



Division for Management
Human Resources Management Service

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Amendment to information circular UNOV/INF.268- UNODC/INF.269

To: Members of the staff
From: The Director-General/Executive Director, UNOV/UNODC
Subject: **Official holidays for 2024 and 2025 at the United Nations Office at Vienna and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna**

For the purpose of implementing General Assembly resolution [78/245](#), the text of paragraphs 3 and 4 of the information circular dated 3 April 2023 on the official holidays for 2024 and 2025 at the United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna (UNOV/INF.268-UNODC/INF.269) is replaced by the following:

3. In addition to the nine fixed holidays listed above for each year, and in the interest of respecting diversity, staff members at UNOV, UNODC and other Secretariat entities in Vienna are given the option of observing as a floating holiday one of the nine holidays listed, for 2024 and 2025, in paragraph 4 below.

4. The General Assembly, in its resolutions [69/250](#), [72/19](#) and [78/245](#), recognized the significance of a number of holidays not listed above, namely, Yom Kippur, the Day of Vesak, Diwali, GURPURAB, Orthodox Christmas, Orthodox Good Friday, Nowruz and Lunar New Year. Accordingly, entities and staff are encouraged to avoid holding conferences and meetings on those days and appropriate arrangements should be taken into account when drafting calendars of conferences and meetings.

2024

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| Monday, 8 January 2024 | Orthodox Christmas (observed) ¹ |
| Friday, 9 February 2024 | Lunar New Year (observed) ² |
| Wednesday, 20 March 2024 | Nowruz |
| Friday, 3 May 2024 | Orthodox Good Friday |
| Monday, 20 May 2024 | Whit Monday |
| Thursday, 23 May 2024 | Day of Vesak |
| Friday, 11 October 2024 | Yom Kippur |
| Thursday, 31 October 2024 | Diwali |
| Friday, 15 November 2024 | GURPURAB |

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¹ Orthodox Christmas fell on Sunday, 7 January 2024, but was observed at UNOV/UNODC on Monday, 8 January 2024.

² Lunar New Year fell on Saturday, 10 February 2024, but was observed at UNOV/UNODC on Friday, 9 February 2024.



2025

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| Tuesday, 7 January 2025 | Orthodox Christmas |
| Wednesday, 29 January 2025 | Lunar New Year |
| Thursday, 20 March 2025 | Nowruz |
| Friday, 18 April 2025 | Orthodox Good Friday |
| Monday, 12 May 2025 | Day of Vesak |
| Friday, 15 August 2025 | Assumption Day |
| Wednesday, 1 October 2025 | Yom Kippur |
| Tuesday, 21 October 2025 | Diwali |
| Wednesday, 5 November 2025 | Gurpurab |
