



INFORMATION CIRCULAR N° 40

Subject: Observance of the First Anniversary of the Baghdad Tragedy

1. A commemorative ceremony of the first anniversary of the bombing of the United Nations Headquarters in Baghdad on 19 August 2003, in which many of our colleagues lost their lives, will take place in the Assembly Hall, on Thursday, 19 August 2004, at 14:30. This ceremony will be held in the presence of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
2. It is reminded to all staff that the United Nations ground pass should be worn to gain access to the Palais des Nations as well as to the Assembly Hall.
3. Staff members should be seated by 2:30 p.m. As of 2:45 p.m. no one will be allowed in the Assembly Hall.
4. Supervisors are kindly requested to release staff members to enable them to participate in the ceremony.

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