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Information Circular No. 4

Subject: **Official Holidays for 2021 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 2021 at the United Nations Office at Geneva have been designated as follows:

Friday	1 January	New Year's Day
Friday	2 April	Good Friday
Monday	5 April	Easter Monday
Thursday	13 May	Eid Al-Fitr / Ascension Day
Monday	24 May	Whit Monday
Tuesday	20 July	Eid al-Adha
Monday	2 August	Swiss National Day (Observed) ¹
Thursday	9 September	Jeûne genevois
Friday	24 December	Christmas Day (Observed) ²

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:

Thursday	7 January	Orthodox Christmas
Monday	22 March	Nowruz (Observed) ³
Friday	30 April	Orthodox Good Friday
Monday	3 May	Orthodox Easter (Observed) ⁴
Wednesday	26 May	Day of Vesak
Thursday	16 September	Yom Kippur
Monday	20 September	Jeûne fédéral
Thursday	4 November	Diwali
Friday	19 November	Gurpurab

¹ Swiss National Day falls on Sunday, 1 August 2021, but will be observed on Monday, 2 August 2021.

² Christmas Day falls on Saturday, 25 December 2021 but will be observed on Friday, 24 December 2021.

³ Nowruz falls on Sunday, 21 March 2021, but will be observed on Monday, 22 March 2021.

⁴ Orthodox Easter falls on Sunday, 2 May, but will be observed on Monday, 3 May 2021.

3. For planning and technical reasons, staff members should inform their supervisors before 31 January 2021 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 2021.

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