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Information Circular No. 5

Subject: **Official Holidays for 2022 at the United Nations Office at Geneva**

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/214 A and decision 52/468, the official holidays for 2022 at the United Nations Office at Geneva have been designated as follows:

Monday	3 January	New Year's Day (Observed) ¹
Friday	15 April	Good Friday
Monday	18 April	Easter Monday
Monday	2 May	Eid al-Fitr
Monday	6 June	Whit Monday
Monday	11 July	Eid al-Adha (Observed) ²
Monday	1 August	Swiss National Day
Thursday	8 September	Jeûne genevois
Monday	26 December	Christmas Day (Observed) ³

2. The General Assembly, in its resolutions 69/250 and 72/19, 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 one floating holiday of their choice, which should be chosen from the list below:

Friday	7 January	Orthodox Christmas
Monday	21 March	Nowruz (Observed) ⁴
Friday	22 April	Orthodox Good Friday
Monday	16 May	Day of Vesak (Observed) ⁵
Monday	19 September	Jeûne fédéral (Observed) ⁶
Wednesday	5 October	Yom Kippur
Monday	24 October	Diwali
Tuesday	8 November	Gurpurab

¹ New Year's Day falls on Saturday, 1 January 2022, but will be observed on Monday, 3 January 2022.

² Eid al-Adha falls on Sunday, 10 July 2022, but will be observed on Monday, 11 July 2022.

³ Christmas Day falls on Sunday, 25 December 2022 but will be observed on Monday, 26 December 2022.

⁴ Nowruz falls on Sunday, 20 March 2022, but will be observed on Monday, 21 March 2022.

⁵ Day of Vesak falls on Sunday, 15 May 2022, but will be observed on Monday, 16 May 2022.

⁶ Jeûne fédéral falls on Sunday, 18 September 2022, but will be observed on Monday, 19 September 2022.

3. For planning and technical reasons, staff members should inform their supervisors before 31 January 2022 of the floating holiday 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 may choose to observe another day as a floating holiday.

The present circular expires on 31 December 2022.

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