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## **IADL intervenes on behalf of jailed ICTR lawyer Peter Erlinder**

The IADL has intervened on behalf of US lawyer Professor Peter Erlinder to secure his release from a Rwandan jail. On May 28<sup>th</sup> Professor Erlinder was arrested by the Rwandan police on charges of “genocide denial” and continues to be detained. Professor Erlinder is an attorney for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and is currently the Counsel for Major Aloys Ntabakuze in the “Military I” case. He was arrested and charged based upon his work as an ICTR attorney and statements that are attributed to him from scholarly articles he has written. On June 7<sup>th</sup>, a Rwandan Court denied Professor Erlinder bail while he awaits his hearing, scheduled for early July.

The law of genocide ideology under which Professor Erlinder was arrested violates protected speech, guaranteed by the ICCPR and Geneva Conventions, both of which Rwanda has signed. It also violates the rights of children, including penalties for children under age 12.

### **Action in New York**

President Jeanne Mirer sent a letter to UN Secretary-General Ban-ki Moon requesting his assistance in securing Professor Erlinder’s immediate release. A copy of this letter is attached to the newsletter. In addition, Professor Lennox Hinds, IADL Permanent Representative to the UN in New York, with the assistance of Alternate Rep Beth Lyons and volunteer lawyer Claire Gilchrist, facilitated two meetings on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the UN for Masako Usui, Peter Erlinder’s wife.

One meeting was with Mr. Alejandro Alday Gonzalez, Legal Advisor to the President of the Security Council, and the other was with Mr. Nicholas Haysom, Director for Political Affairs, Executive Office of the Secretary General. Mr. Haysom was unavailable at the last minute. Mr. Kishor Mandhayan represented Mr. Haysom at the meeting. Others from the UN were Jessica Neuwirth, Director, New York Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights and Asrid

Melchnier Associate Political Affairs Officer, Executive Office of the Secretary-General.

The meetings were led by Permanent Rep Lennox Hinds, and a presentation was given by Masako Usui.

The UN approach, in both meetings was, to treat Peter Erlinder’s arrest and incarceration as a human rights issue, and to suggest presenting his case to the Special Rapporteurs on Conditions in Prisons, Freedom of Expression and Independence of Judges and Lawyers to request investigations.

IADL President Jeanne Mirer sent out requests to the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, and Special Rapporteurs on Independence of Judges and Lawyers and Freedom of Expression and Speech, requesting Urgent Action to release Peter.

In addition, the IADL is focusing on garnering support for Peter’s release from key Security Council member states before the June 18<sup>th</sup> SC meeting at UN Headquarters in New York, when the ICTR President and Prosecutor will report on the completion strategy for the ICTR. Mr. Alday suggested that the key members of the SC whom the IADL should contact are the UK, France, Japan, and Austria, which chairs the informal Working Group on International Tribunals. So far, the IADL has secured meetings between Peter’s wife Masako and the Austria, Japan, and the UK. Beth is preparing information packets with material from the family.

The Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) which deals with Tribunal issues, declined to meet with the Peter’s wife Masako, stating that they would not get involved at this time because there is already a pending motion for Peter’s release filed with the ICTR.

The US Mission to the UN also refused to meet with the IADL. They encouraged family to go through US State Department channels, and said they are in contact with State Dept on this matter.

### Action in Geneva

Following the June 4<sup>th</sup> UN meetings in New York, IADL Representative Edre Olalia met with human rights officers in the office of the Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers, and the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression on June 9<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were Yorio Shiokawa of Jalisa, and Verena Graf for the American Association for Justice (AAJ).

The meeting concerned the possible modes of taking action in Peter's case. According to the officers, Peter's case warrants an Urgent Action before the Special Procedures Division of the UNHCHR. The estimated period before an Urgent Action is issued is ten days. Two mandates can issue a Joint Urgent Action or even be joined by the Special Rapporteur on Arbitrary Detention mandate if there is enough basis.

The officers were interested in the nexus between the charges against Peter and his work as a lawyer and scholar, and whether the charge of "spreading rumors" is in violation of specific articles of the ICCPR.

