RECENTLY ADOPTED TREATIES**

- 40. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel (New York, 8 December 2005)
- 41. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (New York, 13 December 2006)\*
- 42. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (New York, 13 December 2006)\*
- 43. International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (New York, 20 December 2006)\*

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