\* Expiration date of the present information circular: 31 December 2019.

\*\* Day of Vesak falls on Saturday, 18 May 2019, but will be observed on Friday, 17 May 2019.

\*\*\* Day of Diwali falls on Sunday, 27 October 2019, but will be observed on Monday, 28 October 2019.

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Information circular\*

To: Members of the staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management

Subject: Official holidays for 2019 at United Nations Headquarters

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution [52/214](https://undocs.org/A/RES/52/214) A and decision [52/468](https://undocs.org/A/RES/52/468), the official holidays for 2019 at United Nations Headquarters have been designated as follows:

1 January New Year’s Day

19 April Good Friday

27 May Memorial Day

5 June Eid al-Fitr

4 July Independence Day

12 August Eid al-Adha

2 September Labour Day

28 November Thanksgiving Day

25 December Christmas Day

2. The General Assembly, in its resolutions [69/250](https://undocs.org/A/RES/69/250) and [72/19](https://undocs.org/A/RES/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 any one of the following eight floating holidays:

7 January Orthodox Christmas

18 February Presidents’ Day

21 March Nowruz

26 April Orthodox Good Friday

17 May Day of Vesak\*\* (observed)

9 October Yom Kippur

28 October Diwali\*\*\* (observed)

12 November Gurpurab

3. Staff members should inform their supervisors in advance as early in the year as possible 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 will not be recorded as having taken the floating holiday and may choose to observe one of the remaining floating holidays.