



Commemoration of the International Day to Combat Islamophobia

Date: **17 March 2023**

Time: **11:00 to 12:30**

Venue: **Palais des Nations - Geneva
Conference Room XXV**

Opening Remarks:

- Video message of **H.E. Ms. Tatiana Valovaya**, Director General of the United Nations Office in Geneva;
- Video Message of **H.E. Mr. Hissein Brahim Taha**, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Presentation of a short film on Islamophobia.

Speakers:

- **Ms. Nada Al-Nashif**, UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights;
- **Mr. Ahmed Shaheed**, Professor in the School of Law at the University of Essex, former UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief;
- **H.E. Mr. Ismail Hakki Musa**, Ambassador, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims (online);
- **Mr. Alexandre Guessel**, Special Representative of the Council of Europe's Secretary General on antisemitic, anti-Muslim and other forms of religious intolerance and hate crimes (online);
- **Mr. Taha Ayhan**, President of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum.

Interaction with the participants.

Moderator:

- **H.E. Mrs. Nassima Baghli**, Ambassador, Permanent Observer of the OIC.

Light refreshments and sandwiches will be served after the event.