The proceedings before the mandates are "confidential", so the IADL will not be notified of the results until the case is reported in the respective annual reports. The Urgent Action process is limited but it can complement other more significant and independent steps and actions the IADL has been doing in regard to this case.

### Other action

Peter Erlinder's brother Scott Erlinder has written to and spoken with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the IADL will follow up with the New York contact.

A number of other lawyers groups and bar associations around the world have called for Peter's release. A list is attached to the newsletter.

Permanent Representative Micòl Savia continues to stand-by in Geneva, as does Permanent Representative Lennox Hinds in New York.

### Other ICTR Defence Issues

The Second International Defense Conference: Lessons from the Defense at the Ad Hoc UN Tribunals, and Prospects for International Justice at the ICC, was held in Brussels, 21-23 May 2010. IADL, AAJ, NLG and others are sponsoring organizations.

The conference brochure is available in French and English on the websites: [www.ictlegacydefenseperspective.org](http://www.ictlegacydefenseperspective.org) and [www.tpirheritagedefense.org](http://www.tpirheritagedefense.org).

IADL member Beth Lyons is on the Ad Hoc Organizing Committee. IADL First Vice-President Roland Weyl presented his findings on ICTR and international justice, based on his Mission for IADL to the ICTR in February 2010. He presented his initial findings to a meeting for defense teams in Arusha in February 2010, which Beth attended.

## **ICC News**

### IADL Issues Resolution Opposing ICC Intervention in Kenya

After debate about the proposed Resolution to the November 2009 Bureau meeting, IADL Alternative Representative Beth Lyons re-drafted and re-submitted it to the Bureau. The Resolution was approved and sent to the press, including in Kenya in December 2009.

During January 2010, two Kenya papers – the *Standard* and the *Nairobi Star* - strongly mischaracterized the IADL position, and falsely claimed that we were linked to powerful individuals in the Kenyan Cabinet (the *Standard*) and that suspects of the post-election violence in Kenya were behind the efforts of IADL, and two American professors who filed an *amicus curiae* application at the ICC, to "stop Ocampo" (the *Nairobi Star*).

The Kenyan Section of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) issued a response to the IADL Resolution, which failed to address the points and remedies we had raised.

President Mirer issued responses, and Beth assisted in the drafting of same.

The Resolution and IADL responses are attached to this report.

Update on the situation: In response to the Prosecutor's Request, the ICC Pre-Trial Chamber requested clarification and additional information in reference to State and/or organizational policy under ICC Statute 7(2)(a) and admissibility in the context of the Kenyan situation, in February 2010.

In March 2010, the Trial Chamber, by a majority, granted the Prosecutor's request to intervene. Judge Hans-Peter Kaul, the dissenting judge, argued that the contextual elements of crimes against humanity – the decisive point in triggering ICC jurisdiction – are missing from the Kenyan situation. While he strongly condemned the crimes committed, he pointed out that the issue is whether they can be elevated to crimes against humanity (as opposed to common crimes).

### **Delegation to ICC Review Conference in Kampala, 31 May-11 June 2010**

At the November Bureau, member Beth Lyons was asked to implement the Resolution on the ICC Review Conference, in respect to an IADL delegation.

Due to her work commitments, Beth had been unable to carry out this assignment, and could make a commitment to attend the Review Conference at this time. In early March, she informed the IADL President and Secretary-General of this, and requested that another Bureau member be assigned to this task. She prepared the accreditation letter for the Review Conference.

Ms. Hitomi Takemura, Associate Professor at Kyushu International University was able to attend the Conference as an IADL delegate. Below is her summary.

### **Brief Summary of ICC Review Conference**

I was honoured to attend the Review Conference of the International Criminal Court a delegate of the IADL. Although I could be there only from the beginning of the conference till the morning of 3rd June, I could feel an air of excitement and some interesting remarks at the Review Conference.

During the General debate, a number of delegates across the universe mentioned the necessity of reaching a consensus on the issue of the crime of aggression and the possibility of subsequent adoption of the amendment on the crime of aggression. Most African States emphasized the importance of independent of the Court during the General debate. With regard to article 124, many States wished to delete since they think this article has finished its role. Japan and Egypt thought otherwise and expressed their wishes to retain this article. Austria and Belgium referred to their proposal on the amendment of article 8 paragraph 2(e) to include specific weapons for internal armed conflict.

