Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

Thursday, 31 December 2015

Security Council

11:00  7599th meeting [webcast]  Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. United Nations peacekeeping operations

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting of the plenary, to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the first meeting of the General Assembly, on Monday, 11 January 2016, from 10:00 to 11:00, in the General Assembly Hall.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 22 December 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.
Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was adopted on 18 September 2015 (document A/70/251 and A/70/251/Add.1), see documents A/70/252 and A/70/252/Add.1 for allocation of items.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/70/100. For the online schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly, please click here.

The Delegates Handbook for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is available online, please click here.

List of speakers
Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please click here for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

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.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications
Delegations requesting issuance of communications 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 seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@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 and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council
Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at
the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

Specifically, the General Assembly conducted the elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council for the term 2016-2017 and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council for the term 2016-2018, during the main part of the session. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2016 regular session

The 2016 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 25 January to Wednesday, 3 February, and on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2016/1.

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.

United Nations Children’s Fund

Executive Board

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/11 and rule 11 of the rules of procedure, the Executive Board will hold a formal meeting for the purpose of electing the officers of the Executive Board for 2016, on Friday, 8 January 2016, from 10:00 to 10:30, in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations

In preparation for its first regular session, the Executive Board of UNICEF will hold informal consultations on: a) Plan for global thematic evaluations, 2014-2017: review and update for 2016-2017; b) Increasing access and equity in early childhood education in the CEE/CIS region and management response; and c) UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014 and Report of the Board of Auditors, on Friday, 8 January 2016, from 10:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (2-4 February 2016) will take place on
Tuesday, 19 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2. The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on: a) Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2016 workplan and proposed budget; b) UNICEF resource mobilization strategy; and c) Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action.

First regular session

The 2016 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 2, to Thursday, 4 February 2016, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2016/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by clicking here. Member States as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, but no later than Friday, 29 January 2016.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2016 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (click here).

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing ‘Documents’ webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the ‘In-session’ webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoints, statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the ‘In-session’ webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
First regular session 2016

The first regular session 2016 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 25 to Friday, 29 January 2016, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2016/L.1.

Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (click here) and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website (please click here).
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 Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@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 Friday, 8 January 2016.

The first regular session 2016 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 via papersmart@un.org. 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 papersmart@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 15 hard copies of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

The elections of the Executive Board Bureau members will take place on Monday, 11 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 6.

The pre-session informal consultation will take place on Monday, 11 January 2016, from 11:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 6.

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**Announcements**

**Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions**

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of January 2016:

*Introduction to United Nations Documents* (English and Spanish)
*Law Library Overview*
*General Assembly Documentation*
*Security Council Documentation*
Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the
sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
(UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on
the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open.
Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by clicking here.
For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail

csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council

The Repertoire is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department
of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of
international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations
to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the
framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement)
covers the years 2008 to 2009. For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings
Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as
well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their
advance versions on line by clicking here.

Press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is now 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 via the General
Assembly website (click here).

2016 United Nations Regional Courses in
International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for
Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held
in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is
open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also
members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States.
The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 7 November to Friday, 2 December 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States and Non-Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States.

The Regional Courses will be conducted in English in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (click here); or contact the Codification Division at: RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

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2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (click here) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

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Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 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.

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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]


Denunciation: Greece (30 December 2015)

Amendment to article 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Kampala, 10 June 2010

Ratification: Finland (30 December 2015)

Amendments on the crime of aggression to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Kampala, 11 June 2010

Ratification: Finland (30 December 2015)
General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2015 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

**African States:**
- South Sudan
  - His Excellency Francis Mading Deng

**Asia-Pacific States:**
- Cyprus
  - His Excellency Nicholas Emiliou

**Eastern European States:**
- Ukraine
  - His Excellency Yurij Sergeyev

**Latin American and Caribbean States:**
- Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
  - His Excellency Rafael Dario Ramírez Carreño

**Western European and other States:**
- Israel
  - His Excellency Danny Danon

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

**Electronic documents**

Useful links to United Nations documentation resources can be found at [www.un.org/documents](http://www.un.org/documents). The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

**eSubscription**

A simple and fast alternate way to access United Nations parliamentary documents electronically is available through the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management’s eSubscription service at [www.undocs.org](http://www.undocs.org).

Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at [www.undocs.org](http://www.undocs.org). An overview of all documents with the options “e-mail” or “RSS” next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.
Hard copy documents and document support

The DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC) located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates’ Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Documents in conference rooms

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on “Programme of work” on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).
Information regarding the *Journal of the United Nations*


All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

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Emergency information and updates

Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at emergency.un.org/ and delegateinfo.un.int.

The website also offers the option of subscription to e-mail, SMS and voice call alerts. In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

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Touch screen information kiosks

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations and staff to use the two touch screen information kiosks located in the North Lawn Building to access the official meeting schedule, the *Journal of the United Nations*, the Delegates’ Handbook, the Blue Book and the United Nations Staff Yellow Pages, as well as Headquarters and Conference Room Maps.

These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.

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Websites

*Department for General Assembly and Conference Management*
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/

*Presidency of the General Assembly*
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*Department of Political Affairs*
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*Presidency of the Security Council*
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www.un.org/en/sc

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
www.un.org/sc/1540/

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Economic and Social Council

Office for Disarmament Affairs
www.un.org/disarmament/

United Nations Treaty Collection
http://treaties.un.org/

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law
www.un.org/lawavl/

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Note verbale dated 17 December 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee [A C E F R S] — 3 pages

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Communications to the Editor
Material for inclusion in the Journal should be addressed to the attention of Ms. Lilian Delgado (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888 and 963-0493; Room S-1238). The deadline to submit material for the Journal issue of the next day is 18:30 for the programme of meetings, and 19:00 for the summaries. The announcements to be published in the “Forthcoming other activities” section, should be sent before 18:00 at least two days in advance.

The office of the Journal Unit opens at 15:00.