

**19 AUGUST - DAY OF REMEMBRANCE**  
**5<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY - BOMBING OF UNHQ IN BAGHDAD**  
**Headquarters Observance**  
**Tuesday, 19 August 2008**

The fifth anniversary of the bombing of the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad will be observed on Tuesday, 19 August with a brief ceremony organized by the Standing Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service.

The ceremony symbolizes that we are united in remembrance of our colleagues and friends killed and injured in the horrific attack on the UN headquarters in Baghdad five years ago on 19 August 2003. The observance will highlight the importance of staff safety and security and will draw attention to recent incidents which resulted in tragic deaths of UN personnel.

- WHEN:** Tuesday, 19 August 2008 at 10:15 a.m. (Ceremony 30 minutes)
- WHERE:** General Assembly Building public lobby – In front of memorial plaque located outside meditation room.
- WHAT:** The Master of Ceremonies (MC) makes brief opening remarks; then the names of those who were killed are read. The Secretary-General and a representative of the staff are invited to make brief statements. Then a wreath is laid in front of plaque, followed by a moment of silence. Finally the Daedalus Quartet performs a piece (15 minutes) composed for the occasion by U.S. composer Steve Heitzeg.

**Tentative Programme Rev.2**

MC: Mr. Ahmad Fawzi /DPI

- 10:00 a.m. Participants gather
- 10:15 a.m. SG Arrives
- 10:20 a.m. MC - Opening remarks, reading of names and introduces speakers
- 10:23 a.m. Brief statement by the Secretary-General
- 10:26 a.m. Brief statement by a representative of the staff
- 10:29 a.m. MC announces wreath-laying, followed by Minute of Silence
- [PAUSE for HQ Announcement]
- 10:29:45 a.m. Wreath-laying by SG with colleagues (TBC) who were in Baghdad
- 10:30 a.m. Minute of Silence
- 10:31 a.m. MC introduces Daedalus Quartet
- 10:33 a.m. Daedalus Quartet performs
- 10:48 a.m. MC - Closing and thanks.