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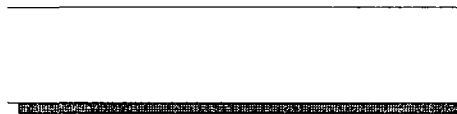
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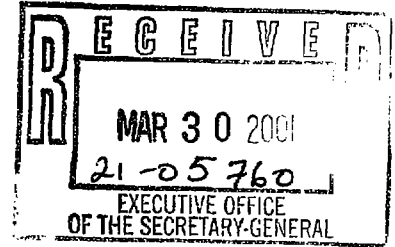
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THROUGH: Mr. Iqbal Riza  
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FROM: Shashi Tharoor, Interim Head *Shashi Tharoor*  
DE: Department of Public Information

SUBJECT: Observance of World Press Freedom Day, 3 May 2001

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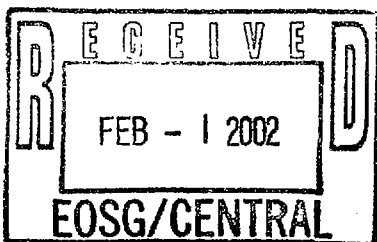


DPI is organizing an observance of World Press Freedom Day, 3 May 2001, in the framework of the 23<sup>rd</sup> session of the Committee on Information. The event, entitled "Fighting Racism and Promoting Diversity: The Role of the Free Press", will mark the tenth anniversary of the Windhoek Declaration on Promoting an Independent and Pluralistic Press. It will also be in support of the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations and the World Conference against Racism.

The event will be attended by delegations, non-governmental organizations, international media and staff members. It will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon in a conference room to be confirmed at a later date. A copy of the programme, including the names of the other speakers, will be sent to you as soon as it is finalized.

We would be most honoured if you could open the programme. //

*They know a year ago that the world Press day will be 3 May, why are they approaching me now?  
In principle yes pending receipt of the ~~draft~~ programme.*



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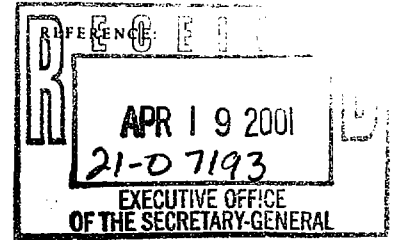
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TO: The Secretary-General  
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DATE: 18 April 2001



It is my pleasure to transmit the programme for the observance of World Press Freedom Day, which is entitled "Fighting Racism and Promoting Diversity: the Role of the Free Press".

As you see, you would open the formal observance just after 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

Your participation in this important event, as requested in my 23 March letter, would be greatly appreciated. *(It is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Day.)*

*Secretary General,  
you had accepted*

*OK - ensure that  
remarks are prepared.  
Thanks.*

*EM is aware.  
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*[Signature]*

*cc - WA 26/4 #32 20 April 20.30 21*

## **WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY**

Thursday, 3 May 2001

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Conference Room 2

### **“Fighting Racism and Promoting Diversity: the role of the free press”**

#### Formal observance

- ◆ *Opening remarks by Shashi Tharoor, Interim Head, Department of Public Information*
- ◆ *The Secretary-General*
- ◆ *Harri Holkeri, President of the General Assembly*
- ◆ *Joint message by the Secretary-General, the Director-General of UNESCO and the High Commissioner for Human Rights (read by Shashi Tharoor)*
- ◆ *Chairperson, Committee on Information*
- ◆ *Márcio Nogueira Barbosa, Deputy Director-General of UNESCO (invited)*

#### Panel Discussion

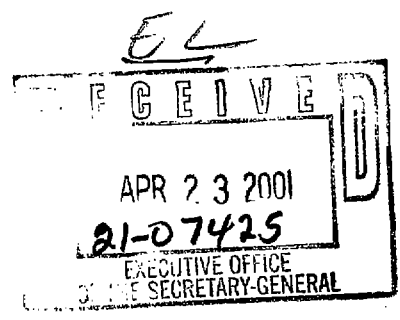
- ◆ *Justin Arenstein, Editor, African Eye News Service (South Africa)*
- ◆ *Ana Baron, Bureau Chief, Clarín (Argentina)*
- ◆ *Ghida Fakhri, Bureau Chief, Al-Jazeera TV (Qatar)*
- ◆ *Frances Hardin, Member, Board of Directors, International Center for Journalists*
- ◆ *James Ottaway, Chairman, World Press Freedom Committee*
- ◆ *Moderated by Shashi Tharoor*

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20 April 2001

Dear Mr. Riza,

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Mårício Nogueira Barbosa, Deputy Director General of UNESCO, will be representing UNESCO at the celebration of the World Press Freedom day Commemoration on May 3 2001 at the United Nations.

Yours sincerely,

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Director UNESCO New York

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