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The DPI/NGO Section invites you to a

Briefing

On

Promoting Non-Violence in an Uncertain World

In Observance of the International Day for Non-Violence (2 October)

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11 October 2007

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

at the

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

Background Information:

Physical violence seems to dominate the world stage in recent years; with retaliation and fighting being perceived as solutions to the world's problems. But "*an eye for an eye makes the whole world blind*" (Gandhi). Gandhi advocated peaceful negotiations and non-violence in solving problems and his philosophy is now being adopted by many movements for social change which focus on opposition to war. Once a synonym for pacifism, non-violence has been gaining popularity as the "politics of ordinary people" based on the desire to secure a culture of peace, tolerance and understanding. The briefing will look into how we can promote non-violence in the uncertain world and how organizations can disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness.

Speakers:

H. E. Mr. Ajai Malhotra, Deputy Permanent Representative of India
to the United Nations

Mr. Peter Ackerman, Chairman, International Center on Non-Violent (ICNC)

Mr. Berel Rodal, Vice-Chairman, International Center on Non-Violent (ICNC)

Ms. Robi Damelin, NGO Representative, The Parents Circle - Families Forum

Mr. Ali Abu Awwad, NGO Representative, The Parents Circle - Families Forum

Moderator:

Mr. Kiyotaka Akasaka, Under Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, United Nations

A video containing snippets from 3 documentaries, *Bringing Down a Dictator*, *A Force More Powerful* and the *Orange Revolution*, will be screened at 3:00 p.m. sharp

Representatives of NGOs are encouraged to participate during the Q & A segment.

The event may be webcast. If so, it will be available at www.un.org/dpi/ngosection.

Preview of Next Week's Briefing:

Next week's DPI/NGO Briefing entitled, *Linking Human Rights and Poverty*, will be held in observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

Briefings are held in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. United Nations-produced videos relevant to the briefing theme are usually screened at 10:00 a.m. on the morning of the briefing.

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