The working group on crime of aggression and the working group on other amendments briefly introduced the draft amendments and the history of the discussion of proposed amendments in the afternoon of 1st June. The working group of aggression stressed that despite the differences over the conditions of exercise of jurisdiction, much progress has been achieved and even some amendment has been found, as reflected in the unbracketed parts of draft article 15*bis*.

Following General debates, there were stocktaking exercises for international criminal justice on the main three topics: (1) Impact of the Rome Statute system on victims and affected communities; (2) Peace and Justice; (3) Complementarity. At the session for the stocktaking of Impact of the Rome Statute system on victims and affected communities, three main topics were discussed: (i) Victim Participation & Victim and Witness Protection; (ii) Outreach; (iii) the Role of Trust Fund. At the Peace and Justice session, the point was hotly debated whether indicting and arresting war criminals might affect a peace process. It was pointed out by a mediator of peace negotiations that we are still away from the point that everyone understands that international criminal justice should be done and that people are not fully educated especially about the need for an international criminal justice system. During the discussion of stocktaking exercise of

complementarity, mainly positive complementarity and national ownership were discussed.

I deeply thank the IADL for providing me with this precious opportunity. My special thanks go to President of the IADL, Jeanne Mirer, the Secretary General, Professor Osamu Niikura and the New York alternate representative, Beth Lyons.

## **IADL's UN Activities in New York**

In this last period, IADL Permanent Representative to the UN, Professor Lennox S. Hinds, has arranged for two of his students at Rutgers University, Brandon Cohen and Jared Lerner, to undertake an IADL internship at the United Nations. In early February, Prof. Hinds convened a meeting between Alternate Rep Beth Lyons, Alternate Rep Juliette Chinaud, New York volunteer lawyer Claire Gilchrist, and IADL interns Brandon and Jared.

Alternate Rep Beth Lyons facilitated the accreditation of the IADL/NLG delegation to the Commission on the Status of Women in New York in February-March, and the accreditation of Claire Gilchrist and IADL interns for short-term passes. She has also identified the key activities to be covered at the U.N. from January to June by Claire and interns and communicated with them about same. She met with Claire about UN activities, and participated in the IADL meeting convened by Prof. Hinds in February. She also obtained information as to how IADL can change its status to the general roster of ECOSOC.

### **54<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, March 1-12, 2010**

In its 54<sup>th</sup> session, in which IADL was represented by Claire Gilchrist, the Commission on the Status of Women undertook a fifteen-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly. Emphasis was placed on the sharing of experiences and good practices, with a view to overcoming remaining obstacles and new

challenges, including those related to the Millennium Development Goals. National and regional review processes fed into the global review process.

### **Panel II, "Regional perspectives"**

Claire attended Panel II of the CSW sessions on March 4<sup>th</sup>, where representatives from each regional commission outlined achievements and challenges in fulfilling the Beijing Platform, then fielded questions from UN delegates and NGOs. The major challenges discussed by each region were women's access to stable work for equal pay, women's political participation, rates of maternal mortality, and violence towards and affecting women. Regions also saw a need for improvements in statistical analysis of issues, inter-collaboration of UN agencies, gender-responsive budgeting, and overall gender-equality architecture. Summaries of each region's reports are attached to the newsletter.

### **The Resumed Eighth Session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute (ASP), March 22 – 25, 2010**

The Resumed Eighth Session, attended by IADL intern Jared Lerner, dealt with several issues that were to be addressed at the upcoming first Review Conference of the Rome Statute and had no formal outcome. The session was the last opportunity for States Parties and NGO's to discuss any ideas or issues ahead of the upcoming Review Conference on 31 May 2010 – 11 June 2010 in Kampala, Uganda. The important matters discussed included: stocktaking of international criminal justice, and proposals for a provision on the crime of aggression. For a full report, please see the annex.

