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**INFORMATION CIRCULAR N° 30**

**Subject: Commemoration of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers**

1. The General Assembly has designated 29 May as the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, to be observed annually to pay tribute to all the men and women who have served and continue to serve in United Nations peacekeeping operations for their high level of professionalism, dedication and courage, and to honour the memory of those who have lost their lives in the cause of peace.
2. To celebrate this day, the United Nations Office at Geneva, in cooperation with the "Soldiers of Peace International Association", is organizing at the Palais des Nations a ceremony on **Wednesday 26 May** at 3:00 p.m. in front of the Memorial dedicated to United Nations staff who have given their lives in the service of peace. The Director-General shall lay a wreath of remembrance and the UN flag will be raised.
3. The Director-General will then open a round-table discussion on the theme of "Peacekeeping in restoring democracy", from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 pm in Room III. Panelists include General Le Peillet, Mr. Laurent Attar-Bayrou, President of the "Soldiers of Peace International Association", and Mr. Hany Abdel-Aziz, Chief Central Support Services, who has participated in numerous peacekeeping missions.
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.

(Signed) Sergei **Ordzhonikidze**  
Director-General