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The DPI/NGO Section invites you to a

Briefing

On

*The 200th Anniversary of the Abolition of the Trans-Atlantic
Slave Trade*

In Observance of the International Day for the
Elimination of Racial Discrimination

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29 March 2007

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

at the

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

Background Information:

The briefing is being held in Commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the Abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, which was established last November by General Assembly Resolution 61/19. The General Assembly recognized that slavery and the slave trade are the worst violations of human rights in the history of humanity. Affecting approximately 17 million people and lasting nearly four centuries, the slave trade constituted the largest deportation in history.

Speakers:

H. E. Mr. Philip Sealy, Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations

Mr. Ngonlardje Mbaidjol, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Dr. Sylvianne Diouf, Curator of Digital Collections,

Director, Schomburg-Mellon Humanities Institute

Tutu and Franklin: A Journey Towards Peace, will be screened at 10:00 a.m. sharp The video chronicles Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Dr. John Hope Franklin as they join a group of high school students in Goree Island, Senegal, the infamous former slave port, in search of new, international approaches to racial reconciliation

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 will look at current efforts to combat malaria, including the "Roll back Malaria Campaign" and the "Nothing but Nets Initiative." Speakers include, H. E. Mr. Aminu Bashir Wali, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations (nvited), Dr. Renee Van de Weerd, Senior Advisor Child Survival, United Nations Children's Fund, Mr. Todd Jacobson, Senior Director of Community Relations, NBA Cares, and Ms. Elizabeth McKee, Director, Nothing but Nets Initiative, United Nations Foundation.

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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