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NEW WEBSITES WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM

UN in General

Chicago Council on Global Affairs: Poll Finds World Publics Favor New Powers for the UN

(Please note: This is not a UN website)

http://www.thechicagocouncil.org/hottopics_details.php?hottopics_id=69

Publics around the world favor dramatic steps to strengthen the United Nations, including giving it the power to have its own standing peacekeeping force, to regulate the international arms trade and to investigate human rights abuses. Large majorities believe the United Nations Security Council should have the right to authorize military force to prevent nuclear proliferation, genocide and terrorism. However support is not as robust among the publics polled for accepting UN decisions that go against their countries' preferences.

Fact Sheet on the International Compact with Iraq (Note 6078, 27 April 2007)

<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2007/note6078.doc.htm>

Resolutions & Decisions of the General Assembly

English, French, Spanish: [http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/61/49\(VOL.I\)](http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/61/49(VOL.I))

The first volume (containing 550 pages) of the Resolutions and Decisions of the General Assembly for the 61st session has been issued. This volume includes resolutions adopted during the main part of the session, 12 September - 22 December 2006.

Peace & Security

Counter-Terrorism Technical Assistance Database

<http://www.un.org/sc/ctc/htdocs/>

The Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) has launched an online database containing information about technical assistance both requested by and provided to States. The technical assistance matrix provides potential donors with a snapshot of where assistance is still needed by States in implementing Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and the relevant provisions of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

Disarmament Insight

<http://www.disarmamentinsight.blogspot.com>

The Geneva Forum and UNIDIR's 'Disarmament as Humanitarian Action' project have joined forces to create "Disarmament Insight", an initiative designed to help disarmament practitioners think in innovative ways about human security. Disarmament Insight resources are now available online through the link above. These include an interactive research blog, downloadable podcasts of Disarmament Insight symposia, and links to key resources.

Managing peace operations (A/61/858)

English, French and Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/61/858>

A new report of the Secretary-General, entitled Comprehensive report on strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to manage and sustain peace operations, has been issued (A/61/858). This document discusses the proposed changes to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support as well as the role of the Department of Management in supporting peacekeeping missions. Annexes include organizational charts for the

Departments of Peacekeeping Operations and Field Support. The proposals reflect the expanding role of UN peacekeeping in the maintenance of international peace and security.

OIOS report on sexual exploitation allegations (A/61/841)

English, French and Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/61/841>

The Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) has issued a report on its investigation into allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse in the Ituri region (Bunia) in the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/61/841). According to the report summary, "Despite what collectively was a clear pattern of exploitation, it became virtually impossible to substantiate specific instances of sexual exploitation and abuse by conclusive evidence." The report details action taken by MONUC and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and highlights the complex social and economic circumstances that contribute to the problem.

Register of Conventional Arms

<http://disarmament.un.org/cab/register.html>

The Conventional Arms Branch of the Office for Disarmament Affairs has posted some electronic booklets on United Nations Register of Conventional Arms Web site. Publications for download include:

- 2007 Information Booklet:
http://disarmament.un.org/cab/register_files/2007infobookenglish.mdi
- Guidelines for Reporting International Arms Transfers: Questions and Answers:
http://disarmament.un.org/cab/register_files/newQ&Aenglish.mdi
- UN Register of Conventional Arms: Pattern of Reporting by States, 1995–2005:
http://disarmament.un.org/cab/register_files/Registerdatobooklet%20.mdi
- UN Commodity Trade Statistics Database: Export and Import of Small Arms and Light Weapons:
http://disarmament.un.org/cab/register_files/UN%20Comtrade%20booklet%20complete.MDI

Security Council mission on the Kosovo issue (S/2007/256)

English, French, Spanish: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2007/256>

The report of the UN Security Council mission on the Kosovo issue is now available. The report (S/2007/256) includes information on the terms of reference, activities and summary of meetings of the mission that took place from 25-28 April 2007.

