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**Subject: Commemoration of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**

1. The General Assembly declared that the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty should be marked on 17 October every year. On this occasion, the Information Service of the United Nations Office at Geneva is organizing a round table jointly with the Non-Governmental Organisation *ATD Quart Monde*.
2. The commemoration will take place from **3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday 17 October 2003** in Room XII and the theme will be: "How do we face the challenge of eradicating poverty and guaranteeing full enjoyment of all human rights in partnership with the poorest?"
3. Mr. Bertrand Ramcharan, Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights, will chair the round table. Participants will include Mr. Eugen Brand, Representative of the International Movement ATD Quart Monde, Mr. Jean Fabre, UNDP Deputy Director in charge of Communications, and a representative of the NGO Franciscans International. A person living in poverty will talk about his everyday life. Staff from UN agencies, diplomats, and representatives of NGOs will participate as well.
4. Subject to the exigencies of the service, supervisors are requested to release staff members from their duties in order to enable them to attend the commemoration.

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