### **Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Ninth session, 19-30 April 2010**

The ninth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues took place in New York from 19-30 April 2010. IADL intern Jared Lerner attended the conference on 28 April. The session was held to review the results of the three regional summits and the world summit on indigenous peoples and climate change held in 2009. It also reviewed the progress made regarding the rights of indigenous

peoples since the adoption of the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2007. Discussions focused on identifying the major issues, challenges, and positive measures taken to help improve the situations of indigenous peoples.

The major issues discussed were land rights, health, education, violence against women, and the environment. In regards to land rights the solutions discussed were treaty rights and the right to self-government. The discussions concerning health, violence against women, and the environment focused more on reviewing the challenges than proposing solutions. Discussion of the environmental challenges focused on industrialization and exploitation of land and water in indigenous regions. An increased level of involvement between indigenous people and all levels of government in each region was seen as a possible solution for health issues, violence against women, and environmental issues.

On 21 April 2010, the Permanent Forum held discussions with representatives from the Government of Plurinational State of Bolivia, leaders of the Guarani People's Assembly (APG), and United Nations representatives in the region. It made several recommendations to the Plurinational State of Bolivia. The most urgent recommendation was to expedite the process of freeing individuals, families, and communities held in forced labor and servitude in the Chaco region. The Permanent Forum also recommended that the Plurinational State of Bolivia should enact more rigorous health policies regarding housing, health, and education.

#### Panel Discussion on Indigenous Peoples and Forests

IADL intern Jared Lerner attended the Panel Discussion on Indigenous Peoples and Forests on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Jan McAlpine was the director of the panel discussion and Tom Goldtooth, a Native American from the Great Lakes region, spoke about the impact of deforestation in the region on his people. Mr. Goldtooth explained that the forests have been the basis of traditional and cultural values of his people for centuries. He explained that

the process of "clear cutting" that the US Forestry Service has started will continue to devastate the lives of indigenous people in the region and create many hardships and challenges as well. The chairman of the panel also provided his own personal experience of growing up and living in an area where deforestation has completely devastated parts of the region. He explained that the situation was so extreme that he had only seen tree trunks and pieces of timber floating in rivers and creeks. It wasn't until he visited a nearby city at the age of 18 that he remembered seeing a tree for the very first time. The chairman acknowledged that his experience is an extreme case, but hoped that it would help illustrate the severe impact on the indigenous peoples and indigenous forests.

#### **Commission on Sustainable Development, Eighteenth Session. 3-14 May 2010**

The eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development took place 3-14 May 2010 in New York. IADL intern Jared Lerner attended the conference **on 3 May and ? May 2010**. The Review of the Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation were the primary focus of the session. Major topics reviewed were transportation, chemical management, waste management, and mining, which are part of the 10-year framework of programs on sustainable consumption and production patterns. The Secretary-General reported that although eco-efficiency has continued to improve throughout the past century, the consumption of resources has also continued to increase. The increase in consumption of resources has accelerated quite noticeably since 2000, which he stated is due to the increase in populations and emerging economies.

The goals of the review session were to evaluate the current progress of the efforts of each region, review the obstacles and challenges in each area, and then begin planning future strategies. Each region submitted a regional report on its efforts and progress in sustainable development in preparation for the eighteenth session. A summary of these reports is attached to the newsletter.

Luis Alberto Ferrate Felice of Guatemala was elected as the new Chairman of the Commission. Also elected were Vice-Chairpersons Hilario Davide, Jr. of the Philippines, Mohamed Alahra of the Libya, Tania Valeria Raguz of Croatia and Ulf Jaekel of Germany.

### **2010 NPT Review Conference, 3 -28 May 2010**

The 2010 Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) was held at UN Headquarters in New York from 3-28 May 2010. IADL intern Jared Lerner attended the conference and several side events on May 5th, 19th and 26th. A large number of heads of state, high ranking government officials, and UN delegates were present. The Review Conference came on the heels of the Nuclear Security Summit in April, in which representatives of over 40 states met in Washington D.C. in the largest gathering of world leaders in the US since 1945. The Conference focused on the progress of disarmament efforts and the compliance of both “nuclear states” and nations that are actively trying to acquire nuclear weapons technology. Key issues included the universality of the treaty, specific measures for disarmament, strengthening proliferation safeguards, advancing peaceful use of nuclear energy, and ways to increase awareness of the need for disarmament. States reaffirmed recommendations from Article VI of the NPT, the 1995 decision “Principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament,” and the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference.

