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Programme of meetings and agenda

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Official meetings

Security Council

- 10:30 7938th meeting [webcast] Security Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda
 2. Women and peace and security
 - Sexual violence in conflict
 - Letter dated 5 May 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2017/402)
- [Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than four minutes*.]

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

- 10:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber
- Informal meeting (closed) for a continuation of the interactive dialogue that was held between permanent missions and the Secretariat on 15 March 2017, as mandated in General Assembly resolution 70/305 and to assess and reflect on the innovative proposals outlined by the Secretariat on the possible changes to the format and production of the United Nations Journal pursuant to Assembly resolution 70/305



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[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 25 April 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 149 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support account for peacekeeping operations (A/71/726 , A/71/726/Add.1 , A/71/806* , A/71/800 and A/71/883))	
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 149 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Cross-cutting issues (A/71/809 , A/71/836 , A/C.5/71/20 , A/71/802 , A/71/872 , A/71/337 (Part II) , A/71/97 , A/71/99 , A/71/818 , A/71/818/Add.1 , A/71/643 and A/71/867))	
	Informal consultations on agenda item 152 (Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (A/71/732 and A/71/886))	

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the session 2. Executive meeting 	

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea

Eighteenth meeting

10:00 to 13:00	1st meeting	Conference Room 2
	Opening of the eighteenth meeting [item 1]	
	Adoption of the agenda (A/AC.259/L.18) [item 2]	
	General exchange of views [item 3]	
15:00 to 18:00	Open meeting	Conference Room 2
	<i>Discussion panel</i>	
	The effects of climate change on oceans	
	<i>Segment 1</i>	
	The effects of climate change on oceans, including environmental, social and economic implications	

- (a) Panel presentations
- (b) Discussion

[*PaperSmart* arrangements will be available for the duration of the eighteenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the *PaperSmart* portal should send a copy of the statement *at least one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart5@un.org. The entity name, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the *PaperSmart* portal after their delivery by delegations. PDF format is preferred. To access the *PaperSmart* of the Informal Consultative Process, please [click here](#).

Delegations are kindly requested to provide *20 hard copies* of the text for the technical services *no later than one hour* before delivery of the statement.]

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group V (Insolvency)

Fifty-first session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Stakeholders briefing

11:00 to 12:00 Conference Room 12

On the preparation for the tenth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, a stakeholders briefing will be convened by the President-elect (Bulgaria) of the Conference, along with the participation of Vice-Presidents-elect (Ecuador, Germany, Sri Lanka and Tunisia) and support from the Secretariat.

For further information, please contact the focal points, Mr. Guozhong Zhang, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail zhangg@un.org, with copy to benitez@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4755); and Ms. Asya Tsvetanova, Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations (e-mail asya.tsvetanova7@gmail.com).

Economic and Social Council

2017 session

Multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals

10:00 1st meeting  [webcast] Conference Room 4
Overflow room: Trusteeship Council Chamber

Opening segment

Statements

His Excellency Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava (Zimbabwe), President of the Economic and Social Council

His Excellency Peter Thomson, President of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

Mr. Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Mr. Bill Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (video message)

10:40

Session 1: Harnessing science, technology and innovation for the sustainable development goals – the key to unlocking science, technology and innovation potentials

For details on the session, please [click here](#).

Parallel sessions:

11:50 to 13:00

Session 2: Science, technology and innovation challenges and solutions for the six selected sustainable development goals

Conference Room 4

Session 2 (a): Key priorities for engaging science, technology and innovation to end poverty in all its forms everywhere (Goal 1)


For details on the session, please [click here](#).

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Session 2 (b): Key priorities for engaging science, technology and innovation to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture (Goal 2)

For details on the session, please [click here](#).

15:00

2nd meeting  [webcast]

Parallel sessions:

Session 2: Science, technology and innovation challenges and solutions for the six selected sustainable development goals (continued)

Conference Room 4

15:00 to 16:30

Session 2 (c): Key priorities for engaging science, technology and innovation to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages (Goal 3)

For details on the session, please [click here](#).

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Session 2 (e): Key priorities for engaging science, technology and innovation to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development (Goal 14)

For details on the session, please [click here](#).

Conference Room 4

16:30 to 18:00

Session 2 (d): Key priorities for engaging science, technology and innovation to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls (Goal 5)

For details on the session, please [click here](#).

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Session 2 (f): Key priorities for engaging science, technology and innovation to build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation (Goal 9)

For details on the session, please [click here](#).

