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**Subject : Commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination
of Racial Discrimination**

1. Since the proclamation by the General Assembly of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in 1966, this day is commemorated annually on 21 March, by the United Nations. To celebrate the International Day this year, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Information Service are organizing a round table on the theme "Young People Against Racism: The Road From Durban".
2. The round table will be held at the Palais des Nations, in Conference Room XXI, on Thursday, 21 March 2002, from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. The speakers will be as follows:
 - **Ms. Mary Robinson**, High Commissioner for Human Rights
 - **Ms. Michelle Kalamandeen**, Founding member of the NGO Rights of Children (Guyana)
 - **Ms. Sheryl Wong**, Facilitator of the Ethnic Communities Council of Western Australia (Australia)
 - **Ms. Aline Nkuzimana**, Member of the Youth Association for the Promotion of Human Rights (Burundi)
 - **Ms. Monica Aleman**, International Advocacy Program Co-ordinator of the organisation MADRE (Nicaragua)
 - **Ms. Alexandra Raykova**, Vice-President of the Forum of European Roma Young People (Bulgaria)
 - **Prof. Pierre Binette**, Co-ordinator of the Research Group on Racism of the University of Sherbrooke (Canada)
 - **Mr. Jens Dalsgaard**, National Co-ordinator of UNESCO's Transatlantic Slave Trade Education Project (Denmark)
 - **Mr. Tsatsu Dawson**, Chairperson of the Panel, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Ghana)
3. Subject to exigencies of the service, supervisors are invited to release staff members from their duties in order to allow them to attend this round table. Interpretation will be available in English and French.

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