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## UNRIC Library Newsletter – January 2009

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## New websites within the UN system

### UN in General

#### **Budget des Nations Unies**

<http://www.un.org/french/aboutun/budget/>

Le budget de l'ONU est préparé selon un processus rigoureux et soumis à l'approbation de l'Assemblée générale. Les contributions versées par les États Membres constituent la principale source de financement.

#### **Everything You Always Wanted to Know about the United Nations: For Students at Intermediate and Secondary Levels** (DPI/1888/Rev.3, August 2008)

[http://www.un.org/geninfo/faq/Everything\\_You\\_Always\\_Wanted\\_to\\_Know\\_About\\_the\\_UN.pdf](http://www.un.org/geninfo/faq/Everything_You_Always_Wanted_to_Know_About_the_UN.pdf)

#### **Independent Audit Advisory Committee**

<http://www.un.org/iaac/index.shtml>

The Independent Audit Advisory Committee of the United Nations is established as a subsidiary body of the General Assembly to serve in an expert advisory capacity and to assist the General Assembly in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities.

#### **Sección de gestión de archivos y expedientes de las Naciones Unidas (ARMS): Proteger el presente para preservar el futuro**

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

#### **60 contribuciones de las Naciones Unidas para un mundo mejor**

<http://www.un.org/spanish/un60/60ways/index.shtml>

## Peace & Security

### Comité contra el Terrorismo

<http://www.un.org/spanish/sc/ctc/index.html>

### Final report of the Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2008/773)

*English, French and Spanish:*

<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2008/773>

The document reports on 12 weeks of field work in the region, in particular in the North and South Kivu provinces. The report makes recommendations and has annexed many examples of evidence.

### Les Nations Unies et la lutte antimines

<http://www.un.org/french/peace/mine/>

En 2007, les mines ont fait plus de 5000 victimes, dont les trois quarts sont des civils. La lutte antimines ne consiste pas uniquement à éliminer les mines terrestres sur le terrain. Elle comprend également des mesures qui vont de la prévention contre le danger dans un environnement miné à la promotion d'un monde sans mines.

### Security Council Mission to Afghanistan (S/2008/782)

*English, French and Spanish:*

<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2008/782>

The report of the Security Council Mission to Afghanistan, 21-28 November 2008 has been issued. This was the Security Council's third visit to Afghanistan since 2002, having visited in November 2003 and November 2006.

### Somalia Proposals

*English, French and Spanish:*

<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2008/804>

In a letter dated 19 December 2008 (S/2008/804), the Secretary-General noted that in his assessment sufficient troop pledges to allow deployment of a multinational force to Somalia is unlikely to materialize as envisioned by the Security Council's presidential statement of 4 September 2008 (S/PRST/2008/33):

<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/PRST/2008/33>). As an alternative, the Secretary-General listed 3 options as alternative proposals to the setting up the multinational force. These are:

- Reinforcing the African Union Mission for Somalia (AMISOM)
- Building Somali capacity to restore the security sector and the rule of law
- Maritime task force

### United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Background Note: 31 September 2008 (DPI/1634/Rev.88)

*English:* <http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/dpko/bnote.htm>

*French:* <http://www.un.org/french/peace/peace/bnote.htm>

## Economic & Social Development

### **New light on a hidden treasure: International Year of the Potato 2008** (FAO)

English: <http://www.potato2008.org/pdf/IYPbook-en.pdf>

French: <http://www.potato2008.org/pdf/IYPbook-fr.pdf>

Spanish: <http://www.potato2008.org/pdf/IYPbook-es.pdf>

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has issued the report of the International Year of the Potato that records the activities of the Year and underscores the message that the potato is a vital part of the global food system.

### **New Migration Website**

<http://www.un.org/esa/population/migration/index.html>

The new website lists all reports and notes of the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly on international migration and development and includes all General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions on this topic. The webpage also displays reports on protection of migrants, trafficking and remittances. Altogether, the new page contains 90 documents in all six official languages since the 48<sup>th</sup> session of the GA (1993-1994).

### **The State of the World's Children 2009: Maternal and Newborn Health** (UNICEF Report)

English: <http://www.unicef.org/sowc09/report/report.php>

French: <http://www.unicef.org/french/sowc09/report/report.php>

Spanish: <http://www.unicef.org/spanish/sowc09/report/report.php>

Fifteen hundred women die every day while giving birth. That's a half a million mothers every year. The report outlines the latest paradigms in health programming and policies for mothers and newborns, and explores policies, programmes and partnerships aimed at improving maternal and neonatal health.

