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 federal (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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