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This week's NGO Briefing:

Thursday, 3 November
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Video:

Match Day at Nakivale: How Sport Benefits Young Refugees (UNHCR, 2003)

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Mark Suzman will discuss the final report of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the Oil-for-Food Programme.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Panel discussion:

The International Year of Sport and Physical Education

Focusing on efforts to reach out to the world of sport in order to promote understanding and support for the work and ideals of the United Nations, the Briefing will look into how sport can be used as a means to promote education, health, development and peace.

Speakers:

H.E. Ali Hachani, Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations

Adolf Ogi, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace

Donna de Varona, two-time Olympic gold medalist in swimming and Chair of the Board of Stewards of the Women's Sports Foundation

A live webcast of this event may be available at www.un.org/dpi/ngosection and/or www.un.org/webcast

UN Highlights

Final Volcker Report

The Independent Inquiry Committee into the Oil-for-Food Programme, chaired by Paul Volcker, submitted its final report to the Secretary-General on 27 October 2005. The report centers on the manipulation of the Programme, which resulted in companies, entities, and individuals from at least 60 countries paying, directly or indirectly, illicit surcharges or kickbacks, infringing on Programme rules and in violation of United Nations sanctions. To view the final report, please visit the website of the Independent Inquiry Committee (IIC), <http://www.iic-offp.org/>. The Secretary-General's response to the findings in the report is available at <http://www.un.org/News/oss/>.

International Year of Sport and Physical Education

General Assembly resolution 58/5 of 3 November 2003, proclaimed 2005 the International Year of Sport and Physical Education. According to Secretary-General Kofi Annan, "sport can play a role in improving the lives of individuals, not only individuals, I might add, but whole communities". Throughout 2005, steps have been taken to unite United Nations agencies, funds and programmes in the common goal of promoting sport for development. In addition, action at the national level has made a significant contribution to the successful commemoration of the Year. On 11 August 2005, Kofi Annan issued a report to the General Assembly and reaffirmed, "it is imperative that the programme and institutional and advocacy initiatives that advance sport for development and peace during the International Year of Sport and Physical Education lead to sustained long-term effects within the United Nations and among Government, private sector and civil society partners". General Assembly Agenda Item 48, with regards to the Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences, was released on 19 October 2005. Presented to the General Assembly, the Agenda item includes recommendations for the promotion of sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace. For more information on Agenda item 48, visit <http://www.un.org/ga/60/documentation/themes.html>.

Preview of next week's briefing

The NGO briefing scheduled for 10 November 2005 is *Women, Peace and Security: Participation, Protection and Prevention*. The Briefing will look into the progress that has been made concerning Security Council Resolution 1325, which included the need to incorporate gender perspectives into peacekeeping operations and understand the impact of armed conflict on women and girls. Speakers to be invited include H.E. Sir Emyr Jones Parry, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations, Ms. Rachel Mayanja, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, and Ms. Parvina Nadjibulla, NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security.

Briefings are held in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. UN videos relevant to the briefing theme are usually screened at 10:00 a.m. on the morning of the Briefing

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Recent UN Information Materials

As of 3 November, 2005

As of January 2002, the NGO Resource Centre no longer displays official UN documents (resolutions of General Assembly, ECOSOC documents, etc.) in hard copy. All official documents are now available upon request from NGO Resource Centre staff. To eliminate waste and improve availability of all UN documents, we have converted to the mostly paperless, electronic data retrieval system called ODS (Official Documents System). All staff members of the Resource Centre have received appropriate training and are able to assist NGO representatives in retrieving documents. Instructions on the use of ODS (including printing the documents in question) are also available. Requests for specific UN documents in hard copy may be submitted to the NGO Resource Centre staff. Daily Highlights and select press releases will continue to be available in hard copy at the NGO Resource Centre.

DOCUMENTS

General Assembly

General Assembly Official Records

Meeting held on 15 September 2005, 3 p.m.
(A/60/PV.6)

General Assembly Documents

Holocaust remembrance
(A/60/L.12 Item 72)

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency — 50-Power draft resolution [A/60/L.13 Item 84]

Report of the Trade and Development Board on its fifty-second session (A/60/15 Part IV)

Report of the Secretary-General

Oceans and the law of the sea (A/60/63/Add.1 Item) and (A/60/63/Add.2 Item 75 (a) of the provisional agenda)

The situation in the Middle East

Measures to eliminate international terrorism — Identical letters dated 27 October 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (A/60/448-S/2005/680 Items 14 and 108) and (A/60/449-S/2005/681 Items 14 and 108)

Second Committee

Sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development — 29-Power draft resolution — International Year of Planet Earth, 2008 (A/C.2/60/L.10 Item 52 (a))

Third Committee

International drug control — Providing support to Afghanistan with a view to ensuring effective implementation of its Counter-Narcotic Implementation Plan — Note by the Secretariat (A/C.3/60/L.27 Item 107)

Tenth emergency special session

Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory — Identical letters dated 25 October 2005 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (A/ES-10/310-S/2005/674 Items 5)

Security Council Documents

Summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Council is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration (S/2005/15/Add.36)

Statement by the President of the Security Council (S/PRST/2005/52)