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**An open debate with the participation of
Nobel Prize winners**

Shirin Ebadi and Wole Soyinka

**Wednesday
10 December
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**4:30 p.m.
Palais des Nations
Assembly Hall**

ARE HUMAN RIGHTS UNIVERSAL?



Programme

- 4:30 p.m. Opening remarks by **M. SERGEI A. ORDZHONIKIDZE**,
Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations,
Director-General of UNOG
- 4:35 p.m. Screening of an archive film presenting the adoption of
the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
by the General Assembly in 1948
- 4:45 p.m. **Lecture by the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate,
MS. SHIRIN EBADI**
- 5:05 p.m. **Lecture by the 1986 Nobel Prize Laureate in Literature,
MR. WOLE SOYINKA**
- 5:25 p.m. Presentation by **MR. PIERRE BAVAUD** (RSR),
MR. DENIS ETIENNE (Tribune de Genève) and
MR. DAVID NICOLE (TSR)
of selected questions from their audiences
- 5:50 p.m. Open discussion facilitated by **MR. XAVIER COLIN**,
producer, presenter, *Geopolitis* (TSR)
- 6:30 p.m. Remarks by **H.S.H. PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO**
- 6:40 p.m. Closing remarks by **MR. CARLOS LOPES**,
Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations,
Executive Director of UNITAR
- 6:45 p.m. End of the programme