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**SPECIAL TREATY EVENT
FOR THE PROMOTION OF UNIVERSAL COUNTER-TERRORISM AND CRIMES
CONVENTIONS AND THE CONVENTION ON THE SAFETY OF UNITED NATIONS AND
ASSOCIATED PERSONNEL**

**VIENNA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, AUSTRIA
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The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) will jointly organize a special treaty event for the promotion of the universal counter-terrorism and crime conventions as well as the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel and its Optional Protocol. It will be held on 20 April 2009 at the Vienna International Centre, Austria, during the 18th session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice taking place from 16 to 25 April 2009.

The multilateral treaties being highlighted during the special treaty event are all deposited with the Secretary-General and a list is attached to this notification. The event is aimed to further the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

It is noted that all of the featured treaties are now closed for signature but are open for ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, each in accordance with its terms.

States already party to these treaties are urged to deposit relevant notifications relating to extradition, mutual legal assistance and prevention as required by certain of the treaties. These important notifications facilitate the relations of States Parties to the treaties and information exchange. Unlike instruments of ratification or accession, notifications relating to extradition, mutual legal assistance and prevention required by some of the treaties solely provide information under the treaties and therefore do not need to be signed by a Head of State, Head of Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs. It is possible for your delegation in Vienna to submit any missing notifications during the special treaty event.

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In connection with this event, UNODC, in consultation with OLA, has produced a document summarizing the objectives, key provisions, relevant final clauses and status of the highlighted treaties. This document will be made available to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Vienna.

Delegations intending to deposit instruments or notifications during the special treaty event relating to the highlighted multilateral treaties may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures in time.

Further information concerning the special treaty event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection web site (<http://treaties.un.org>) and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact Ms. Sherry Holbrook or Ms. Annebeth Rosenboom; Telephone: 1 212 963-5047; Facsimile: 1 212 963-3693; email: holbrook@un.org).

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LIST OF TREATIES FEATURED AT THE SPECIAL TREATY EVENT

- Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents (1973)
- International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages (1979)
- International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings (1997)
- International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (1999)
- United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (2000)
- Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (2000)
- Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (2000)
- Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (2001)
- United Nations Convention against Corruption (2003)
- International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (2005)
- Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel (1994)
- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel (2005)

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