### **World Economic Situation and Prospects 2009**

<http://www.un.org/esa/policy/wesp/wesp2009files/wesp2009.pdf>

The WESP, a joint publication of UN-DESA, UNCTAD and the five United Nations regional commissions, provides the UN's perspective of the global economy.

## Human Rights

### **FAQs - Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (OHCHR Fact Sheet 33)**

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/FactSheet33en.pdf>

UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) issued Frequently Asked Questions on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Fact Sheet No.33 as part of "The Human Rights Fact Sheet" series. It gives answers to twenty questions, such as:

- What are the economic, social and cultural rights?
- What are the obligations of States?
- Who has a role to play in promoting and protecting the rights nationally?
- How can we monitor the progressive realization of economic, social and cultural rights?
- What monitoring mechanisms exist internationally?

## Humanitarian Affairs

### Gaza Crisis

<http://www.ochaopt.org/gazacrisis/>

This section includes reports, press releases and other resources published by the humanitarian organizations in the occupied Palestinian (oPt) including the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), UN Agencies and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

## New information material

Single copies of the following titles can be ordered via e-mail: [info@unric.org](mailto:info@unric.org)

Boletín sobre las actividades del sistema de las Naciones Unidas y las organizaciones intergubernamentales relacionadas con la cuestión de Palestina, Mayo de 2008, Volumen XXXI, Boletín No. 5.

Naciones Unidas. División de los Derechos de los Palestinos. 29 p.

Online version: <http://domino.un.org/pdfs/08-59069s.pdf>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, June 2008, Volume XXXI, Bulletin No. 6.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 16 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/1ce874ab1832a53e852570bb006dfaf6/010129e96196c5b58525749e004f15e2!OpenDocument>

Bulletin on action by the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations relevant to the question of Palestine, May 2008, Volume XXXI, Bulletin No. 5.

United Nations. Division for Palestinian Rights. 23 p.

Online version: <http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/1ce874ab1832a53e852570bb006dfaf6/523b60dc26664fe885257490004d66ea!OpenDocument>

Bulletin sur les activités menées par le système des Nations Unies et les organisations intergouvernementales concernant la question de Palestine, mai 2008, Volume XXXI, Bulletin N° 5.

Nations Unies. Division des droits des Palestiniens. 25 p.

Online version: <http://domino.un.org/pdfs/08-59069f.pdf>

Calendar of Conferences and Meetings as of 1 December 2008.

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

United Nations Publications: Autumn 2008 Catalogue. 88 p.

Online version: [https://unp.un.org/Retrieve.ashx?file=cat08\\_autumn.pdf](https://unp.un.org/Retrieve.ashx?file=cat08_autumn.pdf)

UNRIC Library Backgrounders on the following subjects have been issued:

**Gaza, Somalia**

Copies can be requested by e-mail ([info@unric.org](mailto:info@unric.org))  
or downloaded from the library website at

[http://www.unric.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=15&Itemid=30&limit=1&limitstart=3](http://www.unric.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=15&Itemid=30&limit=1&limitstart=3)

**NEW TITLES  
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**0 Geneva Publications**

Implementing the United Nations Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons: Analysis of the National Reports Submitted by States from 2002 to 2008 / Silvia Cattaneo and Sarah Parker.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2008. xxiv, 165 p. (UNIDIR/2008/15)

Sales No. GV.E.08.0.4. ISBN 978-92-9045-191-4.

Online version: [http://www.unidir.ch/bdd/fiche-ouvrage.php?ref\\_ouvrage=92-9045-008-H-en](http://www.unidir.ch/bdd/fiche-ouvrage.php?ref_ouvrage=92-9045-008-H-en)

Security in Space: The Next Generation; Conference Report 31 March – 1 April 2008.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2008. xxxv, 195 p. (UNIDIR/2008/14)

Sales No. GV.E.08.0.3. ISBN 978-92-9045-192-1.

Online version: [http://www.unidir.ch/bdd/fiche-ouvrage.php?ref\\_ouvrage=978-92-9045-192-1-en](http://www.unidir.ch/bdd/fiche-ouvrage.php?ref_ouvrage=978-92-9045-192-1-en)

The Value of Diversity in Multilateral Disarmament Work / John Borrie & Ashley Thornton.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2008. xii, 85 p. (UNIDIR/2008/16)

Sales No. GV.E.08.0.5. ISBN 978-92-9045-193-8.

Online version: [http://www.unidir.ch/bdd/fiche-ouvrage.php?ref\\_ouvrage=978-92-9045-193-8-en](http://www.unidir.ch/bdd/fiche-ouvrage.php?ref_ouvrage=978-92-9045-193-8-en)

**I General Information and Reference**

Resolutionen und Beschlüsse der zweiundsechzigsten Tagung der Generalversammlung – Band II- Beschlüsse: 18. September – 22. Dezember 2007.

