



How to Find United Nations Meeting Records

Introduction

Representatives of Member States speak in meetings and these statements may be recorded in meeting records. Meeting records also record the vote, if any, on decisions taken during the course of a meeting.

Depending on the issuing body, meeting records can be issued as **summary records**, indicated by **SR** in the UN document symbol, or **verbatim records**, word for word accounts indicated by **PV** (procès verbaux) in the UN document symbol.

If you already have a symbol for a meeting record, please visit [How to Find a UN Document Using a UN Document Symbol](#)¹ for more information.

Finding Meeting Record Statements by Country

If you are looking for statements made in meetings by a particular Member State, e.g. Italy, you can browse statements by country on [UN Member States on the Record](#)². This site provides links to statements made in the General Assembly General Debate, the General Assembly and its Main Committees, the Security Council, and the Economic and Social Council.

You can access [UN Member States on the Record](#) from the Member States link on the [UN home page](#)³.



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- UN Charter
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- Member States**
- Reform at the UN
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Access UN Member States on the Record from the "Member States" link.

2. On the right, click on Member States on the Record

| Date of Admission | Membership |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 19-11-1946 | » List of UN Member States |
| 14-12-1955 | » Member States On the Record |
| 8-07-1993 | » Growth in the Membership |
| 01-12-1976 | |

UN Member States on the Record.

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Member States

Browse for Member States using the alphabet.

F G H I J K
L M N O P

4.

Click on the desired country.

Italy

5. For each Member State, a page lists resolutions, reports, speeches and other documents relating to its activities.

Activities of the Member States

Provides direct access to official documents reflecting the views of United Nations Member States

6. Scroll down until you locate the statements and ...

Security Council

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Economic ...

... select the body.

7.

Search Results

255 titles matched: **Italy**

Limited by: Security Council

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List of statements made by Italian representatives at the Security Council.

1. **Meeting Record Symbol:** S/PV.6233(Resumption 1)
Action Date: 20091208
Speaker/Affiliation: Speaker: Ragolini, Cesare Maria
Country/Organization: Italy
Link to: العربية 中文 English Français Русский Español

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2. **Meeting Record Symbol:** S/PV.6216
Action Date: 20091111
Speaker/Affiliation: Speaker: Ragolini
Country/Organization: Italy
Link to: العربية 中文 English Français

3. **Meeting Record Symbol:** S/PV.6216
Action Date: 20091111
Speaker/Affiliation: Speaker: ...
Country/Organization: ...
Link to: العربية 中文 English Français

Click on the desired language to access the full text.

9.

United Nations S/PV.6216

Security Council
Sixty-fourth year

6216th meeting
Wednesday, 11 November 2009, 10 a.m.
New York

Meeting records are usually several pages long. Use the search option to locate the relevant speech.

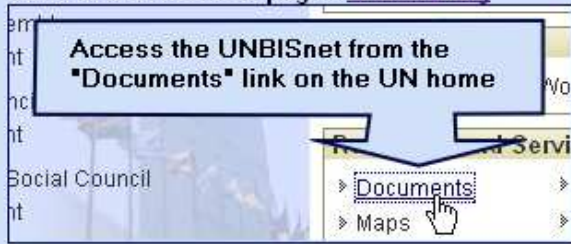
President: Mr. Spindelegger (Austria)

Members: Burkina Faso Mr. Kafando

You can also search for statements by a particular Member State, e.g. France, using the United Nations Bibliographic Information System (UNBISnet): [Index to Speeches](#)⁴. The Index to Speeches includes statements to all the bodies mentioned above as well as the Trusteeship Council. You can limit your search to a specific body.

Make sure to use the official UN name for the Member State when doing the search, e.g. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for Libya. For a complete list of current official names, visit the [Member States link](#)⁵ on the [UN home page](#). You can access [UNBISnet](#)⁶ from the Documents link on the [UN home page](#).

