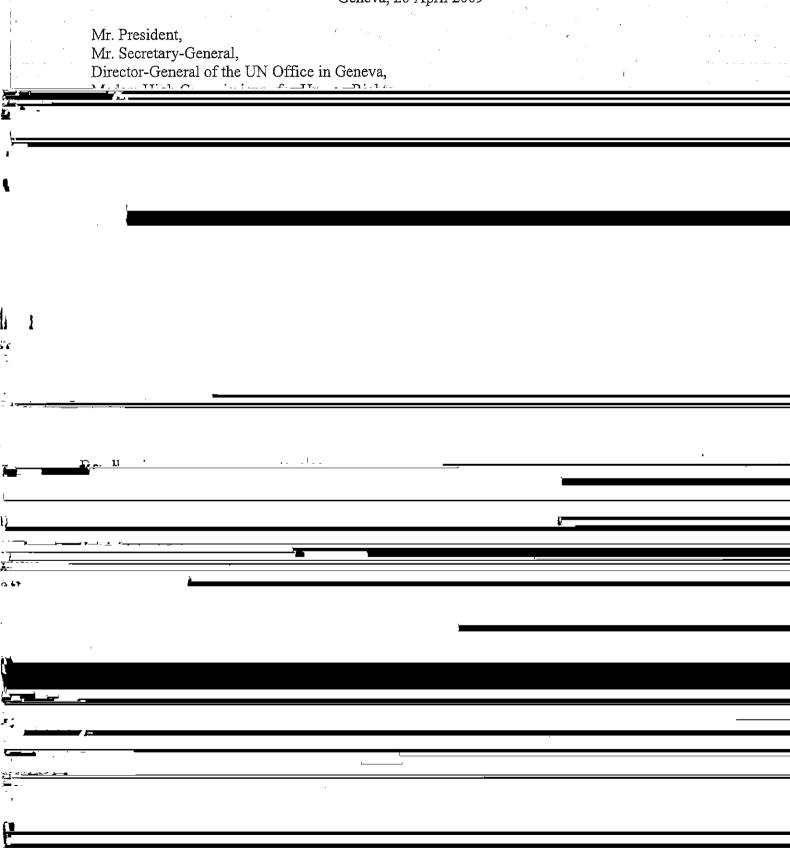
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	Those who are victims of racism, those who have suffered the indignities of apartheid and the expropriations of colonialism understand, perhaps more than most others, the pains of discrimination. These are historical wrongs and the victims are real people with blood in their veins, just like anyone else. Some of the victims will wear their scars to their graves but they are their blood in thei	f r e
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