[All are invited to attend. Since a flexible seating arrangement will be used, Member States that are not members of the Council, representatives of intergovernmental organizations, as well as of the United Nations system, who had informed the Secretariat by the announced deadline of 11 May 2017 of their intention to participate in the forum, will be provided with reserved seats in the Conference Room 4 and Trusteeship Council Chamber. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

There will be no-pre-determined *list of speakers* and participants are encouraged to refrain from reading prepared statements. Interventions during the interactive sessions should be limited to *three minutes*.

For more details on the STI forum, please contact Mr. Wei Liu, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail liuw@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3212). Additional information, including the tentative programme, is also available on the website of the STI forum ([click here](#)).

To consult the list of side events, please [click here](#).]

Forum on financing for development follow-up

13:15 to 14:30

Conference Room 8

Briefing on the organizational arrangements for the 2017 Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultations

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 6

On the report of UNDP on internal audit and investigation

All member and observer delegations are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Henrietta Bledman, UNDP (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-5738).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents [A/71/251](#) and [A/71/252](#). The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution [A/71/L.67](#), entitled “Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa” (under agenda item 62 (b)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

15:00 to 18:00

Conference Room B

High-level SDG Action Event on Innovation

Wednesday, 17 May 2017

10:00 to 11:00	Economic and Social Council Chamber
	Segment 1: From linear to exponential innovation
11:00 to 12:00	Economic and Social Council Chamber
	Segment 2: A new era of connected problem solvers
12:00 to 13:00	Economic and Social Council Chamber
	Segment 3: Action on innovation and breakthrough technology
15:00 to 17:00	Economic and Social Council Chamber
	Segment 4: Interactive discussion on opportunities and risks
17:00 to 17:30	Economic and Social Council Chamber
	Segment 5: Conclusion and way forward
	For more information on the event, please click here .
	[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 11 April 2017 , was sent to all permanent representatives.]

United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Monday, 5, to Friday, 9 June 2017

The United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development will be held at United Nations Headquarters from Monday, 5 to Friday, 9 June 2017, pursuant to General Assembly resolution [70/303](#) of 9 September 2016. For further information, please [click here](#).

The provisional agenda and provisional rules of procedure of the Conference have been issued as documents [A/CONF.230/1](#) and [A/CONF.230/2](#), respectively.

The Conference will include *eight plenary meetings*, which will be held in the General Assembly Hall, as follows:

Monday, 5 June 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00;

Tuesday, 6 June 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00;

Wednesday, 7 June 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00;

Thursday, 8 June 2017, from 15:00 to 18:00; and

Friday, 9 June 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00.

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings, the “General debate” *is open*. Requests for inscription from the States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, for the general debate should be sent through the e-Speakers system available through the

e-deleGATE portal ([click here](#)). An automated e-mail acknowledgement will be sent within *one hour* of receipt of request for inscription.

The list of speakers for the general debate will be established on a first-come first-served basis with the customary protocol that ensures that Heads of States or Government speak first, followed by other heads of delegation. The European Union will be included in the list of speakers. It is proposed that a time limit of *five minutes* be established for each statement, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts. All delegations prior to the delivery of the statements are kindly requested to e-mail a copy of their statement to papersmart@un.org, indicating in the subject line: "Statement and Name of Country or Organization". Where possible, statements should be provided one day in advance of delivery or at *least three hours before* delivery of statement.

In addition, representatives of the following organizations may, in accordance with resolution [70/303](#) and time permitting, make a statement during the general debate: (a) intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices (rule 60 of the provisional rules of procedure); (b) other intergovernmental organizations (rule 63); (c) associate members of regional commissions (rule 61); (d) specialized agencies and related organizations (rule 62); and (e) United Nations organs (rule 64). These representatives may contact the Secretariat (c/o Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org)) to be inscribed in the list of speakers.

Also, representatives of non-governmental organizations (rule 65), civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations may, in accordance with resolution [70/303](#) and time permitting, make a statement during the general debate. These representatives are invited to indicate their interest to speak by using the form ([click here](#)). Preference will be given to statements that are delivered on behalf of groups of organizations.

The *seven partnership dialogues* will be held in Conference Room 4, as follows:

Monday, 5 June 2017, from 15:00 to 18:00, on the theme "Addressing marine pollution";

Tuesday, 6 June 2017 from 10:00 to 13:00, on the theme "Managing, protecting, conserving and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems";

Tuesday, 6 June 2017, from 15:00 to 18:00, on the theme "Minimizing and addressing ocean acidification";

Wednesday, 7 June 2017 from 10:00 to 13:00, on the theme "Making fisheries sustainable";

Wednesday, 7 June 2017 from 15:00 to 18:00, on the theme "Increasing economic benefits to small islands developing States and least developed countries and providing access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets";

Thursday, 8 June 2017, from 15:00 to 18:00, on the theme "Increasing scientific knowledge and developing research capacity and transfer of marine technology";
and

Friday, 9 June 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00, on the theme "Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea".

