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10:00 **OHCHR Memorial Ceremony**

Testimonies from survivors, family and friends of victims and the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Musical pieces to honour the fallen and flower laying at the bust of Sergio Vieira de Mello

16:00 **Commemoration Ceremony**

Palais des Nations, Room XX

Mr. Ahmad Fawzi

Master of ceremonies

Short video produced by the United Nations in 2003

Video message from **Mr. António Guterres**

United Nations Secretary-General

Ms. Tatiana Valovaya

Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva

Minute of silence

Mr. Volker Türk

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Mr. Mujahed Mohammed Hasan

Survivor of the 19 August 2003 terrorist attack against the United Nations Mission in Baghdad

Ms. Laura Dolci

Family of Jean-Selim Kanaan, victim of the 19 August 2003 terrorist attack against the United Nations Mission in Baghdad

Mr. Anne Willem Bijleveld

Chair, Sergio Vieira de Mello Foundation

Ambassador Abdul-Karim Hashim Mostafa

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Ambassador Julien Thöni

Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament

Ms. Laura Johnson

Executive Secretary, UNOG Staff Union

Mr. Ramesh Rajasingham

Head and Representative of OCHA in Geneva and Director of the Coordination Division

Musical interlude

United Nations Music Club, UN Choir in Geneva

17:00 **Wreath Laying Ceremony**

Palais des Nations, Outside Room XX

Master of ceremonies: **Ms. Alessandra Vellucci**

Director of the United Nations Information Service

Wreath laying by **Ms. Tatiana Valovaya**, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, and **Mr. Volker Türk**, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

17:20 **Reception**

offered by OCHA and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland

Palais des Nations, Outside Room XX