Generalversammlung. Offizielles Protokoll. Zweiundsechzigste Tagung. Beilage 49 (A/62/49/Vol.II).

Vereinte Nationen. New York. 2008. 36 S.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/Depts/german/gv-61/band3/ga61vol3-nr.html>

The United Nations and Nepal's Peace Process.

United Nations Mission in Nepal. October 2008. 115 p.

ISBN 978-9937-2-0696-9.

## **II.A Business, Economics, Science and Technology**

Handbook on the Least Developed Country Category: Inclusion, Graduation and Special Support Measures.

United Nations. New York. November 2008. xi, 85 p.

Sales No. E.07.II.A.9. ISBN 978-92-1-104574-1.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/esa/policy/devplan/cdppublications/2008cdphandbook.pdf>

## **II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)**

Investing in Energy Security Risk Mitigation. (The ECE Energy Series, No. 34)

United Nations. New York and Geneva. vii, 61 p. (ECE/ENERGY/74)

Sales No. E.08.II.E.16. ISBN 978-92-1-116993-5.

Porcine meat – carcasses and cuts: 2006 Edition. (UNECE Standard)

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2008. vi, 36 p. (ECE/TRADE/369)

Sales No. E.07.II.E.1. ISBN 978-92-1-116953-9.

Online version: [http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/meat/e/Porcine\\_2006\\_e\\_Publication.pdf](http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/meat/e/Porcine_2006_e_Publication.pdf)

Viande porcine – carcasses et découpes: Édition 2006. (Norme CEE-ONU)

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2008. vi, 52 p. (ECE/TRADE/369)

Sales No. F.07.II.E.1. ISBN 978-92-1-216489-2.

Online version: [http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/meat/f/Porcine\\_2006\\_f\\_Publication.pdf](http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/meat/f/Porcine_2006_f_Publication.pdf)

## **II.H Public Administration**

Governance in the Middle East, North Africa and Western Balkans: Challenges and Priorities in Reforming Public Administration in the Mediterranean Region.

United Nations. New York. 2008. xxxv, 386 p. (ST/ESA/PAD/SER.E/85)

Sales No. E.07.II.H.9. ISBN 978-92-1-123169-4.

Online version: <http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/UN/UNPAN030371.pdf>

## **III.D United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**

Our Planet: Living Legacy – The future of forests. September 2008.

United Nations Environment Programme. 31 p.

Online version: <http://www.unep.org/pdf/ourplanet/OP-2008-09-en-FULLVERSION.pdf>

Notre Planète: Un patrimoine vivant - L'avenir des forêts. Septembre 2008.

Programme des Nations Unies pour l'environnement. 31 p.

Online version: <http://www.unep.org/pdf/ourplanet/OP-2008-09-fr-FULLVERSION.pdf>

Nuestro Planeta: Legado vivo – El futuro de los bosques. Septiembre de 2008.

Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Medio Ambiente. 31 p.

Online version: <http://www.unep.org/PDF/OurPlanet/2008/sept/SP/OP-2008-09-sp-FULLVERSION.pdf>

## **III.T International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)**

International Trade Forum, Issue 1 & 2, 2008. 46 p.

“Environment & Ethics, Consumer Choice & Trade Opportunities”

Online version: <http://www.tradeforum.org/news/categoryfront.php/id/1000>

#### **IV Social Questions**

Dialogue participatif: vers une société stable, sûre et juste pour tous.  
Nations Unies. New York. 2007. (ST/ESA/310)  
Sales No. F.07.IV.3. ISBN 978-92-1-230261-4.

Grandir ensemble: les jeunes et l'action des Nations Unies.  
Programme des Nations Unies sur la jeunesse. 2008. 101 p.  
Online version: [http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/documents/growing\\_together\\_fr.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/documents/growing_together_fr.pdf)

Progress of the World's Women 2008/2008: Who Answers to Women? Gender & Accountability.  
United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). 2008. vii, 152 p.  
ISBN 1-932827-70-6.  
Online version: <http://www.unifem.org/progress/2008>

#### **V International Law**

Bulletin du droit de la mer. No. 63.  
Nations Unies. New York. 2008. iv, 95 p.  
ISBN 978-92-1-233436-3.

Bulletin du droit de la mer. No. 62.  
Nations Unies. New York. 2008. iii, 161 p.  
ISBN 978-92-1-233433-2.

Law of the Sea Bulletin No. 66.  
United Nations. New York. 2008. iv, 109 p.  
ISBN 978-92-1-133784-6.

