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– USG Miguel Ángel Moratinos,
Press Briefing, United Nations Headquarters, New York (17 January)

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Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), launched the **“United Nations Action Plan to Enhance Monitoring and Response to Antisemitism”** during a hybrid press briefing at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

The Action Plan, which is focused on the United Nations system and developed by UNAOC, builds on the numerous efforts undertaken by the UN over past decades and aims to ensure an even more coordinated and effective response to counter antisemitism.

In particular, the Action Plan provides detailed recommended actions, including establishing a United Nations Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group to monitor and evaluate the impact of policies and measures to address antisemitism, as well as enhancing awareness and understanding of antisemitism among United Nations personnel.

“Antisemitism is a clear and present danger that requires decisive and unified action. It is our collective responsibility to eradicate antisemitism and all forms of bigotry, hatred, and discrimination,” stressed USG Moratinos. (17 January)



Left to Right: Ms. Virginia Gamba, Acting Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide; Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for UNAOC; and Ms. Rosemary DiCarlo, Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, DPPA



The High Representative was part of a high-level United Nations delegation that included **Ms. Rosemary DiCarlo**, Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA), and **Ms. Virginia Gamba**, Acting Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide. He was accompanied by **Ms. Nihal Saad**, Director of UNAOC.

The ceremony, held in a special tent built over the gate to the former Auschwitz II-Birkenau camp in Poland, was attended by royalty, heads of states and governments, high-level dignitaries, global leaders, and Holocaust survivors. The Commemoration served as a poignant reminder of the atrocities covered during the Holocaust and the enduring responsibility to educate future generations. (27 January)



UN Observance of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust



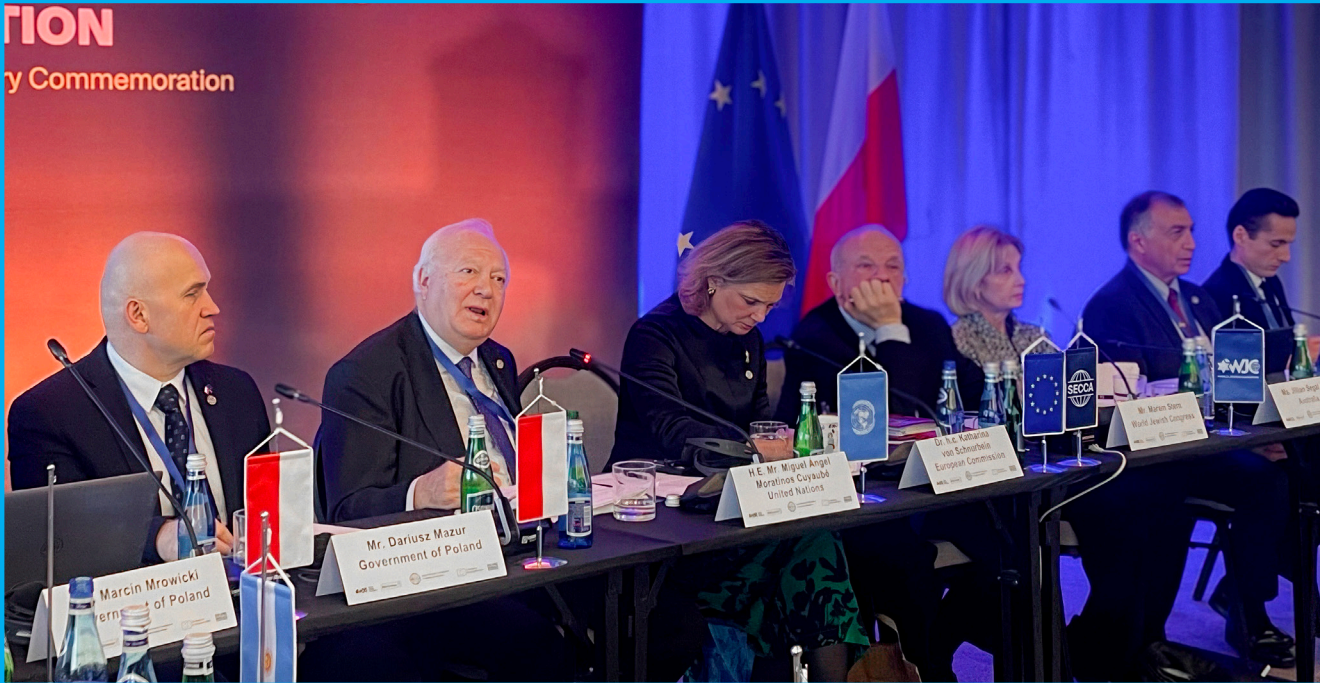
The international community observed the **International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust** at the United Nations General Assembly in New York. The observance was hosted by **Ms. Melissa Fleming**, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications. Speakers included Holocaust survivors, who shared their testimonies, along with the United Nations Secretary-General; the President of the 79th session of the General Assembly and representatives of Member States.