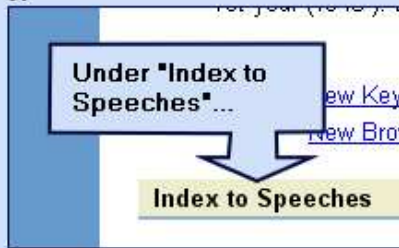
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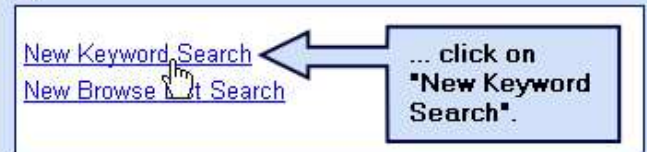
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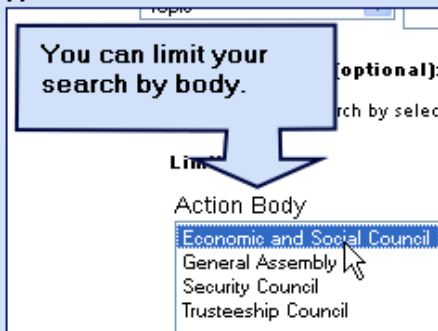
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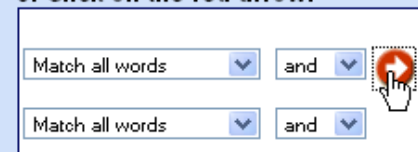
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8. Click on the red arrow.



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Meeting Record Symbol: E/2008/SR.17
 Action Date: 20080702
 Speaker/Affiliation: Speaker: Gebreel, Ahmed H. M.
 Country/...

Link to: [English](#)

Access the full text, by clicking on the language link.

Meeting Record Symbol: E/2008/SR.17
 Action Date: 20080630

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United Nations

Economic and Social Council

Meeting records are usually several pages long. Use the search option to locate the relevant speech.

Finding Meeting Record Statements by Speaker

You can search for statements by a particular speaker, e.g. Kofi Annan, using the UNBISnet: [Index to Speeches](#). You can access [UNBISnet](#) from the Documents link on the [UN home page](#).



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1. Go to the UN Home page : www.un.org

Access the UNBISnet from the "Documents" link on the UN home

Documents

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Search

UNBISnet

UN Bibliographic Informr (UNBISnet)

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Under "Index to Speeches"...

Index to Speeches

4.

New Keyword Search

New Browse List Search

... click on "New Keyword Search".

5.

Search by:

Meeting Record Symbol

Meeting Record Symbol

Speaker

Country/Organization

Topic

Speech Date

Bib No.

Search by Speaker.

6.

Search by:

Speaker

Type the name of the speaker.

7. Click on the red arrow.

kofi annan

Match all words

and

Match all words

and

8. List of speeches made by Kofi Annan

Search Results

277 titles matched: **kofi annan**

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Meeting Record Symbol: S/PV.5607
Action Date: 20061222
Speaker/Affiliation: **Speaker:** Annan, K
Country/Organiza
Link to: [العربية](#) [中文](#) [English](#) [Français](#)

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Record Symbol: S/PV.5584
Date: 20061212
/Affiliation: **Speaker:** Annan, Kofi
Country/Organizati
[العربية](#) [中文](#) [English](#)

Access the full text, by clicking on the language link.

Record Symbol: S/PV.5573

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Security Council

Sixty-first year

5584th meeting

Tuesday, 12 December 2006, 10.30 a.m.
New York

Scroll down to find the desired statement.

Finding Meeting Record Statements by Topic

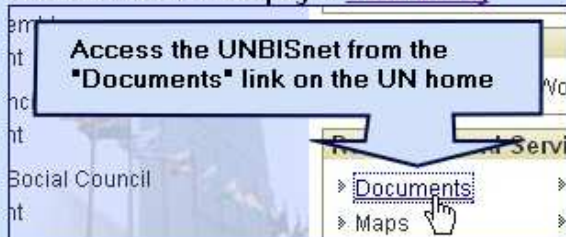
You can search for statements on a particular topic, e.g. sports, using the UNBISnet: [Index to Speeches](#) or UNBISnet: [Bibliographic Records](#)⁷. When searching the UNBISnet: [Bibliographic Records](#), be sure to limit your search to "(B03) meeting records (UN)."

You can access [UNBISnet](#) from the Documents link on the [UN home page](#).