The partnership dialogues, *open* to all participants accredited to the Conference, will be interactive and multi-stakeholder in nature. The partnership dialogues will begin with a panel discussion, followed by an interactive dialogue among participants. Interventions in the interactive debate should be limited to *three minutes*. The order of speakers for each partnership dialogue will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis, bearing in mind equitable geographical distribution while allowing for some flexibility with priority given to States according to the level of representation, followed by intergovernmental organizations and other entities, associate members of regional commissions, United Nations system, major groups and other relevant actors. It is envisaged that up to 25 States and 15 other participants will be accommodated to speak in the interactive debate of each partnership dialogue.

States and the associate members of regional commissions participating in the Conference are requested to indicate two partnership dialogues in which to have a speaking slot, including the order of preference, name, title and level of participation, to the Secretariat (c/o Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)) *before the deadline date of Friday, 19 May 2017*.

Representatives of intergovernmental organizations and other entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, and United Nations organs are also requested to indicate two partnership dialogues in which to have a speaking slot, including the order of preference, name, title and level of participation, to the Secretariat (c/o Ms. Federica Pietracci (e-mail pietracci@un.org)) *before the deadline date of Friday, 19 May 2017*.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations and other major groups as well as other stakeholders are requested to indicate two partnership dialogues in which to have a speaking slot by using the form ([click here](#)). Additional guidance on the partnership dialogues as circulated by the President of the General Assembly, in a letter [dated 6 April 2017](#), is available on the [Conference website](#) ([click here](#)).

The *special event commemorating World Ocean Day* will be held on Thursday, 8 June 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00 in the General Assembly Hall. Further details on the special event will be made available on the [Conference website](#).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, the *credentials* of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and submitted to the Office of Legal Affairs, located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building (Rooms S-3633 or S-3639), if possible *not less than one week* before Monday, 5 June 2017.

The credentials should be issued either by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Council or the President of the European Commission. Copies of the credentials should also be transmitted to the Protocol and Liaison Service (e-mail unprotocol@un.org; Room S-0201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921).

Accreditation of official delegations of States, intergovernmental organizations and other entities, associate members of regional commissions, as well as specialized agencies and related organizations, is handled by the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service via the online system “eAccreditation”.

Submission of online accreditation requests for members of the delegations via “eAccreditation” system must be handled by permanent/observer missions and offices in New York, who have already been registered and provided with secure login credential (password).

Delegations wishing to attend the conference are advised to coordinate with their missions/offices in New York for timely submission of accreditation requests.

Additional information is available on the Conference website under “[Registration](#)” ([click here](#)).

For the compilation of the *List of Participants to the Conference*, representatives of States participating in the Conference, the European Union, intergovernmental organizations and other entities with an office in New York, and specialized agencies and related organizations are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretariat starting from 30 May 2017. Please be informed that the composition of delegation for the Conference should be submitted via the e-deleGATE electronic portal (<https://delegate.un.int>). Access to the Conference e-List of Participants will automatically be granted to users that already have access to the Protocol eAccreditation system and the General Assembly plenary e-speakers portal. Please be advised that the Conference e-List of Participants portal will be available from 30 May 2017 until 23 June 2017. A user’s guide to the Conference e-List of Participants will be available on the Conference website. Additional questions regarding the Conference e-List of Participants should be directed to the Secretariat (Mr. Jonas von Freiesleben (e-mail freiesleben@un.org)).

Representatives of intergovernmental organizations accredited to the Conference without an office in New York, associate members of regional commissions and United Nations organs are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretariat (Ms. Lourdes Quiogue (e-mail quiogue@un.org)).

The schedule of side events to be organized during the Conference is now available on the Conference website ([click here](#)).

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Informal interactive dialogue

Friday, 26 May 2017

15:00 to 17:00

Conference Room 2

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/100, the interactive dialogue will focus on “Overall policy matters pertaining to special political missions – the role of United Nations special political missions in sustaining peace”.

A concept note was sent to Committee members on 11 May 2017 by the secretariat.

Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

Tuesday, 16 May 2017

10:00 to 13:00

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5

15:00 to 18:00

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5

**Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights
of the Palestinian People**

Wednesday, 17 May 2017

15:00 to 17:00

382nd meeting

Trusteeship Council Chamber

**Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292 “Development of an international
legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation
and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction”**

Preparatory meeting

Tuesday, 30 May 2017

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 4

The draft provisional agenda was sent to all those invited to participate in the meeting of the Preparatory Committee in accordance with resolution 69/292. All other documentation will be made available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs ([click here](#)).

