



4 October 2022

Information Circular No. 5

Subject: **Official Holidays for 2023 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 2023 at the United Nations Office at Geneva have been designated as follows:

Monday	2 January	New Year's Day (Observed) ¹
Friday	7 April	Good Friday
Monday	10 April	Easter Monday
Monday	24 April	Eid Al-Fitr (Observed) ²
Monday	29 May	Whit Monday
Thursday	29 June	Eid al-Adha
Tuesday	1 August	Swiss National Day
Thursday	7 September	Jeûne genevois
Monday	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:

Monday	9 January	Orthodox Christmas (Observed) ³
Tuesday	21 March	Nowruz
Friday	14 April	Orthodox Good Friday
Friday	5 May	Day of Vesak
Thursday	18 May	Ascension
Monday	25 September	Yom Kippur
Monday	13 November	Diwali (Observed) ⁴
Monday	27 November	Gurpurab

¹ New Year's Day falls on Sunday, 1 January 2023, but will be observed on Monday, 2 January 2023.

² Eid Al-Fitr falls on Saturday, 22 April 2023, but will be observed on Monday, 24 April 2023.

³ Orthodox Christmas falls on Saturday, 7 January 2023, but will be observed on Monday, 9 January 2023.

⁴ Diwali falls on Sunday, 12 November 2023, but will be observed on Monday, 13 November 2023.

3. For planning and technical reasons, staff members should inform their supervisors before 31 January 2023 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 2023.

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