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Information circular*

To: Members of the staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources

Subject: **Official holidays for 2022 at Headquarters**

1. The purpose of the present information circular is to provide general information on the official holidays for 2022 at Headquarters. Information on the official holidays for 2023 and subsequent years will be shared through other communication channels and not through an information circular.

2. In accordance with General Assembly resolution [52/214 A](#) and decision [52/468](#), and [ST/SGB/2019/6](#), the official holidays for 2022 at Headquarters have been designated as follows:

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| 3 January | New Year's Day** (observed) |
| 15 April | Good Friday |
| 2 May | Eid al-Fitr |
| 30 May | Memorial Day |
| 4 July | Independence Day |
| 8 July | Eid al-Adha*** (observed) |
| 5 September | Labour Day |
| 24 November | Thanksgiving Day |
| 26 December | Christmas Day**** (observed) |

3. The General Assembly, in its resolutions [69/250](#) and [74/252](#), recognized the significance of a number of other holidays. Accordingly, in the interest of respecting the diversity of the staff of the United Nations, staff members are given the option of observing any one of the following eight floating holidays:

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| 7 January | Orthodox Christmas |
| 21 February | Presidents' Day |
| 21 March | Nowruz |

* Expiration date of the present information circular: 31 December 2022.

** New Year's Day falls on Saturday, 1 January, but will be observed on Monday, 3 January.

*** Eid al-Adha falls on Saturday, 9 July, but will be observed on Friday, 8 July.

**** Christmas Day falls on Sunday, 25 December, but will be observed on Monday, 26 December.



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| 22 April | Orthodox Good Friday |
| 16 May | Day of Vesak |
| 5 October | Yom Kippur |
| 24 October | Diwali |
| 8 November | Gurpurab |

4. Staff members should inform their supervisors in advance as early in the year as possible of the floating holiday that they wish to observe. Managers are to respect the floating holiday chosen by the staff member. If, owing to exigencies of service, a staff member in the General Service and related categories is required to report for work on the date chosen as the floating holiday, the staff member will be recorded as having taken the floating holiday and compensated for overtime worked on an official holiday. Staff in the Professional and higher categories who are required to work on the date chosen as the floating holiday will not be recorded as having taken the floating holiday and may choose to observe one of the remaining floating holidays.
