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GENEVA PEACE TALKS

LET'S TALK PEACE

THE GENEVA PEACE TALKS 2014 WILL HIGHLIGHT HOW COMMUNICATION TOOL CAN CONTRIBUTE TO RESOLVING CONFLICT. SPEAKERS ARE JOURNALIST, PHOTOJOURNALIST, PROFESSOR, TEACHER, INTERPRETER, MEDIATOR, ARTIST, ACTOR, WRITER, CARTOONIST (PLANTU), POLITICIAN, PEACEBUILDER AND SO ON. THE GENEVA PEACE TALK IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA, INTERPEACE AND THE GENEVA PEACEBUILDING PLATFORM. EACH PARTICIPANT GOT A PUZZLE GIVEN AS A PRESENT BY RAVENSBURGER AG (GERMANY). IT ILLUSTRATES SYMBOLICALLY PEACE. WE HAVE TO PUT THE PIECES AT THE GOOD PLACE, THE PROCESS IS THE SAME FOR PEACE.

Every speaker in his specific way does his utmost to achieve peace in the world. The task of women is not easy. I mention to you the accounts of two women:

GUNILLLA VON HALL, swedish journalist. She relates how she intervened in conflicts in Iraq, Bosnia, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, but she tells also, as woman she couldn't cope recently with the reaction of her newspaper, when she refused to go to Liberia. Her mission was to investigate Ebola virus. She pleaded her responsability as mother of two children. Answer was: that's no excuse. She concluded: « we write for a visa », but our name is immediately put on the « black list » if we don't respect it.

EMAN MOHAMMED, the only one woman photojournalist in Gaza, explained to us that at 26 years she decides to do something against this hate around her. She will no more be a victim, she will become what she wants to. Her solution « to let the other to be what they are ».

The target of Peace Talks founded in 2013 is to show that everybody, whatever his function is, has a role to play in the peacebuilding, even if it's sometimes difficult to get over the obstacles.