



**The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Geneva Summit for  
Human Rights and Democracy**

**United Nations Opening Session  
Tuesday, 14 May 2024  
16:30-18:00**

**Welcome:**

**Hillel Neuer**, Executive Director of United Nations Watch, on behalf of the 25 NGO co-sponsors of the Geneva Summit.

**Presentations:**

1. **Abduweli Ayup**, Uyghur linguist, founder of Uyghur Hjelp, former political prisoner
2. **Chemi Lhamo**, Tibetan human rights advocate and community organizer
3. **Rei Xia**, White Paper protester and former political prisoner
4. **Job Sikhala**, leader of Zimbabwean grassroots opposition, former political prisoner
5. **Lisa Yasko**, Member of Ukrainian Parliament
6. **Aleksandra Garmazhapova**, Russian journalist, founder of Free Buryatia Foundation
7. **Veronica Tsepka**, Chair of Belarus Women's Foundation, opposition leader
8. **Trung Tien Nguyen**, Vietnamese pro-democracy activist, former political prisoner
9. **Hyosim Maeng**, North Korean defector and refugee
10. **Fatou Baldeh**, Gambian women's rights activist fighting to end FGM
11. **Carolina Barrero**, Cuban art historian, writer, human rights activist
12. **Victor Navarro**, Venezuelan human rights activist, survivor of "El Helicoide" prison
13. **Toribia Lero Quispe**, Bolivian indigenous leader and opposition politician
14. **Lesther Aleman**, Student leader and former political prisoner
15. **Kylie Moore-Gilbert**, Australian academic imprisoned as diplomatic hostage
16. **Pouria Zeraati**, Iran International news anchor, victim of a recent stabbing attack
17. **Aliasghar Ramezanzpour**, Executive Editor of Iran International

**Concluding Remarks:**

**Hillel Neuer**, Executive Director of United Nations Watch, on behalf of the 25 NGO co-sponsors of the Geneva Summit.