Multilingualism in International Organizations: Challenges of Diversity

Round table organized by the International Organization of La Francophonie (IOF) and the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) on the International Day of La Francophonie.

Wednesday, 24 March 2010, 4.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Palais des Nations, Room XII

Tentative Programme:

Opening remarks by UNOG Director-General Mr. Sergei A. Ordzhonikidze.

Statement by H.E. Mr. Libère Bararunyeretse, Permanent Observer of the IOF to the United Nations in Geneva.

Presentations by representatives from international organizations:

- Mr. Najeeb Al-Shorbaji, Director of Knowledge Management and Sharing, World Health Organization;
- Mr. Ibrahim Salama, Chief of the Human Rights Treaties Division, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights;
- Mr. David Chambers, Head, Languages Service, Administration & Management Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization;
- Ms. Carine Richard-Van Maele, Chief, Communications and Public Affairs, World Meteorological Organization;
- Mr. Christopher MacFarquhar, Chief, Intergovernmental Support Service, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;
- Ms. Corinne Perthuis, Chief of Strategic Communication, International Labour Organization;
- Mr. Jean-Philippe Chauzy, Head of Media and Public Information, International Organization for Migration.

Open discussion with the public, moderated by Ms. Corinne Momal-Vanian, Director, United Nations Information Service.

Closing remarks by H.E. Mr. Mohamed Siad Doualeh, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Djibouti to the United Nations in Geneva and President of the Group of Francophone Ambassadors.

1 Interpretation available in all United Nations official languages.