

# Finding UN Documents and Publications on the Shelf

## Treaty Series

Bilateral or multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General. Includes Indexes. Compact shelves #109. Shelved by volume number.

## Official Records

Reports, resolutions, and discussion of major UN organs.

Compact shelves #109-#110.

Include:

- ESCOR-Economic and Social Council Official Records
- GAOR -General Assembly Official Records
- SCOR-Security Council Official Records
- TCOR-Trusteeship Council Official Records
- TDBOR-Trade and Development Board Official Records

<u>Examples of GAOR document numbers:</u>				
GAOR	GAOR	GAOR	GAOR	GAOR
29 <sup>th</sup> Sess.	36 <sup>th</sup> Sess.	38 <sup>th</sup> Sess.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Comm.	Sp. Pol. Comm.
Annexes	Plen. Mtgs.	Supp. 43	38 <sup>th</sup> Sess.	35 <sup>th</sup> Sess
	Vol. 1		Mtg. 41	Mtg. 45

- First line shows this is an official record of the General Assembly.
- Second line shows if this is a document of a subordinate body of the General Assembly (3<sup>rd</sup> Comm., Sp. Pol. Comm.).
- Second or third line shows the session of the General Assembly (29<sup>th</sup> Sess., 36<sup>th</sup> Sess., 38<sup>th</sup> Sess., 35<sup>th</sup> Sess.).
- Third or fourth line shows type, and sometimes the number, of the document (Annexes, Plen. Mtgs., Supp. 43, Mtg. 41, Mtg. 45).

<u>Examples of other official record numbers:</u>			
ESCOR	SCOR	TCOR	TDBOR
1979	41 <sup>st</sup> year	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sess.	36 <sup>th</sup> Sess.
Supp. 1	Mtg. 2782	Annexes	Supp. 4

- First line shows issuing body.
- Second line shows year or session.
- Third line shows type, and sometimes the number, of the document.

## UN Sales Numbers

Assigned to publications of general interest to public (for sale).

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### Examples of sales numbers:

91.0.45

79.I.11

86.II.E.6

55.II.H.3

- First part shows year.
- Second part (0, Roman numeral, or Roman numeral + letter) shows subject category.
- Last part shows number of publication for that category and year.

Shelving:

- First by subject category (middle part).
- Then by year (first part)
- Then by number.

## UN Document Series Symbols

Assigned to UN documents (primarily for use by UN officials/delegations in finding official documents).

Formats and locations:

- Paper: Compact Shelves #110-#112.
- Microprint: (1946-1970s) compact shelves #112.
- Mimeos/Masthead documents: File cabinets.

### Examples of series symbols:

A/52/1

E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.2/1987/WP.4/Add.1

UNEP/GC.18/29/Corr.1

- First component shows the UN body which has issued document (A, E, UNEP).
- Additional components may indicate subsidiary bodies (CN.4/Sub.2/AC.2, GC.18).
- Special components reflect the nature of the document (WP).
- A final component may reflect modifications to the original text. (Add.1, Corr.1).