FACT SHEET #3

List of multilateral treaties to be highlighted in the 2008 Treaty Event

(For an up-to-date status of the treaties listed below, please refer to the UN Treaty Collection website at: http://treaties.un.org. Only those treaties appearing with an asterisk (*) are still open for signature. All treaties are open for ratification, acceptance, approval and/or accession in accordance with their provisions.)

Human rights (in recognition of the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights)


2. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (New York, 7 March 1966)*


4. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (New York, 16 December 1966)*

5. Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (New York, 16 December 1966)*


7. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (New York, 18 December 1979)*


9. Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (New York, 10 December 1984)*

10. Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (New York, 18 December 2002)*


Protecting Planet Earth: the environment, sustainable development, water, sanitation and the polar regions


   ➢ Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (Geneva, 22 September 1995)


   ➢ Amendments to Articles 25 and 26 of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Geneva, 17 February 2004)


   ➢ Amendment to Annex B of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Nairobi, 17 November 2006)
29. Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Montreal, 29 January 2000)


   - Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (Kiev, 21 May 2003)

32. Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Stockholm, 22 May 2001)

Transit, customs and trade agreements of concern to landlocked and transit developing countries


34. Customs Convention on Containers (Geneva, 2 December 1972)


40. Convention on Road Traffic (Vienna, 8 November 1968)

41. Convention on Road Signs and Signals (Vienna, 8 November 1968)

42. Convention on Transit Trade of Land-locked States (New York, 8 July 1965)

Disarmament and penal matters

44. 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 (with Protocols I, II and III) (Geneva, 10 October 1980)

- Amendment 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, 21 December 2001)


45. Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their destruction (Oslo, 18 September 1997)

46. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (New York, 10 September 1996)*


Privileges and immunities and the safety of United Nations and associated personnel