Economic & Social Development

Education under attack: A global study on targeted political and military violence against education staff, students, teachers, union and government officials, and institutions

(UNESCO report)

<http://www.unesco.org/education/attack/educationunderattack.pdf>

Political and military violence targeting educational systems is depriving a growing number of children of the right to education. Published on the occasion of Global Action Week (April 23-29) in favour of Education for All, the report is dedicated to Safia Ama Jan, who devoted her life to getting Afghan girls into school. She was shot and killed outside her home in Kandahar in September 2006.

Equality at work: Tackling the challenge (ILO report)

English, French, German and Spanish:

http://www.ilo.org/global/What_we_do/Publications/Officialdocuments/lang--en/docName--WCMS_082607/PDF

Provides a global picture of job-related discrimination, citing both progress and failures in the struggle to fight discrimination ranging from traditional forms such as sex, race or religion, to newer forms based on age, sexual orientation, HIV/AIDS status and disability.

Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP)

<http://www.globalbioenergy.org/>

The Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP) launched its new website on 9 May at the GBEP's 3rd Steering Committee meeting, taking place in New York during the 15th session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development. The site provides information on the Partnership, which was created in May 2006 to promote the use of bioenergy and whose secretariat is hosted at FAO. It also offers links to sources of information on bioenergy and features news and a regularly updated list of bioenergy events.

Sustainable Bioenergy: A Framework for Decision Makers

<http://ftp.fao.org/docrep/fao/010/a1094e/a1094e00.pdf>

UN Energy - a group of UN agencies, organizations and programmes that work in the area of energy, published a new report on Bio-energy. The report is a comprehensive analysis of social, economic and ecological sustainability of bio-energy industry and the risks involved with the industry's rapid development.

Human Rights

OHCHR - Pacific Regional Office launches website

<http://pacific.ohchr.org/index.htm>

Humanitarian Affairs

UNHCR: Note on the Integration of Refugees in the European Union

<http://www.unhcr.org/protect/PROTECTION/463b462c4.pdf>

UNHCR has published a Note containing a number of recommendations on how to help integrate refugees in the European Union

NEW INFORMATION MATERIAL

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

Africa Renewal: Volume 21, No. 1, April 2007. 24 p.

Africa's 'indigenous' peoples struggle for inclusion.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/ecosocdev/geninfo/afrec/vol21no1/index.html>

Aide que l'ONU peut apporter aux territoires non autonomes.

Nations Unies. Département de l'information. DPI/2448. Mars 2007. 15 p.

Online version: http://www.un.org/french/Depts/dpi/decolonization/UN_help.pdf

Conférences et célébrations organisées ou accueillies par l'Organisation des Nations Unies (Document de référence no. 46, février 2007)

Nations Unies. Département de l'information. 31 p.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/french/events/observances/index.htm>

Qué pueden hacer las Naciones Unidas para asistir a los territorios no autónomos.

Naciones Unidas. Departamento de Información Pública. DPI/2448. Marzo 2007. 15 p.

UN Chronicle. Volume XLIV, Number 1, March 2007. 47 p.

“The Capacity to Care”.

Online version: <http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2007/issue1/0107cont.htm>

What the UN can do to assist non-self governing territories.

United Nations. Department of Public Information. DPI/2448. March 2007. 15 p.

Online version: http://www.un.org/Depts/dpi/decolonization/assist_nsgv_brochure.pdf

NEW TITLES added to the library collection in May

I General Information and Reference

CD-ROM: United Nations Intellectual History Project – The Complete Oral History Transcripts from “UN Voices”.

Produced by the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies

Online demo version: <http://www.unhistory.org/cdrom.html>

II.A Business, Economics, Science and Technology

Industrial Development for the 21st Century: Sustainable Development Perspectives.

United Nations. New York. 2007. vii, 422 p.

Sales No. E.07.II.A.1. ISBN 978-92-1-104564-2.

Online version: http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/publications/industrial_development/full_report.pdf

II.D Trade, Finance and Commerce

UNCTAD Annual Report 2006.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. v, 43 p. (UNCTAD/DOM/2007/1)

Online version: http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/dom20071_en.pdf

II.E Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

UNECE Countries in Figures 2007.