#### Recommendations from the Conference

The Final Document of the 2010 Review Conference urgently recommends that all States non-party to the NPT enter into the treaty and adopt policies that fully comply with the NPT. It recommends that States commit to applying the three principles of irreversibility, verifiability, and transparency to help promote international stability. In regards to disarmament, the Conference recommends that all nuclear-weapon States implement steps to completely eliminate their arsenals and take steps to further diminish the importance and significance on nuclear energy and weapons. The Conference also recommends that

nuclear-weapon states take into account the interests of non-nuclear weapon states when they take any actions regarding nuclear weapons.

To enhance security assurances for the international community, the Conference recommends that nuclear-weapon-free zones be expanded and/or established wherever appropriate based upon agreements among States in the region. The Conference urgently recommends that all States party to the treaty immediately end all nuclear testing and development. The NPT review conference also provided the International Atomic Energy Agency more powers to facilitate their duties in regards to monitoring nuclear energy, and urged all of the 18 States that are Parties to the NPT to fully implement the safeguards and comply with the IAEA as soon as possible.

#### Movie: “Countdown to Zero”, 12 May 2010

The upcoming film “Countdown to Zero,” produced by the creators of the global warming film “An Inconvenient Truth,” premiered at a side event during the NPT Review Conference. It was attended by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, UN Messenger of Peace Michael Douglass, and the Chairman of the NPT Review Conference. The movie was designed to increase global awareness of the threats posed by nuclear weapons.

#### United States Summary Panel Discussion, 5 May 2010

The United States held a side event on May 5th, where a panel of US government agents provided an outline of US views concerning the NPT. The panel was directed by Ambassador Susan Burk, Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and included Dr. Michael Nacht of the Department of Defense (D.O.D), Under Secretary Thomas D’Agostino of the National Nuclear Security Administration (N.N.S.A), and Under Secretary Ellen Tauscher of the State Department. The discussion focused on US progress concerning disarmament, US views on NPT issues, the declassification and disclosure of information regarding the US nuclear weapons program, and US goals for the review conference and the future. For more on this panel event, please see attached summary.

“A world free of nuclear weapons would be a global public good of the highest order”

- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

## **IADL's UN Activities in Geneva**

### **13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council, March 1-26, 2010**

IADL Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva Micòl Savia has been participating in the 13th Session of the Human Rights Council this Spring, where the IADL presented a written statement, supported oral statements by other NGOs, and hosted an NGO side event.

#### IADL Presents Written Statement on Reprisals against Sahrawi in Western Sahara

The IADL presented a statement on the situation of Sahrawi human rights defenders, who are facing increased repression by the Moroccan government. Sahrawi people who advocate self-determination of Western Sahara have been targeted for arrest and imprisonment, and restrictions on travel. The full IADL statement is attached.

#### IADL Supports African NGO Statement on Right to Food Issues

The IADL supported an oral statement presented by the African Association of Education for Development (ASAFED), proposing an end to all large-scale acquisitions of land in developing countries by foreign investors, and calling for the elaboration of specific norms on the human rights obligations of transnational agribusinesses. The full statement is attached to the bulletin (in French). The statement was made in response to a speech by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food concerning two of his recent reports: *Large Scale Land Acquisitions and Leases*, Dec. 12, 2009, and *Agribusiness and Human Rights*, Dec. 22, 2009. These reports may be viewed at:  
<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/food/index.htm>.

#### IADL supports Cuban Women's Federation call to release Cuban Five

Another oral statement that the IADL supported during the session was one on arbitrary detentions, in particular concerning the Cuban Five. It was presented by the Federation of Cuban Women and read in the Council by Olga Salanueva, the wife of Cuban Five Rene Gonzalez.