In his remarks, the United Nations Secretary-General, **Mr. António Guterres**, referenced the **UN Action Plan on antisemitism** developed by UNAOC, stating, “The United Nations has long worked to combat antisemitism, through a wide range of activities, including our Holocaust Outreach programmes. And we recently launched our **Action Plan on antisemitism**, recommending the ways the United Nations System can further enhance those efforts.”



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Meeting of Special Envoys and Coordinators Combating Antisemitism (SECCA)



On the margins of the 80th Anniversary Commemoration of the Liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the High Representative participated in a **Meeting of Special Envoys and Coordinators Combating Antisemitism (SECCA)** in Kraków, Poland, organized by the **World Jewish Congress (WJC)**.

During the meeting, the High Representative presented the United Nations Action Plan to Enhance Monitoring and Response to Antisemitism, which was developed by UNAOC and was launched on 17 January at the United Nations headquarters in New York. (28 January)



Ahead of the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz, the High Representative participated in an event entitled, **“Combating antisemitism in the shadow of Auschwitz”**, organized by the **American Jewish Committee (AJC)** at the Galicia Jewish Museum in Kraków, Poland. (27 January)



On the margins of the 80th Anniversary Commemoration of the Liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, USG Moratinos had a side talk with **H.E. Mr. Charles Kushner**, the nominee for US Ambassador to France.

HIGHLIGHTS

The High Representative participated in an event celebrating the **Lunar New Year** at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, hosted by the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations. USG Moratinos delivered remarks alongside **UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres** (via video message) and **H.E. Ambassador Fu Cong**, Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations. The event featured a lion dance, including a lion-awakening ceremony presided over by the UNAOC High Representative and the Permanent Representative of China, as well as a drum and guqin performance and exhibitions of Chinese folk arts. (24 January)



USG Moratinos addressed the **Opening Ceremony of the International Year for Peace and Trust**, organized by the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations. He joined other distinguished speakers, including **H.E. Mr. Vladimir Voronkov**, **Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism**, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Office, and **Mr. Ivor Richard Fung**, Chef de Cabinet of the President of the 79th Session of the UN General Assembly. The event was moderated by **H.E. Mr. Miroslav Jenča**, Assistant Secretary-General for Europe, Central Asia and the Americas, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs - Department of Peace Operations (DPPA - DPO). (17 January)



USG Moratinos participated in the International Holocaust Remembrance Service, organized by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation at the Park East Synagogue in New York. During the Service, he delivered Introductory Remarks and read a Message from the United Nations Secretary-General. He was joined by other esteemed speakers, namely, **H.E. Danny Danon**, Permanent Representative of Israel to the UN; **H.E. Ofir Akunis**, Consul-General of Israel in New York; **H.E. Dorothy Camille Shea**, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States to the UN; and **Rabbi Arthur Schneier**, Holocaust survivor and member of UNAOC's High-level Group. (25 January)



USG Moratinos and **Mr. Gilles Poux**, Mayor of La Courneuve, France, had a virtual meeting to discuss the ongoing collaboration between UNAOC and the municipality of La Courneuve. They emphasized the importance of continuing and expanding their joint programme, "**News Generation Against Hate**", aimed at empowering youth as key actors in fostering intercultural dialogue. Both parties also highlighted the need to amplify the voice of cities and their messages for peace on the international stage by advancing the City Dialogue Network. (22 January)