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**COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION ON THE 1994
GENOCIDE AGAINST THE TUTSI IN RWANDA**

Thursday 13 April 2023

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

2.00-2.45 p.m. Wreath laying at the Memorial Stele (Place des Nations) by:

Ms. Marie Chantal Rwakazina, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva.
Ms. Alessandra Vellucci, Director, United Nations Information Service in Geneva
Mr. César Murangira, President of Ibuka Memory and Justice (Swiss Section)
Mr. Yves Cyaka, President of Rwandan Diaspora in Switzerland

**3.00 p.m. Commemoration ceremony
Human Rights and Alliance of Civilizations Room (Room XX),
Palais des Nations.**

Introduction by the Master of Ceremonies, **Ms. Alessandra Vellucci**
Director, United Nations Information Service

Lighting of candles

Observance of a minute of silence

Memorial Song by Ms. Shanel Nirere and guitarist Mr. Wade Alune

Message of **Mr. António Guterres**, Secretary-General of the United Nations, read by
Ms. Alessandra Vellucci, Director, United Nations Information Service in Geneva

Remarks by Mr. César Murangira, President of the Association of Genocide survivors IBUKA, Memory and Justice (Swiss section)

Poetry reading by Mr. Albert Mukwiye

Testimony by Ms. Providence Umugwaneza, Survivor of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda

Memorial Song by Ms. Shanel Nirere and guitarist Mr. Wade Alune

Remarks by H.E. Ms. Marie Chantal Rwakazina
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva

5:00 p.m. End of the ceremony

**Visit of the exhibition organized by the Permanent Mission of Rwanda
outside Room XX**

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