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Message on the Occasion of World Humanitarian Day
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On 19 August, the United Nations system worldwide celebrates World Humanitarian Day.

This day was designated to honor all those who have worked in the promotion of humanitarian affairs and in solemn memory of all the aid workers who lost their lives while bringing assistance to others. Among those were the 22 United Nations colleagues who perished in the brutal terrorist attack on UN Headquarters in Baghdad on 19 August 2003.

On this day, the United Nations also renews its commitment to respond to any natural or man-made emergency that may arise around the world. The challenges faced by millions of people in emergency situations around the world are formidable, and the need for principled and effective humanitarian action is greater than ever. The United Nations was founded as an expression of the peoples of the world to come together to safeguard international peace and security and to promote safer and better lives for all, through respect of human rights, development, and, at the most basic level, the provision of humanitarian assistance to those in need.

A short tribute video under the theme **"We are humanitarian workers"** has been produced by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) to honor the efforts of humanitarian workers around the world. This film features humanitarian workers in 43 different countries.

I invite you to view this film on Lebanese television stations or through the links below:

WHD **30 SECOND** PSA:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cySFvfARPMQ&hd=1

WHD **60 SECOND** PSA:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yy7lnXG5U9Q&hd=1

Full length FILM (4:22):
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95lQ-IzEhOc&hd=1

or
http://www.nicespots.com/shortURL.php?id=279889

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