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NEW WEBSITES WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM

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Committee on Information – redesigned website

English, French and Spanish: <http://www.un.org/ga/coi/>

Conferencias y celebraciones de las Naciones Unidas

<http://www.un.org/spanish/conferences/ref/index.shtml>

Organigramm des Systems der Vereinten Nationen

<http://www.unric.org/html/german/organe2007.pdf>

Report of the Facilitators on the consultations regarding the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and other Matters related to the Security Council

<http://www.un.org/ga/president/61/letters/SC-reform-Facil-report-20-April-07.pdf>

Restructuring of departments

A/61/L.54 – English, French, Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/61/L.54>

A/61/L.54 – English, French, Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/61/L.55>

A/61/L.54 – English, French, Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/61/749>

Press Release: <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2007/ga10579.doc.htm>

On 15 March 2007 the General Assembly passed two resolutions to approve the Secretary-General's restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Political Affairs. Although the final texts of the resolutions are not yet available, you may see the drafts (A/61/L.54 and A/61/L.55, respectively). The report with the Secretary-General's proposals is available (A/61/749), as is the press release of the plenary meeting at which the resolutions were passed.

Secretary-General report on system-wide coherence (A/61/836)

English, French and Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/61/836>

The Secretary-General presented his latest report (A/61/836) on system-wide coherence in development, humanitarian assistance and the environment to the General Assembly, which provides an overview of how he views the recommendations submitted by the high-level panel last year in the context of wider United Nations reforms (A/61/583 -

<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/61/583>). Learn more about the Panel at its Web site and read the Secretary-General's statement introducing the report to the General Assembly on 16 April 2007: <http://www.un.org/events/panel/>

Peace & Security

Kosovo Status

English, French, Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2007/168/Add.1>

The Comprehensive Proposal for the Kosovo Status Settlement (S/2007/168/Add.1) prepared by the Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the future status process for Kosovo, was released on 26 March 2006. The report (S/2007/168: *English, French, Spanish:*

<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2007/168>) recommends that Kosovo's status

should be independence, supervised by the international community. More information is available on the UN Office of the Special Envoy for Kosovo (UNOSEK) Web site at <http://www.unosek.org/unosek/index.html>

MONUC: "Monthly Human Rights Assessment: February 2007"

The February human rights assessment report by the UN mission in DRC (MONUC) said operations by the Forces armées de la République démocratique du Congo (FARDC), the national army, against militias had led to increasing allegations of human rights violations against civilians.

Summary of the report is available at:

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/RWB.NSF/db900SID/EVOD-6ZGHXU?OpenDocument>

For the full report please visit MONUC website:

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=14119>

Economic & Social Development

Buildings and Climate Change: Status, Challenges and Opportunities (UNEP report)

<http://www.unep.org/Documents.Multilingual/Default.asp?DocumentID=502&ArticleID=5545&l=en>

A new report from the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), Buildings and Climate Change: Status, Challenges and Opportunities, explores the ways the building sector can combat the impacts of global warming.

Case Studies on Climate Change and World Heritage (UNESCO report)

http://whc.unesco.org/documents/publi_climatechange.pdf

The report looks at how climate change will affect World Heritage sites, which include cultural and natural heritage around the world considered to be of outstanding value to humanity.

Global tuberculosis control - surveillance, planning, financing (WHO report)

http://www.who.int/tb/publications/global_report/en/index.html

The global tuberculosis (TB) epidemic has levelled off for the first time since the World Health Organization (WHO) declared TB a public health emergency in 1993. The Global Tuberculosis Control Report released in conjunction with World TB Day finds that the percentage of the world's population struck by TB peaked in 2004 and then held steady in 2005.

International Knowledge Network of Women in Politics (iKNOW Politics)

English: <http://www.iknowpolitics.org/>

French: <http://www.iknowpolitics.org/fr>

Spanish: <http://www.iknowpolitics.org/es>

The International Knowledge Network of Women in Politics (iKNOW Politics) is an online workspace designed to serve the needs of elected officials, candidates, political party leaders and members, researchers, students and other practitioners interested in advancing women in politics. It is a joint project of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA).

IPCC WGII Fourth Assessment Report: "Climate Change 2007: Climate Change Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability" - Summary for Policymakers - April 6th, 2007

<http://www.ipcc.ch/SPM6avr07.pdf>

The Summary provides policymakers with information about climate change impacts and includes a number of judgments about priorities for further observation and research.