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-seventh session

5 to 23 June 2017

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks before* the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 19 May 2017*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (304 East 45th Street, Room FF-700; tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; fax 1 (212) 963-1943; or by e-mail to contributions@un.org).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**Conference of the States Parties**

Tenth session

13 to 15 June 2017

Pursuant to article 34, paragraph 5 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the necessary *quorum* for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are 173 States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is 115 States Parties. In order to avoid lack of quorum which may lead to substantial delay or call off of the meeting

of the States Parties, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present prior to the meeting.

Credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the opening of the session. The credentials may be sent to the secretariat via e-mail to zhangg@un.org, with the original copy sent to Mr. Guozhong Zhang, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Room S-2905).

States Parties that have not yet informed the secretariat of the *accessibility requirements* of delegates are advised to do so immediately, in order to facilitate their participation in meetings.

For *further information* concerning the Conference of the States Parties, please contact the secretariat via e-mail (zhangg@un.org); or consult the [United Nations Enable website](#) ([click here](#)).

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Meeting of States Parties

Twenty-seventh Meeting

12 to 16 June 2017

Economic and Social Council Chamber

The provisional agenda of the meeting is contained in document [SPLOS/L.78](#), available together with other documents of the meeting through the Official Document System of the United Nations (documents.un.org) as well as through the web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs ([click here](#)).

Credentials of representatives of States Parties should be transmitted to the Secretariat (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, Room DC2-0450, United Nations, New York, NY 10017) as soon as possible and *no later* than twenty-four hours after the opening of the Meeting on *Monday, 12 June 2017*, signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs or any person authorized by either of them (rule 13 (2) of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties ([SPLOS/2/Rev.4](#))). In conformity with the understanding reached by the twenty-third Meeting of States Parties (see [SPLOS/263](#), paragraph 101), credentials should cover the period from Monday, 20 to Friday, 24 June 2016 and, to the extent practicable, also thereafter until the convening of the twenty-eighth Meeting of States Parties. Timely submission of credentials is essential to ensure the efficient conduct of the election of seven members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and the election of twenty-one members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf. Observers are invited to transmit to the Division the names of the representatives who will form part of their delegation *as soon as possible*.

PaperSmart arrangements will be available for the duration of the twenty-seventh Meeting of States Parties. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart5@un.org. The entity name, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. PDF format is preferred. To access the PaperSmart of the twenty-seventh Meeting of States Parties, please [click here](#). Delegations are kindly requested to provide *20 hard copies* of the text for the technical services *no later than one hour* before delivery of the statement.

Economic and Social Council

2017 session

Coordination and management meeting

Tuesday, 16 May 2017

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room B
On the draft resolution entitled “United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases” (under agenda item 12 (f)) convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation		

Wednesday, 17 May 2017

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 8
On the draft resolution entitled “Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system” (under agenda item 12 (c)), convened by the co-facilitators (Algeria and Japan)		

Humanitarian affairs segment

Tuesday, 16 May 2017

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 9
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 11
On the draft resolution entitled “Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations” (under agenda item 9) convened by the Permanent Missions of the Philippines and Switzerland		

Forum on financing for development follow-up

22 to 25 May 2017

Trusteeship Council Chamber

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 71/217 and Economic and Social Council decision 2017/206, the second meeting of the forum will be convened by the President of the Council (Zimbabwe).

The forum will include the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The forum will have universal, intergovernmental participation, utilizing the modalities of participation of the international conferences on financing for development.

Additional information is available on the website of the Financing for Development Office ([click here](#)). For further details, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, FFDO/Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

For inclusion in the list of participants, delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the forum to the Secretary of the

Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; Room CB-0125; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

The *general debate* will be held on Monday, 22 May 2017, from 12:00 to 13:00, and on Tuesday, 23 May 2017, from 16:30 to 20:00. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be sent, in writing, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Inscription in the list of speakers will close by *17:00, on Friday, 19 May 2017*. The *time limit* set for statements is *five minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *three minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

Ministers in attendance at the forum will be invited to make presentations during the ministerial round tables on Tuesday, 23 May 2017. All delegations are reminded to submit their nominations for ministerial participation *as soon as possible* to Ms. Dominika Halka, FFDO/Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

To encourage interactive discussion, there will be no pre-determined *list of speakers* for the expert round tables or panel discussions and participants are encouraged to refrain from reading prepared statements.

PaperSmart arrangements will be offered as an additional service to the meetings of the forum. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the *PaperSmart Portal* of the Council should send a copy of the statement *at least one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org.

The date and topic of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart Portal ([click here](#)) after its delivery by delegations.

