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**Information Circular No. 2****Subject: Official Holidays for 2025 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 2025 at the United Nations Office at Geneva have been designated as follows:

Wednesday	1 January	New Year's Day
Monday	31 March	Eid al-Fitr (observed) <sup>1</sup>
Friday	18 April	Good Friday/Orthodox Good Friday
Monday	21 April	Easter Monday
Friday	6 June	Eid al-Adha
Monday	9 June	Whit Monday
Friday	1 August	Swiss National Day
Thursday	11 September	Jeûne genevois
Thursday	25 December	Christmas Day

2. The General Assembly, in its resolutions 69/250, 72/19 and 78/245, 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:

Tuesday	7 January	Orthodox Christmas
Wednesday	29 January	Lunar New Year
Friday	21 March	Nowruz
Monday	12 May	Day of Vesak
Thursday	29 May	Ascension

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<sup>1</sup> Eid al-Fitr falls on Sunday, 30 March 2025, but will be observed on Monday, 31 March 2025

Thursday	2 October	Yom Kippur
Monday	20 October	Diwali
Wednesday	5 November	Gurpurab

3. For planning and technical reasons, staff members should inform their supervisors before 31 January 2025 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 2025.

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