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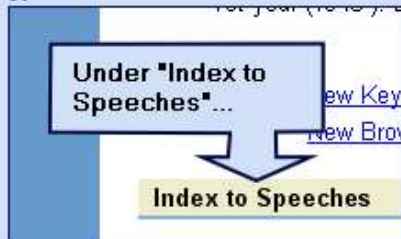
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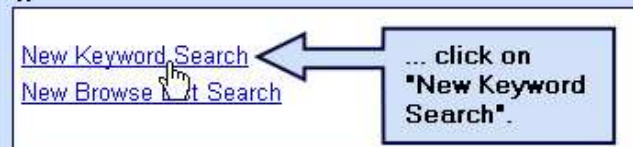
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Search by:

Meeting Record Symbol

Meeting Record Symbol

Speaker

Country/Organization

Topic ← **Search by Topic.**

Speech Date

Bib No.

Topic

6.

Omit punctuation marks from

Search by:

Topic |

Type your topic.

7. Click on the red arrow.

Search by:

Topic sports Match all words and 

8. List of speeches matching sports

Search Results

174 titles matched: sports

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1. **Meeting Record Symbol:** A/64/P.V.21
Action Date: 20091019
Speaker/Affiliation: **Speaker:** Park, Enna
Country/Organization: Republic of Korea
Link to: [العربية](#) [中文](#) [English](#) [Français](#) [Русский](#) [Español](#) ← **Access the full text, by clicking on the language link.**

2. **Meeting Record Symbol:** A/64/P.V.21
Action Date: 20091019

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You can also find Meeting Records by topic using the Bibliographic Record Search.

Bib Record Search

History Bibliographic

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Search by:

Subject (All)

File (All)

Search by subject.

Author

11.

Omit punctuation marks from

Search by:

Subject (All) |

Type your topic.

12. Under Type of Material...

Type of Material

(A19) treaties, etc.

(A20) declarations (multilateral)

(B01) resolutions/decisions (UN)

(B02) resolutions/decisions (UN)—draft

(B03) meeting records ← **... choose (B03) meeting records.**

13. Click on the red arrow.

Search by:

Subject (All) sports Match all words and 

Take the Test

14. List of speeches matching sports

135 titles matched: **sports** Limit by: Databases

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1. Title: General Assembly official records, 64th session : 21st plenary meeting, Monday, 19 October 2009, New York
Imprint: [New York] : UN, [2009]
UN Document Symbol: A/64/PV.21
Call Number: A/01 YR3
Publication Date: 2009
Link to: [العربية](#) [中文](#) [English](#) [Français](#) [Русский](#) [Español](#)

2. Title: Provisional summary record of the 37th meeting, held at Headquarters, New York, 20 October 2009, 64th session of 2009 - General Assembly

Access the full text, by clicking on the language link.



Practice

- 1. Search for statements made by representatives of Hungary at the Economic and Social Council. What is the name of the representative who spoke on the 7th May 1998?**
 - a) Bródi, Gábor
 - b) Náray, Péter
 - c) Menczel, Gabor
 - d) Horvath, Dezso
- 2. Find speeches made by Nelson Mandela. What is the symbol of the meeting record where he spoke as the Facilitator of the Burundi Peace Process?**
 - a) S/PV.3095
 - b) E/2001/SR.29
 - c) A/53/PV.7
 - d) S/PV.4201
- 3. What is the symbol of the Meeting Record where the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka spoke during the general debate of the General Assembly 64th session?**
 - a) A/64/PV.10
 - b) A/C.2/64/SR.2
 - c) A/62/PV.5
 - d) A/64/PV.34
- 4. Find meeting records on the topic of forests. What is the symbol of the Economic and Social Council meeting held on the 17th October 2007?**
 - a) A/C.2/61/SR.24
 - b) E/2006/SR.37
 - c) E/2007/SR.48
 - d) E/2007/SR.49

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1. (b)
2. (d)
3. (a)
4. (d)

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- ¹ How to Find a UN document Using a Document Symbol: <http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/training/tutorials/symbol.htm>
 - ² UN Member States on the Record: <http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/unms/>
 - ³ UN home page: <http://www.un.org>
 - ⁴ UNBISnet, index to speeches: <http://unbisnet.un.org:8080/ipac20/ipac.jsp?profile=speech&menu=search#focus>
 - ⁵ UN Member States page: <http://www.un.org/en/members/index.shtml>
 - ⁶ UNBISnet: <http://unbisnet.un.org/>
 - ⁷ UNBISnet, bibliographic records : <http://unbisnet.un.org:8080/ipac20/ipac.jsp?&profile=bib&menu=search>