Special meeting on innovations for infrastructure development and promoting sustainable industrialization

Wednesday, 31 May 2017

The Economic and Social Council will hold a special meeting to highlight the relevance of industry, innovation and infrastructure (Goal 9) for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The special meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council (Zimbabwe) and will comprise interactive panel discussions. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers, with interventions limited to *three minutes*.

Delegations are requested to submit, *in writing, no later than noon on Tuesday, 30 May 2017*, the names of the representatives attending the meeting to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Jose Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that *only one list of participants* will be issued at the conclusion of the 2017 session of the Council.

Delegations are invited to nominate representatives for participation in the preparatory meeting. Please send nominations *as soon as possible* to Mr. Gregory Barrett, Office

for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail barrettg@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4723).

For more information on the special meeting and the preparatory events, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Additional information is also available on the website of the Council ([click here](#)).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2017 resumed session

22 to 31 May; and 12 June 2017

Conference Room 1

The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document [E/C.2/2017/1](#).

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbal to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org), with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbals will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee (its procedures, forms and documentation) is available on the Web site of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs ([click here](#)).

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultations

Wednesday, 17 May 2017

11:00 to 12:00

Conference Room 6

On UNDP Country Programme Documents (Cameroon)

Friday, 19 May 2017

15:00 to 18:00

Conference Room 8

On the cumulative review of the strategic plan 2014-17 and the Annual Report of the Administrator for 2016

All member and observer delegations are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Henrietta Bledman, UNDP (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-5738).

Pre-session informal consultation

Tuesday, 16 May 2017

15:30 to 17:00

Conference Room 6

Annual session 2017
30 May to 9 June 2017

Conference Room 3

The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document [DP/2017/L.2](#). Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the [UNDP Executive Board website](#) and for the UNFPA segment on the [UNFPA website](#).

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list, to Executive Board Secretariat (e-mail eb.secretariat@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, *as early as possible, but no later than* Monday, 22 May 2017.

The annual session 2017 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the [Executive Board PaperSmart portal](#). The [PaperSmart portal](#) will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission.

The portal will be accessible by [clicking here](#). Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the [PaperSmart portal](#). Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room. Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org), *at least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the [PaperSmart portal](#) upon delivery. Delegations are kindly requested to provide *20 hard copies* of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP

Monday, 19 June 2017

10:00 to 18:00

Conference Room 4

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Informal consultations

Wednesday, 17 May 2017

10:00 to 11:00

Conference Room 6

On UNFPA country programme documents

Tuesday, 23 May 2017

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 11

On the UNFPA Strategic Plan and Integrated Budget, 2018-2021

Monday, 5 June 2017

13:15 to 14:45

Conference Room 11

On the UNFPA Integrated Budget, 2018-2021

All member and observer delegations are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Imelda Katjomuise, [UNFPA](#) (e-mail katjomuise@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (212) 297-4927).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Workshop entitled “Women’s Empowerment in the Peace Processes” (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and Columbia Law School)

Tuesday, 16 May 2017

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room E

15:00 to 18:00

Conference Room E

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Pelayo Alvarez, [UNITAR New York Office](#) (e-mail pelayo.alvarez@unitar.org; or nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Event entitled “Amplifying Women’s Voices from the Global Displacement Crisis” (organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM))

Tuesday, 16 May 2017

10:30 to 12:30

Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Reichenberg, [IOM](#) (e-mail areichenberg@iom.int; tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 257); to register, e-mail rsvpnewyork@iom.int.

Panel discussion entitled “Climate Change, Migration and Displacement: New perspectives on Regional Approaches to Climate-induced Migration, Displacement and Relocation” (organized by the United Nations University (UNU))

Tuesday, 16 May 2017

13:00 to 14:45

Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact the [UNU New York Office](#) (e-mail blocher@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387); to register, please [click here](#).

Event entitled “Artificial Intelligence and Technology Tools for Mental Health, Wellbeing and Resilience” (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Iraq, in collaboration with the International Association of Applied Psychology and the United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth)

Tuesday, 16 May 2017

13:15 to 14:30

Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Ghazwan Jasim, [Permanent Mission of Iraq](#) (e-mail iraq.imun@hotmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 737-4433, ext. 102).

African Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 17 May 2017

10:00 to 13:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 11

Briefing entitled “Families, Education and Well-Being” (in observance of the [International Day of Families \(15 May\)](#)) (co-organized by NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events Section, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI); and the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Thursday, 18 May 2017

11:00 to 12:45

Conference Room 4

All are invited. For more information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, [DPI/NGO Relations Section](#) (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).

