GA Documents Research and the Dag Hammarskjöld Library

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Outline

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Availability of UN Documents

• **1993 onwards**
  – All UN Documents

• **1946 onwards**
  – Resolutions
  – Security Council plenary documents
  – Meeting records of the General Assembly plenary
  – Supplements to the General Assembly Official Records

• Older documents are being scanned and made available on an ad-hoc basis
Finding UN Documents by Symbol

• Add the symbol after http://undocs.org/.

• Use this link to send to other people or include in a report.
Because of the Right truncation, this picks up both A/C.3/65/L.15 and A/C.3/65/L.15/Rev.1
This will pick up all documents from the 65 session related to Agenda Item 15.
ODS Classic Interface: Search Results

Search for "FIELD ACDS = A7351". Displaying results 1 to 12 of a total of 12 results

Sort by relevance

A/73/519
PROGRAMME PLANNING: REPORT OF THE 1ST COMMITTEE: GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 73RD SESSION
Symbol: A/73/519 Distribution: GEN Subject(s): PROGRAMME PLANNING
Session / Year: 73 Area: UNDOC
Agenda item(s): 137
Publication Date: 19/11/2018

A/73/518
REVITALIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (ITEM 123): REPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE
Symbol: A/73/518 Distribution: GEN Area: UNDOC
Session / Year: Area: UNDOC
Agenda item(s):
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This opens the document in English in PDF.

All language versions available can be found by clicking on "Details" in pdf and Word, if applicable.
UN Digital Library

• One access point to find:
  – UN Documents
  – UN Publications
  – Voting Information
  – Speech records
  – Digitized maps
  – UN Oral History

• Only UN material

• https://digitallibrary.un.org
UN Digital Library

Simple search:

Use quotes to search for a phrase

"right to security"
UN Digital Library

Limit your results by ...

**type of material:**
- Documents and Notices: 2646
- Draft Resolutions: 1042
- Voting Data: 752
- Reports: 479
- Meeting Records: 470
- Speeches: 211
- Letters and Notes: 157

**organ:**
- General Assembly: 2158
- Human Rights Council: 1346
- Economic and Social Council: 752
- Security Council: 427
- Other UN Bodies: 50
- Secretariat: 48
- Research and Studies: 2

**year:**
- 2018: 35
- 2017: 72
- 2016: 67
- 2015: 87
- 2014: 93
- 2013: 96
- 2012: 118
**International financial system and development : report of the Secretary-General**

**Authors:** UN. Secretary-General  
**Imprint:** [New York] : UN, 15 July 2019  
**Description:** 18 p.

This is the information the Digital Library searches. Some fields are hyperlinked which allows you to browse for other similar documents, such as all documents by the UN Secretary General, all documents related to an Agenda Item, or by subject.
UN Digital Library: Advanced Search Examples

Explore documents, votes, speeches, public domain publications and more!

Narrow by collection:
- Resource Type (971,703)
  - Documents and Publications (639,226)
  - Maps (2,543)
  - Images and Sounds (188)
  - Voting Data (20,976)
  - Speeches (308,858)
- UN Bodies (899,819)
  - Economic and Social Council (202,655)
  - General Assembly (411,017)
  - International Court of Justice (547)
  - Secretariat (53,938)
  - Security Council (155,016)
  - Trusteeship Council (11,424)
  - Human Rights Bodies (82,833)
  - Economic Commissions (66,410)
  - Programmes and Funds (34,874)
  - Research and Training Institutions (4,122)
  - Other UN Bodies and Entities (22,350)

Search Tips: Advanced Search, Authority Search
UN Digital Library

Advanced search:

Search by title/subject/author:

- All of the words: human rights - title
- All of the words: armed conflicts - subject
- All of the words: France - author

Country/organization

Search for a phrase:

- Partial phrase: right to security - any field
Fulltext Searching

Full text searching:

• To do a full text search, you need to run an initial search and then turn the Fulltext Search On.

• For example, “Sustaining Peace” in meeting records.
Fulltext Searching

When the Fulltext Search results are "Off", you get 17 results.

When the Fulltext Search is on, you get 441 results.
Fulltext Searching

Using "quotation marks" makes a difference to your results. In this example, you are searching for the phrase "Sustaining Peace".

In this example, you are looking for the words Sustaining and Peace.

441 records found 1 - 50

1,907 records found 1 - 50
UN Digital Library: Voting Records

• Provides the recorded vote for all resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and Security Council

• Search by:
  – Resolution symbol
  – Keyword
UN Digital Library: Voting Records

To get to the Voting Records database, you can either do a search in the Digital Library and then narrow to voting records or you can go straight to the voting records database:
UN Digital Library: Speeches

• Provides access to meeting records of the Principal organs:
  – From 1983 onwards for the General Assembly
  – From 1972 onwards for ECOSOC
  – From 1964 onwards for the Security Council
  – From 1982 onwards for the Trusteeship Council

• Search by:
  – Country or organization
  – Speaker
  – Document symbol
  – Topic
UN Digital Library: Speeches

To get to the Speeches database, you can either do a search in the Digital Library and then narrow to speeches or you can go straight to the Speeches database:
Papersmart

http://papersmart.unmeetings.org/

• Provides a way to access UN documents
• Organized around meetings
• Also contains:
  – Statements uploaded by Member States
  – Voting sheets
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**Current meetings**

