

UNITED NATIONS WATCH
12th Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy
OPENING SESSION
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Monday, 17 February 2020 – from 13:00 until 15:00
ROOM VIII, PALAIS DES NATIONS

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13:30 - 15:00 **Geneva Summit Opening Session**
Room VIII, Palais des Nations

Welcome

Hillel Neuer, Executive Director of UN Watch, on behalf of Geneva Summit co-sponsors

Opening Address

Diego Arria, Advocate for Venezuelan human rights, former Ambassador to UN & President of Security Council

Remarks from Geneva Summit Speakers

- **Jewher Ilham**, Author, rights activist, and daughter of Uyghur scholar sentenced to life in prison for promoting peace
- **Dennis Chau**, Rights activist and son of Vietnamese political prisoner
- **Dr. Elham Manea**, Professor of Middle East affairs and family spokesperson for Raif Badawi
- **Biram Dah Abeid**, Leader of the fight against slavery in Mauritania
- **Shaparak Shajarizadeh**, Iranian activist imprisoned for removing headscarf in defiance of hijab law
- **Memory Banda**, Leading Malawian rights activist fighting to end child marriage
- **Peter Bhatti**, Brother of Pakistani Minister who was assassinated for supporting Asia Bibi
- **Yang Jianli**, Chinese dissident, former political prisoner, Tiananmen Square massacre survivor and President of Initiatives for China

15:00 **End of UN Opening**