WIPO Outreach Guides

English: <http://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/guides/>

French: <http://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/fr/guides/>

Spanish: <http://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/es/guides/>

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has short outreach guides to help in planning IP-related outreach campaigns, and to provide examples of successful initiatives worldwide. The guides are available in the following areas: Planning a Public Outreach Campaign, Using Communications Tools Effectively, Outreach in Practice.

World Economic Outlook 2007: Spillovers and Cycles in the Global Economy (International Monetary Fund)

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/weo/2007/01/index.htm>

This report offers analysis and projections of economic developments at the global level, in major country groups, and in many individual countries. It focuses on major economic policy issues as well as on the analysis of economic developments and prospects. Summary is available in Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, French and Russian.

Human Rights

Human Rights and Business Learning Tool

http://www.ohchr.org/english/issues/globalization/business/HR_business_learning.htm

This learning tool has been prepared by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), in collaboration with the United Nations Global Compact Office and the United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC). It has been developed following a period of consultation with companies participating in the UN Global Compact concerning their learning needs in relation to human rights.

Input for the Experts' study on Complementary International Standards

http://www.ohchr.org/english/issues/racism/groups/inputs_study.htm

The Human Rights Council has tasked the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action with the mandate to prepare complementary international standards to strengthen and update international instruments against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in all their aspects. The Experts decided to solicit the views and comments of various stakeholders to assist them in identifying human rights problems for which there may be normative gaps.

Signature Ceremony of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol - 30 March 2007

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable/>

Unified Standing Treaty Body concept paper (HRI/MC/2006/2)

English, French and Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=HRI/MC/2006/2>

A new concept paper prepared by the Secretariat (HRI/MC/2006/2) elaborates on the proposal of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for a unified standing treaty body, made in the High Commissioner's Plan of Action ([A/59/2005/Add.3](#)). The paper is divided into five parts, as follows: the objectives of the High Commissioner's proposal and the principles that guide it; analysis of the current system, its objectives and achievements, as well as the challenges it faces; how the establishment of a unified standing treaty body would meet those challenges, and ensure a strengthened and more effective monitoring system; proposed ideas on the possible forms, modalities of operation and functions of a unified standing treaty body; issues to be considered with respect to the establishment of such a body.

Humanitarian Affairs

Towards universal access: scaling up priority HIV/AIDS interventions in the health sector (WHO/UNAIDS/UNICEF report)

http://www.who.int/hiv/mediacentre/universal_access_progress_report_en.pdf

A joint progress report by the World Health Organization (WHO), the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), has been released. According to the WHO press release, while access to antiretroviral therapy for advanced HIV infection in low- and middle-income countries continued to grow throughout 2006, more work is needed to reach global targets for universal access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and care.

UNHCR's response to the Tsunami emergency in Indonesia and Sri Lanka, December 2004 - November 2006: An independent evaluation

Full report:

[http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/RWFiles2007.nsf/FilesByRWDocUnidFilename/504BC445E4FC921DC12572B900307976-Full_Report.pdf/\\$File/Full_Report.pdf](http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/RWFiles2007.nsf/FilesByRWDocUnidFilename/504BC445E4FC921DC12572B900307976-Full_Report.pdf/$File/Full_Report.pdf)

Executive summary:

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/RWB.NSF/db900SID/AMMF-725CCX?OpenDocument>

International Law

Expulsion of aliens (A/CN.4/565)

English, French and Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/CN.4/565>

The UN Secretariat has prepared a study to assist the International Law Commission in its consideration of the topic of the expulsion of aliens (A/CN.4/565). According to the summary, "The study is based on the premise that every State has the right to expel aliens. However, this right is subject to general limitations as well as specific substantive and procedural requirements." This 600+ page document approaches the topic from several perspectives and is extensively footnoted. A select bibliography is annexed to the document.

International Court of Justice – redesigned website

English/French: <http://www.icj-cij.org>

The International Court of Justice has launched a new website to mark the end of its sixtieth anniversary year. The page highlights the latest developments and provides information about the court. All the documentation of the court has been digitized and is available in pdf format. There is also information about the predecessor body, the Permanent Court of International Justice and links to full-text documents from the Permanent Court (1922-1946).

Internationally Wrongful Acts (A/62/62)

English, French and Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/62/62>

A new report of the Secretary-General compiles decisions of international courts, tribunals and other bodies regarding the responsibility of states for internationally wrongful acts (A/62/62). In 2001, the International Law Commission adopted the articles on responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts (see A/56/10) and the General Assembly took note of these articles and commended them to the attention of Governments without prejudice to the question of their future adoption or other appropriate action (A/RES/56/83 and A/RES/59/35). The compilation, prepared for the next session of the General Assembly, reproduces the extracts of decisions under each of the articles referred to by international courts, tribunals or bodies, following the structure and numerical order of the State responsibility articles adopted in 2001.

UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions

English: http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=11281&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

French: http://portal.unesco.org/culture/fr/ev.php-URL_ID=11281&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

Spanish: http://portal.unesco.org/culture/es/ev.php-URL_ID=11281&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions entered into force this week. According to the UNESCO press release, "the convention aims to reinforce the links between culture, sustainable development and dialogue. It reaffirms respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, equal dignity of cultures, equitable access and openness of cultures to the world."

NEW INFORMATION MATERIAL

Single copies of the following titles can be ordered via e-mail: info@unric.org

Afrique Renouveau: Vol. 20, No.4, janvier 2007. 24 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/french/ecosocdev/geninfo/afrec/vol20no4/index.html>

Calendar of Conferences and Meetings as of 1 April 2007.

Online version: <http://conf.un.org/DGAACS/Meetings.nsf/wByYear?OpenForm>

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I General Information and Reference

Chronique ONU, Volume XLIII, Numéro 4, décembre 2006 – février 2007

"Diriger notre entreprise commune en soutenant les valeurs les plus profondes et les aspirations les plus élevées de l'humanité"

Département de l'information des Nations Unies. 79 p.

Online version : <http://www.un.org/french/pubs/chronique/2006/numero3/0306cont.htm>

Delivering as one: Report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on UN System-wide Coherence in the areas of development, humanitarian assistance and the environment.

United Nations. New York. 2007. vii, 73 p.

Sales No. E.07.I.8. ISBN 978-02-1-101146-3.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/events/panel/>

Index to Proceedings of the General Assembly: Sixtieth session – 2005/2006 – Part II – Index to Speeches.

United Nations. New York. 2007. xi, 461 p. (ST/LIB/SER.B/A.69 (Part II))

Sales No. E.07.I.5. ISBN 978-92-1-101144-9.

Resolutionen und Beschlüsse der sechzigsten Tagung der Generalversammlung – Band I: Resolutionen, 13. September – 23. Dezember 2005.
Generalversammlung. Offizielles Protokoll. Sechzigste Tagung. Beilage 49 (A/60/49/Vol.I).
Vereinte Nationen. New York. 2006. 567 S.
Online version: <http://www.un.org/Depts/german/gv-60/band2/ga60vol2-ann.pdf>

Resolutions and Decisions adopted by the General Assembly during its sixtieth session - Volume I: Resolutions, 24 December 2005 – 11 September 2006.
General Assembly. Official Records. Fifty-eight session. Supplement No. 49 (A/60/49/Vol.III).
United Nations. New York. 2007. 166 p.
Online version: <http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/r60.htm>

Unfinished Business: Effective Partnerships for Human Security and Sustainable Development: Final Report of the 59th Annual DPI/NGO Conference; United Nations, New York, 6-8 September 2006; Organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information in partnership with the NGO/DPI Executive Committee.
Published by the Outreach Division, United Nations Department of Public Information.
DPI/2441. December 2006. vi, 54 p. Includes CD-ROM & Midday Workshop Summaries.

II.A Business, Economics, Science and Technology

Foundations of the Global Alliance for ICT and Development.
United Nations. New York. 2007. viii, 108 p. (GAID Series 1)
Sales No. E.07.II.A.4. ISBN 978-92-1-104567-3.
Online version: <http://www.un-gaid.org/en/node/478>

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

Asian Foreign Direct Investment in Africa: Towards a New Era of Cooperation among Developing Countries.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. xiv, 198 p. (UNCTAD/ITE/IIA/2007/1)
Sales No. E.07.II.D.1. ISBN 978-92-112712-8.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/iteiia20071_en.pdf

Bilateral Investment Treaties 1995-2006: Trends in Investment Rulemaking.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. xiv, 158 p. (UNCTAD/ITE/IIA/2006/5)
Sales No. E.06.II.D.16. ISBN 978-92-1-11271-0.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/iteiia20065_en.pdf

Transnational Corporations, Volume 15, Number 3, December 2006.
United Nations Conferences on Trade and Development. Division on Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development.
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2006. v, 231 p.
Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/iteit20063_en.pdf

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UNEP 2006 Annual Report.
United Nations Environment Programme. Nairobi. 2007. 87 p.
ISBN 978-92-807-2801-9.