- **Intergovernmental Conference on an International legally binding Instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction | Third Session**
  - NEW YORK
  - AUG 19 2019 - AUG 30 2019
  - INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE

- **Economic and Social Council | 2020 Session**
  - NEW YORK
  - JUL 25 2019 - JUL 20 2020
  - SESSIONS

- **Seventy-Third Session of the United Nations General Assembly | Plenary Meetings**
  - NEW YORK
  - SEP 18 2018 - SEP 19 2019
  - 73RD SESSION

You can type the name of the conference or meeting here.

or you can select from one of the current meetings
Under Programme, you'll find the meeting with a link to the webcast and links to related documents.
Under Documents, you will find the Official Documents and the Voting Records on Resolutions.
Under Statements you can find any statements uploaded by a member state. They are usually only available in one language.
UN Documents: Library Training

• Register for live, online training sessions at un.libcal.com

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| **RESCHEDULED! Using the Yearbook of the United Nations online** |
| Intended for staff of UN permanent missions and UN staff, this session, conducted by members of the Yearbook of the United Nations team, will showcase the utility of the electronic version of the UNDr... |
| **Date:** 24/09/2020 |
| **Time:** 11:00am - 12:30pm |
| **Location:** Virtual |
| **Categories:** |
| Register - 40 seats left |

• Or watch our recorded sessions available at https://research.un.org/training
library.un.org

- Available in 6 official languages
- Access to services and resources offered by the Library
- Dedicated resource page for delegates
The Library provides research and information services to support the participation of Member States in the United Nations as its first priority. As such, delegates are encouraged to visit the Library.

To get started, the Library provides several resources, some of which are listed below.

**Library Resources**
- Professional reference services - contact us today
- Ask DAG - Database of answers to frequently asked questions.
- UN Member States on the Record - An index of important documents relating to each Member State.
- United Nations Digital Library - The Digital Library provides access to UN documents, voting data, speeches, maps, and open access publications.
- UNBISnet - The Library’s catalogue.
- Research Guides - A good place to start research on UN topics of special interest. (examples: International Law, Climate Change, UN Documentation)
- Index to Proceedings - Subject index to UN documents and speeches.
- Interlibrary loan (subject to availability)
- Subscription Electronic Resources
- Training Programme
- Reading room (located in L-105) - visit the Library to get professional research service, use one of our computers, or browse our newest magazines and journals.
### Research Guides

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[research.un.org](http://research.un.org)
UN Member States on the Record

Member States on the Record

UN Member States on the Record provides access to information about membership and statements of Member States at the UN.

Current Member States

Jamaica

Jamaica

United Nations Membership
A/RES/1750 (XVII), 18-09-1962
S/RES/174 (1962), 12-09-1962

Security Council Member

Economic and Social Council Member

Human Rights Council Member
Never elected to the Human Rights Council

Information about membership

On the Record
General Debate Statements
Search for speeches
Search for draft resolutions sponsored
Search for diplomatic relations between states

Automated searches for speeches, draft resolutions sponsored and diplomatic relations note verbales
Ask DAG

Ask DAG and find answers about the United Nations and the library resources.

- Type in your question
- You find the answer in the FAQ database
  OR
- You submit your question to the Library Helpdesk

Still haven't found what you're looking for? Submit Your Question

ask.un.org
New! Chat with us

• Chat with a librarian in real time through the pop up found in:
  – Ask DAG
  – Research Guides
  – Library Catalogue
  – UN Digital Library
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571 Answers

Type your question

Ask DAG!

Browse: All By Language ▼ By Subject ▼

New and Updated

General Assembly Security Council Human Rights Library

What have been the themes of the general debate of the United Nations General Assembly?

General Assembly General Debate

What is the theme for the general debate of the 75th session of the General Assembly?

General Assembly General Debate

Where can I find statements made by Belgium during the General Debate of the United Nations General Assembly?

General Assembly Member States

What are UN specialized agencies, and how many are there?

Definitions Specialized Agencies

Look for the speech bubble in the bottom corner of page

ASK DAG

Explore more than 800 FAQs in:

English French Spanish Chinese

Library Resources

Research Guides DAG Discovery Electronic Resources
New! Chat with us

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Research Guides  DAG Discovery  Electronic Resources
New! Chat with us

Give us your contact information in case we need to follow up

Indicate that you are from a Permanent Mission
DAG Discovery

From the Library website: library.un.org
DAG Discovery

search in

print collection

the majority of the electronic collection
Access to the Electronic Collection

• While the physical library remains closed, the electronic collection can be accessed:
  • Via IP, provided you are on the UN premises
  • By requesting access via the Library. We will send you a form to fill in and contact you with further instructions
Access to the Print Collection

• All books and periodicals can be borrowed for **28 days** at a time

• To borrow books, you need to have a **registered account**

• To find materials in our print collection, you need to search the **DAG Discovery**

**Although we are not able to access our physical collection at the moment, we can request chapters of books and articles from partner libraries.**
When we reopen, come visit us!
THANK YOU!

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Website: library.un.org

FAQs: ask.un.org

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