Recueil de jurisprudence internationale concernant le droit de la mer.  
Nations Unies. New York. 2008. iv, 257 p.  
Sales No. F.07.V.5. ISBN 978-92-1-233432-5

#### **VIII Transport and Communications**

ADR applicable as from 1 January 2009: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road; Volume I.  
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2008. xxii, 600 p. (ECE/TRANS/202 (Vol.I))  
Sales No. E.08.VIII.1. ISBN 978-92-1-139131-2.

ADR applicable as from 1 January 2009: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road; Volume II.  
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2008. xi, 646 p. (ECE/TRANS/202 (Vol.II))  
Sales No. E.08.VIII.1. ISBN 978-92-1-139131-2.

ADR en vigueur le 1er janvier 2009: Accord européen relatif au transport international des marchandises dangereuses par route; Volume II.  
Nations Unies. New York et Genève, 2008. xiii, 676 p. (ECE/TRANS/202 (Vol.II))  
Sales No. F.08.VIII.1. ISBN 978-92-1-239119-9.

## **IX Disarmament and Atomic Energy**

Disarmament forum, three, 2008: Uranium Weapons / Forum du désarmement, trois, 2008: Les armes à l'Uranium (UNIDIR - United Nations Institut for Disarmament Research / Institut des Nations Unies pour la Recherche sur le Désarmement)

English online version: [http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique.php?ref\\_periodique=1020-7287-2008-3-en](http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique.php?ref_periodique=1020-7287-2008-3-en)

French online version: [http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique-fr.php?ref\\_periodique=1020-7287-2008-3-fr](http://www.unidir.org/bdd/fiche-periodique-fr.php?ref_periodique=1020-7287-2008-3-fr)

## **XIII Demography**

2005 Demographic Yearbook / Annuaire démographique: Fifty-seventh issue/Cinquante-septième édition.

United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2008. viii, 756 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.R/36)

Sales No. E/F/08.XIII.1. ISBN 978-92-1-051099-8.

Online version: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/products/dyb/dyb2005.htm>

## **XIV Human Rights (including Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - OHCHR)**

Pratiques de bonne gouvernance pour la protection des droits de l'homme.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2007. iv, 88 p. (HR/PUB/07/4)

Sales No. F.07.XIV.10. ISBN 978-92-1-254161-7.

Online version : [http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/GoodGovernance\\_fr.pdf](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/GoodGovernance_fr.pdf)

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment: Selected Decisions of the Committee against Torture; Volume I: Eleventh to thirty-eighth session (November 1993 – May 2007).

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2008. iii, 244 p. (HR/CAT/PUB/1)

Sales No. E.08.XIV.8. ISBN 978-92-1-154185-4.

Online version: <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/SDecisionsCATVolIen.pdf>

## **XVII International Statistics**

2005 International Trade Statistics Yearbook: Volume I; Trade by Country / Annuaire statistique du commerce international: volume I; Commerce par pays.

United Nations / Nations Unies. New York. 2008. xlvii, 1195, A.75 p.

(ST/ESA/STAT/SER.G/54)

Sales No. E/F.07.XVII.7 (Vol. I). ISBN 978-92-1-061227-2.

Designing Household Survey Samples: Practical Guidelines. (Studies in Methods, Series F, No. 98)

United Nations. New York. xi, 227 p. 2008. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.F/98)

Sales No. E.06.XVII.13. ISBN 978-92-1-161495-4.

Monthly bulletin of Statistics / Bulletin mensuel de statistique: Issue No. 1049, Vol. LXII, No. 11, November / Edition n° 1049, Vol. LXII, n° 11, novembre.

United Nations/Nations Unies. New York. 2008. xii, 369 p. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.Q/431)

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



### **Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS)**

International Development Cooperation Today: Emerging Trends and Debates.  
United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2008. vi, 33 p. (UNCTAD/NGLS/2008/3)  
Online version: [http://www.un-nxls.org/site/IMG/pdf/IDC\\_final.pdf](http://www.un-nxls.org/site/IMG/pdf/IDC_final.pdf)

NGLS Roundup 134, July 2008. 4 p. June 2008.  
High-Level Meeting on AIDS: Moving into a Forward-Looking Phase?  
Online version: <http://www.un-nxls.org/site/IMG/pdf/RU134.pdf>

NGLS Roundup 136, October 2008. 6 p.  
The Helsinki Process on Globalisation and Democracy: Building into the Future  
Online version: <http://www.un-nxls.org/site/IMG/pdf/RU136.pdf>

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[http://www.unric.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=category&sectionid=4&id=33&Itemid=155](http://www.unric.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=category&sectionid=4&id=33&Itemid=155).