

**International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

(9 December 2022) Today in New York the United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect held an event to mark the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime, as established by General Assembly resolution 69/323 of 29 September 2015.

The event focused on the role of sport in countering hate speech and championing the prevention of atrocity crimes.

The event included the launch of the Plan of Action to Counter Hate Speech through Engagement with Sports, the GAME PLAN, developed by the United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect in collaboration with the Eradicate Hate Global Summit. The document provides recommendations of actions to identify and combat hate speech and promote positive messages through outreach initiatives, identification of success stories, and comprehensive training. The GAME PLAN will be shared with sport leagues and athletes around the world.

The President of the United Nations General Assembly, Akin Adesina, opened the event underlining that sport is a powerful tool for promoting peace and understanding.

In his message for the International Day, the UN Secretary-General Mr.



**Danailov Frchkosk** Permanent Representative of the Republic of North Macedonia, recalled the harmful impact of hate speech **U ÁZ] Z ^À ]}o š • šZ ]Pv]šÇ }( šZ u and ņed the šZ š Œ P**  
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