## **IADL's UN Activities in Vienna**

Since the Bureau Meeting in London ( November 2009), Permanent Representative to the UN in Vienna Evelyn Dürmayer has participated regularly in two committees: the NGO Committee on the Status of Women and the NGO Alliance on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. The committees have focused respectively on the follow- up of Beijing + 15 (New York, February and March 2010) and the 12th Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice ( Salvador do Bahia, April 2010).

### **54th UN Commission on the Status of Women and the NGO Forum**

Alternate representative Lilian Hofmeister was a member of the Austrian governmental delegation to the CSW in New York. Lilian intervened on CEDAW and a recommendation to change Article 5a dealing with harmful practices against women. For copies of Lilian's reports on CEDAW, please email Claire Gilchrist at [claire.gilchrist@gmail.com](mailto:claire.gilchrist@gmail.com).

On behalf of the IADL, Evelyn signed a declaration by the NGO Committee on the Status of Women concerning Gender Sensitive Medicine and Empowerment of Women, sent to the 54th UN Commission. The declaration expressed the necessity to enforce gender sensitive medicine by all States, urged the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, especially number 5, and urged fighting against all measures of discrimination against women and girls. The NGO Committee on the Status of Women Vienna held a



conference on this matter on April 10th in Eisenstadt(Austria.)

The NGO Committee has discussed the possibility of active participation at the Global Village during the UN AIDS conference in July. The main themes are human rights, supplementary standard minimum rules, alternatives to prisons, MSM women, drug users, migrants, and sex workers.

### **Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice**

In January, Evelyn participated in a meeting with the Brazilian Ambassador to the UN where there

was an exchange of information concerning the preparation of and participation at the Twelfth UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice which took place in Salvador do Bahia (Brazil)from April 12-19<sup>th</sup>.

Osamu Niikura, Secretary General of the IADL was present at the Congress as a representative of the Federation of Japanese Bar Associations. The topics that were dealt with included recommendations for combating transnational organized crime and corruption and on protection against trafficking in cultural property.

**UPCOMING UN EVENTS & CONFERENCES  
JUNE - NOVEMBER 2010**

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
7 – 25 June	Committee on Contributions, seventieth session	New York
7 June – 2 July	Committee for Programme and Coordination, fiftieth session	New York
14 – 25 June	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	New York
21 - 25 June	Committee against Torture, Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, eleventh session	Geneva
21 - 25 June	Human Rights Council, Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances, ninety-first session	Geneva
21 - 25 June	Human Rights Council, Working Group on Situations, sixth session	Geneva
21 – 25 June	Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, eleventh meeting	New York
21 - 30 June	Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, thirty-seventh session	Geneva
21 June - 2 July	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, annual session	Geneva
21 June – 9 July	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, forty-third session	New York
28 June	Sixteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (one meeting)	New York
28 – 29 June	Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, thirty-fourth session	Vienna
28 June - 2 July	Meeting of Chairpersons of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies, twenty-second session	Geneva
28 June - 2 July	Human Rights Council, Meetings of Special Rapporteurs/Representatives/Independent Experts and Chairpersons of the working groups of the Human Rights Council, seventeenth session	Geneva
28 June – 23 July	Economic and Social Council, substantive session	New York
29 June - 1 July	General meeting of the organization and agencies of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and	Istanbul

	its subsidiary organs	
29 June - 2 July	Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Executive Council, sixty-first session	The Hague
30 June - 2 July	Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, nineteenth session	Geneva
1 – 2 July	United Nations African Meeting on the Question of Palestine	Rabat
5 – 9 July	Human Rights Committee, pre-sessional Working Group on Communications, ninety-ninth session	Geneva
5- 23 July	International Law Seminar, forty-sixth session	Geneva
5 July – 6 August	International Law Commission, sixty-second session, second part	Geneva
7 – 9 July	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol to the Convention, seventeenth session	New York
7 – 9 July	Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters, fifty-fourth session	Geneva
8 July	UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, fiftieth executive session	Geneva
12 – 16 July	Group of Governmental Experts on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security, fourth and final session	New York
12 -16 July	Human Rights Council, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, third session	Geneva
12 – 23 July	Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, first session	New York
12 – 30 July	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, forty-sixth session	New York
12 – 30 July	Human Rights Committee, ninety-ninth session	Geneva
13 – 15 July	General meeting on cooperation between the representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations system and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations	Geneva
15 – 23 July	Investments Committee (1 day) London	London
15 – 23 July	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, fifty-seventh session	London
15 – 23 July	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Standing Committee	London
19 - 21 July	United Nations Board of Auditors, sixty-fourth regular session	New York
21 - 23 July	Independent Audit Advisory Committee, eleventh session	New York