United Nations. New York and Geneva. 2007. xiv, 137 p. (ECE/CES/STAT/2007/7)

Sales No. E.07.II.E.8. ISBN 978-92-1-116960-7.

Online version: <http://www.unece.org/stats/profiles2007/Welcome.html>

III.T International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)

Finance for Trade.

International Trade Centre. Geneva. 2006. xii, 129 p. (Trade finance series)

Sales No. E.06.III.T.4. ISBN 92-9137-329-X.

Guía para la Comunidad Empresarial: Medidas Comerciales Correctivas en el Canadá ; Legislación, prácticas y procedimientos antidumping, compensatorios y de salvaguardia ; Edición revisada.

Centro de Comercio Internacional. Ginebra. 2006. xi, 194 p.
Sales No. S.06.III.T.2. ISBN 92-9137-337-0.

International Trade Forum, Issue 1/2007. 39 p.

Changing "Brad Africa".

Online version: <http://www.tradeforum.org/news/categoryfront.php/id/877>

III.U Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Refugees, Number 146, Issue 2, 2007: Iraq Blended – Millions displaced by conflict, persecution and violence

Online version: <http://www.unhcr.org/publ/PUBL/4614f5802.pdf>

Réfugiés, Numéro 146, Volume 2, 2007: L'Iraq en sang : Des millions de personnes déplacées par le conflit, les persécutions et la violence.

Online version: <http://www.unhcr.fr/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/publ/opendoc.pdf?tbl=PUBL&id=461b85d02>

V International Law

Annuaire de la Commission du droit international. 2001. Volume 1, Comptes rendus analytiques des séances de la cinquante-troisième session, 23 avril - 1er juin et 2 juillet - 10 août 2001.

Nations Unies. New York et Genève. 2006. xxiv, 438 p. (A/CN.4/SER.A/2001)

Sales No. F.04.V.16. ISBN 978-92-1-233306-9.

Répertoire de la pratique suivie par les organes des Nations Unies: Supplément N° 7 ; Volume VI: Articles 92 à 105 et 108 de 111 de la Charte, 1^{er} janvier 1985 au 31 décembre 1988.

Nations Unies. New York. 2007. 222 p.

Sales No. F.03.V.11. ISBN 978-92-1-233387-8.

VII Security Council and Peacekeeping Operations

Focus Kosovo – Number 32, April 2007: Law & Order (Special Edition). 16 p.

Online version: http://www.unmikonline.org/pub/focuskos/apr07/FK_32_ENG_WEB.pdf

International Labour Office (ILO)

Equality at work: Tackling the challenges; Global Report under the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work 2007.

International Labour Office. Geneva. 2007. xv, 127 p.

ISBN 978-92-2-118130-9.

Online version:

http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/@dgreports/@dcomm/@webdev/documents/publication/wcms_082607.pdf

L'égalité au travail: relever les défis; Rapport global en vertu du suivi de la Déclaration de l'OIT relative aux principes et droits fondamentaux au travail 2007.

Bureau international du Travail. Genève. 2007. xvi, 135 p.

ISBN 978-92-2-218130-8.

Online version:

http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/@dgreports/@dcomm/@webdev/documents/publication/wcms_082608.pdf

La igualdad en el trabajo: afrontar los retos que se plantean; Informe global con arreglo al seguimiento de la Declaración de la OIT relativa a los principios y derechos fundamentales en el trabajo 2007.

Oficina Internacional del Trabajo. Ginebra. 2007. xvii, 144 p.

ISBN 978-92-2-318130-7.

Online version:

http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/@dgreports/@dcomm/@webdev/documents/publication/wcms_082609.pdf

World Health Organization (WHO)

Bulletin of the World Health Organization: Volume 85, Number 4, April 2007, p. 245-324.

Online version: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/85/4/en/>

Youth and Road Safety in Europe: Policy Briefing.

WHO European Centre for Environment and Health, Rome. WHO Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen. 2007. viii, 34 p.

ISBN 978-92-890-2199-9.

Online version: <http://www.euro.who.int/Document/E90142.pdf>

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http://www.unric.org/UNRIC_Brussels_Reference_Library/3/.



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