

TREATY EVENT
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS ON TRANSIT TRANSPORT

Signature of and deposit of instruments relating to
multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The Treaty Event will take place from 21 to 24 September 2004 at Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

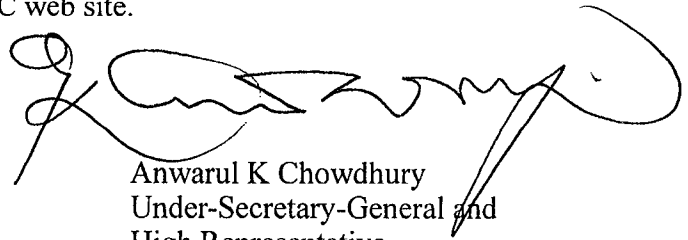
Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of **28 May 2004**, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those relating to the major international conventions on transit transport, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200, telephone: (212) 963-3942; facsimile: (212) 963-3693; e-mail: treaty@un.org).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, full powers to the Treaty Section by **13 September 2004** for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities.

The *Issues Note on Major International Conventions* will be circulated at the seminar to be organized on **8 July 2004**. The Issues note would summarise key provisions and relevant final clauses, and information indicating their status. *The Compilation of the selected 17 Conventions* will be circulated in electronic form in English, French and Russian languages. The relevant information can also be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC) web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>) or from the website of the Office of the High Representative (<http://www.un.org/ohrlls>) or from the website of the UNECE (<http://www.unece.org>). It is further noted that the texts and status of all multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General can be obtained from the UNTC website under the heading *Status of Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General*.

Further information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the UNTC web site.


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