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**Information Circular No. 9**

Subject: **Official Holidays for 2020 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 2020 at the United Nations Office at Geneva have been designated as follows:

Wednesday	1 January	New Year's Day
Friday	10 April	Good Friday
Monday	13 April	Easter Monday
Monday	25 May	Eid Al-Fitr (Observed)*
Monday	1 June	Whit Monday
Friday	31 July	Eid al-Adha
Monday	3 August	Swiss National Day (Observed)**
Thursday	10 September	Jeûne genevois
Friday	25 December	Christmas Day

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:

Tuesday	7 January	Orthodox Christmas
Thursday	19 March	Nowruz
Friday	17 April	Orthodox Good Friday
Thursday	7 May	Day of Vesak
Thursday	21 May	Ascension Day
Monday	21 September	Jeûne fédéral
Monday	28 September	Yom Kippur (Observed) ***
Friday	13 November	Diwali (Observed) ****
Monday	30 November	Gurpurab

\* Day of Eid Al-Fitr falls on Sunday, 24 May 2020, but will be observed on Monday, 25 May 2020

\*\* Swiss National Day falls on Saturday, 1 August 2020, but will be observed on Monday, 3 August 2020

\*\*\* The day of Yom Kippur falls on Sunday, 27 September 2020, but will be observed on Monday 28 September 2020

\*\*\*\* Day of Diwali falls on Saturday, 14 November 2020, but will be observed on Friday, 13 November 2020

3. For planning and technical reasons, staff members should inform their supervisors before 31 January 2020 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 2020.

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