IV Social Questions

Ending violence against women: From words to action; Study of the Secretary-General.
United Nations. New York. 2006. xviii, 190 p.
Sales No. E.06.IV.8. ISBN 978-92-1-130253-0.

Guide to the Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth.
United Nations. New York. 2006. x, 125 p. (ST/ESA/309)
Sales No. E.06.IV.11. ISBN 92-1-130256-0.
Online version: http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/documents/wpay_guide.pdf

Indigenous Women and the United Nations System: Good Practices and Lessons Learned;
Compiled by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for the Task Force on
Indigenous Women / Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality.
United Nations. New York. 2007. viii, 116 p. (ST/ESA/307)
Sales No. E.06.IV.9. ISBN 978-92-1-130254-7.

V International Law

Nations Unies Annuaire Juridique 1998.
Nations Unies. New York. 2006. xxviii, 723 p. (ST/LEG/SER.C/36)
Sales No. F.03.V.5. ISBN 92-1-233376-1.

Training Manual for delineation of the outer limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical
miles and for preparation of submissions to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental
Shelf.
United Nations. New York. 2006. various paging.
Sales No. E.06.V.4. ISBN 92-1-133741-0.

IX Disarmament and Atomic Energy

United Nations Seminar on Implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1540 in Asia and the
Pacific: 12-13 July 2006, Beijing, China.
United Nations. Department for Disarmament Affairs. 2006. xix, 229 p.
(DDA Occasional Papers, No. 11, October 2006)
Online version: <http://disarmament.un.org/ddapublications/OP11%2006-64948web.pdf>

XI Narcotic Drugs (including United Nations Office on Drug and Crime - UNODC)

Informe de la Junta Internacional de Fiscalización de Estupefacientes correspondiente a 2006.
Naciones Unidas. Nueva York. 2007. viii, 113 p (E/INCB/2006/1)
Sales No. S.07.XI.11. ISBN 978-92-1-348123-3.
Online version: http://www.incb.org/incb/es/annual_report_2006.html

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: Annual Report 2007 – covering activities in 2006;
Making the world safer from crime, drugs and terrorism.
United Nations. Vienna. 2007. 92 p.
Online version: http://www.unodc.org/unodc/annual_report_2007.html

XIII Demography

Urban and Rural Areas 2005.

United Nations. New York. 2006. Wall chart. (ST/ESA/SER.A/258)

Sales No. E.06.XIII.11. ISBN 92-1-151427-4.

Online version: http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/WUP2005/2005urban_rural.htm

Urban Agglomerations 2005.

United Nations. New York. 2006. Wall chart. (ST/ESA/SER.A/257)

Sales No. E.06.XIII.9. ISBN 92-1-151425-8.

Online version: http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/WUP2005/2005urban_agglo.htm

XVII International Statistics

2004 Energy Balances and Electricity Profiles / Bilans énergétiques et profils du secteur de l'électricité.

United Nations / Nations Unies. 2007. xxxiii, 458 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.W/13)

Sales No. E/F.06.XVII.12. ISBN 978-92-1-061224-1.

Monthly bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin Mensuel de Statistique: Issue No. 1027, Vol. LXI, No. 1, January / Edition n° 1027, Vol. LXI, n° 1, janvier. United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2007. xii, 271 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/409)

Online version: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mbs>

Monthly bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin Mensuel de Statistique: Issue No. 1028, Vol. LXI, No. 8, February / Edition n° 1028, Vol. LXI, n° 2, février. United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2007. xii, 281 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/410)

Online version: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mbs>

Statistical Yearbook: Fiftieth issue; Data available as of March 2006 / Annuaire statistique: Cinquantième édition; Données disponibles en mars 2006.

United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2004. ix, 817 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.S/26)

Sales No. E/F.06.XVII.1. ISBN 92-1-061220-5.

The World's Women 2005: Progress in Statistics.

United Nations. New York. 2006. Wall chart. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.K/18)

Sales No. E.06.XVII.6. ISBN 978-92-1-161491-6.

Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS)

NGLS Go Between no. 112, December – February 2007. 28p.

Online version: http://www.un-ngls.org/site/article.php?id_article=7

The Unfinished Story of Women at the United Nations / by Hilikka Pietilä (NGLS Development Dossier)

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. vii, 162 p. (UNCTAD/NGLS/2007/1)

Online version: <http://www.un-ngls.org/pdf/UnfinishedStory.pdf>

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