

# Summary

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## UN / Message of the UN Secretary-General for 2011 Anti-Corruption Day

In his message on International Anti-Corruption Day the UN Secretary-General says that corruption affects all countries, undermining social progress and contributing to inequality and injustice. He encourages everybody to do his part by cracking down on corruption, shaming those who practice it and engendering a culture that values ethical behaviour.

## UNAIDS / Russia Hosts High Level International Forum on MDG 6

On 10-12 October, the Russian Government in cooperation with UNAIDS, the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria and the World Bank hosted an International Forum on MDG 6 that brought together scientists, government officials and civil society representatives. The aim of the forum was to discuss the measures needed to meet MDG 6 in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The participants adopted a new action plan with a focus on funding and development of regional partnerships.

## OHCHR / Fighting Violence Against Women in Russia: A Call for Journalists

The annual 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence campaign has been held by the United Nations from 25 November till 10 December for twenty years. It is aimed at raising awareness about the problem of violence against women and building the national capacity to fight it. On 25 November 2011, the House of Journalists in Moscow organized a round table dedicated to this problem in Russia in cooperation with OHCHR, UN-Women, the Russian Journalists' Union and the National Centre for Violence Prevention Anna.

## UNICEF / Children's Needs: More Funds and More Effective Spending

Within the framework of a unique joint survey prepared by UNICEF and the Audit Chamber of the RF entitled 'Analysis of Effectiveness of Children's Funds Spending: Federal and Regional Budgets'

budget spending for children's needs at various levels was analysed. The survey demonstrated that there are still a lot of problems preventing realization of every child's rights for development, with such major challenges as insufficient funding and ineffective spending.

## UNIC / Government Needs Partners to Combat Non-communicable Diseases

On 19-20 September, a High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases was held in New-York. The UN Information Centre in Moscow in cooperation with non-commercial partnership Right for Life organized a briefing dedicated to this event. Right for Life is the only NGO from Russia that took part in the New York event. Participants of the meeting agreed that non-infectious diseases – such as cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular and respiratory diseases – are a major threat to the humanity in the 21st century. Today they are responsible for over 60% of deaths in the world.

## UNHCR / Fridtjof Nansen: Love of Man is Practical Policy

On 10 December 2011, OHCHR marks the 150th anniversary of Fridtjof Nansen, a famous scientist and a prominent public figure. In 1921 Nansen was appointed the first High Commissioner for Refugees by the League of Nations. He introduced the so-called Nansen passport, the first legal instrument used for the international protection of refugees.

## GCNR / Russian Global Compact Network: on the Way to Rio+20

Rio+20, United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to be held in Brazil in June 2012, will focus on new areas and mechanisms of sustainable development for coming decades. The UN Global Compact will organize the Rio+20 Corporate Sustainability Forum: Innovation & Collaboration for the Future We Want. The Russian Global Compact Network alongside other local networks is invited to present its programme for the event.