26 – 30 July	Human Rights Council, Working Group on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, tenth session	New York
26 July – 6 August	ICSC, seventy-first session	New York
2 - 6 August	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional working group for the forty-eighth session	New York
2 - 6 August	Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, fifth session	Geneva
2 - 27 August	Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, twenty-sixth session	New York
9 August - 24 September	Conference on Disarmament, third part	Geneva
16 – 20 August	United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, fifty-seventh session	Vienna
16 August - 3 September	Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group B and informal/expert meetings, thirty-fifth session	Vienna
23 - 27 August	Meeting of experts of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction	Geneva
30 August	Human Rights Council, Organizational Meeting	Geneva
30 August – 3 September	Committee on Conferences, substantive session	New York
30 August – 3 September	Group of experts of the States Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects	Geneva
30 August – 3 September	Human Rights Council, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, fifty-eighth session	Geneva
30 August – 3 September	Human Rights Council, Working Group on Communications, seventh session	Geneva
30 August – 3 September	UNDP and UNFPA, Executive Board, second regular session	New York
September	UNRWA, Advisory Commission (1 day)	Amman
1 – 3 September	Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Election	New York
2 September	Twenty-ninth Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	New York

6 – 8 September	UNCTAD, Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget (Technical Cooperation), fifty-sixth session	Geneva
7 – 8 September	UNIDO, Programme and Budget Committee, twenty-sixth session	Vienna
7 – 9 September	UNICEF, Executive Board, second regular session	New York
7 – 9 September	UNICEF, Executive Board, second regular session	New York
7 September – 17 December	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	New York
13 – 17 September	IAEA, Board of Governors Vienna 13 - 17 September	Vienna
13 – 17 September	United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, Board of Trustees, fifteenth session	Geneva
13 September – 1 October	Human Rights Council, fifteenth session	Geneva
13 September – 1 October	Committee on the Rights of the Child, fifty-fifth session	Geneva
14 September	UNEP, Committee of Permanent Representatives, one hundred and twelfth meeting	Nairobi
14 September - December	General Assembly, sixty-fifth session	New York
15 September	Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN-Habitat, thirty-eighth meeting	Nairobi
15 – 16 September	IFAD, Executive Board, one hundredth session	Rome
15 – 28 September	UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, fifty-seventh session	Geneva
20 – 22 September	High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly	New York
20 – 24 September	IAEA, General Conference, fifty-fourth session	Vienna
20 – 29 September	WIPO, Assemblies of Member States, forty-eighth series of meetings	Geneva
22 September	High-level meeting as a contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity	New York
24 – 25 September	High-level review to assess progress made in addressing the vulnerabilities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation	New York
27 September	IAEA, Board of Governors	Vienna

29 September – 1 October	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol to the Convention, eighteenth session	Geneva
October	United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, second regular session	New York
October/ November	United Nations Staff Pension Committee (1 meeting)	New York
4 – 6 October	Human Rights Council, intersessional forum on economic, social and cultural rights (Social Forum), third session	Geneva
4 – 6 October	Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group A and informal/expert meetings, thirty-eighth session	Vienna
4 – 8 October	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Arbitration, fifty-third session	Vienna
4 – 8 October	Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, fourth session	Geneva
4 – 8 October	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group, fifty-sixth session	Geneva
4 – 8 October	Human Rights Committee, pre-sessional Working Group on Communications, one hundredth session	Geneva
4 – 8 October	UNHCR, Executive Committee, sixty-first session	Geneva
4 – 22 October	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, forty-seventh session	Geneva
5 – 8 October	Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Executive Council, sixty-second session	The Hague
5 – 22 October	UNESCO, Executive Board, one hundred and eighty-fifth session	Paris
9 – 11 October	Annual meetings of the Boards of Governors of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund	Washington, DC
11 – 15 October	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Procurement, nineteenth session	Vienna
11 – 22 October	Human Rights Council, Intergovernmental Working Group on Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, eighth session	Geneva
11 – 29 October	Human Rights Committee, one hundredth session	Geneva
12 – 15 October	UNCTAD, Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, twenty-seventh session	Geneva
18 – 22 October	Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, sixth session	Geneva

