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The Deputy Secretary-General

REMARKS ON THE SIXTEENTH COMMEMORATION OF THE GENOCIDE IN RWANDA



**Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

To all the performers, welcome and thank you for your voice. I am deeply moved.

I am honoured to join you for this solemn event.

Today, we cherish the memory of more than 800,000 innocent people who lost their lives in Rwanda Sixteen years ago. Our thoughts are also with the survivors.

On behalf of the Secretary-General and the entire United Nations family, I want to express our profound gratitude to the survivors who are here with us.

Through the United Nations outreach programme on the Rwanda Genocide, we have worked with survivors and perpetrators of the crimes in Rwanda to tell their stories of life since the genocide.

I thank the Department of Public Information for leading this effort. It has contributed to the country's recovery, and brought lessons for our global campaign for human rights.

The United Nations is fully committed to securing justice for the victims of genocide. We are also fully committed to preventing future atrocities.

The work of the International Criminal Tribunal on Rwanda is just one manifestation of this commitment.

As you know, the Tribunal delivered the first-