High-level discussion on “Gateway Portals to the City: Infrastructure for Sustainable Urbanization” (co-organized by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization (CSU) and the American Institute of Architects New York Chapter (AIA-NY))

Friday, 19 May 2017

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 4

15:00 to 18:00

Conference Room 4

For further information, please contact [UN-Habitat](#) (e-mail habitatny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4200).

Event entitled “Protecting Children against Torture in Detention: Global Solutions for a Global Problem” (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children; and the Anti-Torture Initiative of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law of the American University Washington College of Law)

Friday, 19 May 2017

13:15 to 14:30

Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Sanna Käki, [Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children](#) (e-mail kaki@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6131).

Event on “The role of Muslim Humanitarian and Development Organizations in and around Conflict Zones” (A/RES/69/312) (co-organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Engaging Faith based Organizations for the Millennium Development Goals, in collaboration with the European Commission, the British Council and the Georgia State University)

Monday, 22 and Tuesday, 23 May 2017

09:00 to 17:00

Conference Room 9

All permanent missions are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Nathalie Guillaume, [UNAOC](#) (e-mail nathalieg@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6211).

Workshop entitled “International Criminal Jurisdiction: Issues and Challenges” (organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR))

Tuesday, 23 May 2017

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room D

15:00 to 18:00

Conference Room D

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Pelayo Alvarez, [UNITAR New York Office](#) (e-mail pelayo.alvarez@unitar.org; or nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs recently added the following lectures to the Lecture Series of the [United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law \(AVL\)](#) website: Dr. Fatou Bensouda — “[The Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court: Successes, Challenges and the Promise of International Criminal Justice](#)” and Professor Philippe Gautier — “[1996-2016 : 20 ans de jurisprudence internationale relative au droit de la mer](#)”. All interested parties are invited to visit the website, please [click here](#) to access the lectures.

International Law Seminar for African Universities: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 7 to 18 August 2017

The second International Law Seminar for African Universities will be conducted by the African Union Office of the Legal Counsel in cooperation with the African Union Leadership Academy under the AU Continental Capacity Building Programme in International Law and African Law. The Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs will cooperate with the African Union with respect to this seminar under the Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/139. The seminar will be held from 7 to 18 August 2017 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The seminar will include the following lectures: International Law; AU Law and

Institutions; African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance; International Trade Law and the Continental Free Trade Area; Law of the Sea; African Charter on Maritime Security and Safety and Development in Africa; International and African Human Rights Law; International Humanitarian Law; and International Criminal Law.

Candidates must submit a completed application form by e-mail to the African Union Leadership Academy (aula@africa-union.org, with copy to Ms. Betelhem Arega, betelhema@africa-union.org, and Ms. Virginia Morris, morrisv@un.org), *no later than Friday, 9 June 2017*. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered. Application forms and additional information may be obtained by contacting the AU Leadership Academy, Ms. Arega or Ms. Morris by e-mail.

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs expresses its sincere gratitude to Germany for its generous voluntary contribution that provided the necessary funding for this seminar.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (unless otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *May 2017*:

Introduction to United Nations Documents

General Assembly Documentation (English and French)

Security Council documentation

Finding Speeches

Voting Information

Treaty Research

Introduction to Library Services

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar ([click here](#)).

For further information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

2017 United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific: Deadline for applications – 31 May 2017

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific will be held in Bangkok, Thailand from Monday, 20 November to Friday, 15 December 2017. This course is open for candidates from Member States and Non-Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States.

Applications for the 2017 United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific are now being accepted. *The deadline for applications is Wednesday, 31 May 2017*. The Regional Course will be conducted in *English* in 2017.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses ([click here](#)) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2017, as follows:

Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (20 June 2017), to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance ([click here](#) for general information);

Twenty-seventh Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (22 June 2017), to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination ([click here](#) for general information); and

Eighth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (28 June 2017), to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers ([click here](#) for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded.

All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week* before the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn: Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room S-1309).

For any clarifications on these elections, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections ([click here](#)), or contact Mr. Nenad Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free.

Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website ([click here](#)).

Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council

The *Repertoire* provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the [United Nations Charter](#) and its own [Provisional Rules of Procedure](#). It is prepared by the Security Council Affairs Division in the Department of Political Affairs.

The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law and international relations, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations in following the evolving practice of the Council and gaining a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

The *Repertoire* is available in the six official languages of the United Nations. The latest printed volume (Seventeenth Supplement), covering the years 2010 to 2011, is now available. For copies of this volume and all previous Supplements, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

The Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) and Parts I, V and X of the Nineteenth Supplement (2014-2015) are available in their advance versions on the [Repertoire section](#) of the website of the Security Council.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2017 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the [Department for General Assembly and Conference Management \(DGACM\)](#) website, or can be consulted by [clicking here](#).