18 – 22 October	United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, Board of Trustees, thirty-third session	Geneva
18 – 22 October	Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols, fifth session	Vienna
18 October – 5 November	ICAO, Committee, one hundred and ninety-first session	Montreal
25 – 29 October	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional working group	Geneva
25 October – 12 November	UPU, Council of Administration Berne 25 October - 12 November	Berne
27 October – 12 November	International Narcotics Control Board, ninety-ninth session	Vienna
28 October	States Parties to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, third meeting	Geneva
November	Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, forty-fourth session ( 2 days)	New York
November	UNWTO, Executive Council, eighty-ninth session	Place to be determined
1 – 5 November	IMO, Council, one hundred and fifth session	London
1 – 5 November	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Insolvency Law, thirty-ninth session	Vienna
1 – 12 November	Human Rights Council, working group on the Universal Periodic Review, ninth session	Geneva
1 – 19 November	Committee against Torture, forty-fifth session	Geneva
1 – 19 November	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, forty-fifth session	Geneva
3 – 12 November	Human Rights Council, Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances, ninety-second session	Geneva
4 – 19 November	ILO, Governing Body and its committees, three hundred and ninth session	Geneva
8 November	Investments Committee	New York
8 November	United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities	New York
8 – 11 November	Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, thirty-fifth session	Vienna

8 – 12 November	Group of governmental experts to review the operation and further development of the Standardized Instrument for Reporting Military Expenditures, first session	Geneva
8 – 12 November	UNCITRAL, Working Group on Security Interests, eighteenth session	Vienna
8 – 12 November	Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, Board of Trustees, thirty-third session	Geneva
8 – 12 November	WFP, Executive Board, second regular session	Rome
8 – 12 November	UNCTAD, Sixth United Nations Conference to Review all Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices	Geneva
9 – 11 November	Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 692 (1991), seventieth session	Geneva
9 – 12 November	First Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions	Vientiane
15 – 19 November	Committee against Torture, Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, twelfth session	Geneva
16 – 26 November	Human Rights Council, working group on arbitrary detention, fifty-ninth session	Geneva
18 November	Disarmament Commission, organizational session	New York
22 – 23 November	Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol V to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects	Geneva
22 – 26 November	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional working group, forty-sixth session	Geneva
22 – 26 November	UNCTAD, Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget, fifty-seventh session	Geneva
22 November – 3 December	Ad Hoc Committee of the Human Rights Council on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards in the Field of Racism	Geneva
22 November – 3 December	Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, thirteenth session	Geneva
24 November	Twelfth Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects	Geneva



24 – 26 November	UNIDO, Industrial Development Board, thirty-eighth session	Vienna
25 – 26 November	Annual meeting of States parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects	Geneva
29 November	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, Special Meeting in Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People	New York
29 – 30 November	UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, fifty-first executive session	Geneva
29 November – 1 December	IAEA, Board of Governors, Technical Assistance and Cooperation	Vienna
29 November – 2 December	Independent Audit Advisory Committee, twelfth session	New York
29 November – 2 December	UNU, Council, fifty-seventh session	Kuala Lumpur
29 November – 3 December	Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, fifteenth session	The Hague
29 November – 3 December	FAO, Council, one hundred and fortieth session	Rome
29 November – 3 December	Human Rights Council, Working Group on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, eleventh session	Geneva
29 November – 3 December	States parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, tenth session	Geneva
29 November – 7 December	Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency	Berne
29 November – 7 December	Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, thirty-eighth session	Geneva
29 November – 10 December	UNFCCC, Conference of the Parties to the Convention, sixteenth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies	Mexico City