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 12 May 2017

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

 [\[archived video\]](#)

35th meeting

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [item 149]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The Director, Peacekeeping Financing Division, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, introduced the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from

1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 ([A/71/689](#)); and on the budget for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 ([A/71/828](#)).

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/71/836/Add.10](#)), as well as to a statement by the Chair of that Committee.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report on the activities of that Office on the review and evaluation of strategic deployment stocks ([A/71/798](#)).

The representative of Ecuador (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Committee has concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations would be held on that day, Friday, 12 May, immediately following the adjournment of the formal meeting on agenda item 154; followed by informal consultations on the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, which would be coordinated by Ms. Dayna Hyppolite (Haiti).

The Chair further informed the Committee that informal consultations would be held on that day, Friday, 12 May, in the afternoon, on agenda items 151 and 161.

The Chair made concluding remarks.

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Friday, 12 May 2017

General Assembly

International Law Commission

Sixty-ninth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

3357th meeting

Protection of the atmosphere

The Commission continued its consideration of the Special Rapporteur's fourth report on the topic ([A/CN.4/705](#)).

Provisional application of treaties

The Chair of the Drafting Committee presented the report of the Drafting Committee on "Provisional application of treaties" ([A/CN.4/L.895](#)). The Commission considered the report and adopted the following draft guidelines: 1 (Scope), 2 (Purpose), 3 (General rule), 4 (Form), 6 (Commencement of provisional application), 7 (Legal effects of provisional application), 8 (Responsibility for breach), 9 (Termination upon notification of intention not to become a party), 10 (Internal law of States or rules of international

organizations and observance of provisionally applied treaties), 11 (Provisions of internal law of States or rules of international organizations regarding competence to agree on the provisional application of treaties) and 12 (Agreement regarding limitations deriving from internal law of States or rules of international organizations).

Programme, procedures, working methods of the Commission and its documentation

The Chair of the Working Group on Provisional Application of Treaties, Mr. Marcelo Vázquez-Bermúdez, announced the composition of the Working Group on Provisional application of treaties, which is as follows: *Chair*: Mr. Marcelo Vázquez-Bermúdez; *Special Rapporteur*: Mr. Juan Manuel Gómez-Robledo; *Members*: Mr. Carlos J. Argüello Gómez, Mr. Yacouba Cissé, Ms. Concepción Escobar Hernández, Ms. Patricia Galvão Teles, Mr. Mahmoud D. Hmoud, Mr. Charles Chernor Jalloh, Ms. Marja Lehto, Mr. Sean D. Murphy, Mr. Hong Thao Nguyen, Mr. Georg Nolte, Ms. Nilüfer Oral, Mr. Ki Gab Park, Mr. Aniruddha Rajput, Mr. August Reinisch, Mr. Juan José Ruda Santolaria, Mr. Pavel Šturma, Mr. Michael Wood and Mr. Bogdan Aurescu (*ex officio*).

Economic and Social Council

2017 session

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Twentieth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

8th meeting

Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes at the regional and international levels [item 2]

The Commission resumed its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Vice-Chair Mr. Peter Major (Hungary) in his capacity as the Facilitator of the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution “Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society”

The Commission had before it a draft resolution entitled “Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society”, submitted by the Chair of the Commission, on the basis of informal consultations, circulated in English only.

A statement was made by the Facilitator of the draft resolution Mr. Peter Major (Hungary).

The Secretary of the Commission provided clarification with regard to programme budget implications in relation to the draft resolution.

Statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for adoption.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statement was made by the representative of Austria, on behalf of the Western European and Other States.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 2.

Science and technology for development [item 3]

Priority themes:

- (a) *New innovation approaches to support the implementation of the sustainable Development Goals*
- (b) *The role of science, technology and innovation in ensuring food security by 2030*

The Commission resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution "Science, technology and innovation for development"

The Commission had before it a draft resolution entitled "Science, technology and innovation for development" submitted by the Chair of the Commission, on the basis of informal consultations, circulated in English only.

A statement was made by the Facilitator of the draft resolution, the Vice-Chair Mr. A. Min Tjoa (Austria).

The Secretary of the Commission provided clarification with regard to programme budget implications in relation to the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for adoption.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3.

Election of the Chair and other officers for the twentieth session of the Commission
[item 5]

The Commission began its consideration of the item. The Chair made a statement.

The Commission elected The Honourable Marie Joseph Noël Etienne Ghislain Sinatambou, Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation (Mauritius), Mr. Peter Major (Hungary), Mr. A. Min Tjoa (Austria) and Mr. Wang Ruijun (China) as Vice-Chairs of the twenty-first session of the Commission.

The Commission agreed to postpone the election of the Chair of the twenty-first session to be nominated by the Latin American and Caribbean States.

Provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-first session of the Commission
[item 6]

The Commission considered the draft provisional agenda for the twenty-first session.

The Chair made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Portugal, India, the Dominican Republic, the Russian Federation, Kenya, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Latvia, Turkey, Mauritius, Pakistan and Germany.

The Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics and head of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development Secretariat, UNCTAD, made a statement.

The Commission had before it a text of the provisional agenda and documentation for its twenty-first session, which was circulated in an informal paper.

The Commission approved the text of the provisional agenda and documentation for its twenty-first session and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for adoption.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 6.

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twentieth session [item 7]

The Chair drew the attention of the Commission to the draft report circulated in an informal paper, in English only.

The Rapporteur, Mr. Peter Major (Hungary), introduced the draft report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Pakistan.

The Commission adopted the draft report on its twentieth session and entrusted the Rapporteur with its completion.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 7.

Closure of the session

The Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics and head of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development Secretariat, UNCTAD, made a statement.

The Chair (China) made a statement and declared closed the twentieth session of the Commission.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Minamata Convention on Mercury. Kumamoto, 10 October 2013

Ratification: Norway (12 May 2017)

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Kigali, 15 October 2016

Ratification: Micronesia (Federated States of) (12 May 2017)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *May 2017* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States

Republic of Cameroon

His Excellency Michel Tommo Monthe

Asia-Pacific States

Republic of the Marshall Islands

Her Excellency Amatlain Elizabeth Kabua

Eastern European States

Republic of Poland
His Excellency Bogusław Winid

Latin American and Caribbean States

Haiti
His Excellency Denis Régis

Western European and other States

Austria
His Excellency Jan Kickert

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

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For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (Room S-3044). Please [click here](#) for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly. The co-sponsorship of all draft resolutions and decisions in the General Assembly plenary now takes place via the General Assembly Plenary e-Sponsorship application in the e-deleGATE portal at <http://delegate.un.int>. Permanent missions to the United Nations are invited to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail gaplenarye-sponsorship@un.org) of those accredited delegates who should be granted access to General Assembly Plenary e-Sponsorship, using a registration form that was provided to the missions and is available on the General Assembly website ([click here](#)). Based on the information received, delegates will be issued a username and a password to access the Portal.

Paper signature list for co-sponsorship will no longer be accepted. For questions on the submission of a *draft resolution or a draft decision* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (Room S-3044).

The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents [A/71/251](#) and [A/71/251/Add.1](#), and the allocation of agenda items for the session is contained in document [A/71/252](#) and [A/71/252/Add.1](#).

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly has been issued in document [A/71/100](#)

and the annotated draft agenda of the seventy-first session has been issued as document [A/71/100/Add.1](#).

The following items on the agenda remain open for consideration during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly: agenda items 9 to 15, 19, 19 (h), 20, 28 to 35, 37, 38, 40 to 46, 51, 61, 62, 62 (a) and (b), 65, 65 (a), 68, 68 (b), 69, 69 (a) to (d), 73, 73 (a), 87, 110 to 112, 114, 114 (a), 115, 115 (b) (g), (h), (i), (k), and (l), 116 to 118, 120 to 125, 126, 126 (b), (c), (e) to (h), (j), (k), (m), (p), (q), (s), (t) and (z), and 127 to 164.

The schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the resumed part of its seventy-first session will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please [click here](#). There is no pre-determined calendar of meetings for the resumed part of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly.

Delegations requesting *issuance of communications* addressed to the Secretary-General as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly contained in documents [A/71/251](#) and [A/71/251/Add.1](#). Requests should include the following language "I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item ___". The letter must be sent to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General in the original, with an original signature or stamp.

Additionally, electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org and to dms@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases, social media and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please [click here](#).

Seventy-second session

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-second regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document [A/72/50](#).

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After a conference room has been assigned in eMeets, please contact the following offices if other services are also needed:

For access and security-related matters, please contact Lieutenant Malinda McCormack/DSS (e-mail mccormackm@un.org, or levyd@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7028);


For nameplates, podium signs and room set-up, please contact the advance team of the Meetings Servicing Unit (e-mail prepwork@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7349);

For PaperSmart related matters, please contact the Meetings Servicing Unit (e-mail dgacm-msu@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7348);

For publishing material for inclusion in the *Journal*, please contact the Journal Unit/DGACM (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888; or 1 (212) 963-0493);

For media access and accreditation, please contact the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit/DPI (e-mail malu@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6934);

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