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Dear Mr. Chhang,

The United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and Responsibility to Protect (OSAPG) works to raise early warning and awareness on the causes and dynamics of atrocity crimes and to build capacity of stakeholders worldwide on how to prevent them. History of atrocity crimes teaches us that the most effective prevention is early action. By understanding and addressing the risk factors of atrocity crimes, we build societies that are inclusive, peaceful and resilient to the risk of these crimes. Education plays an important role in this regard, as it can help instil values of tolerance, inclusion, respect for human rights and promotion of non-discrimination. Raising awareness of past instances of atrocity crimes and the risk factors associated with them is also an important tool for prevention.

The OSAPG is conducting a project focused on the existing initiatives, good practices and opportunities to enhance atrocity prevention through education in the South and Southeast Asia region. This includes the organization of an expert meeting to facilitate a space for discussion and reflection among experts in the area of education and atrocity prevention to: a) have an overview of current educational programmes and initiatives on integrating atrocity prevention in the educational field in countries in the South and Southeast Asia region, and b) identify the main challenges and good practices, including possible opportunities for engagement with countries in the region.

I would like to invite you to join us on 18 May 2021 **to provide a three (3) minutes presentation about your experiences related to the topic**, which will be accompanied by unstructured reflections and conversations on the topics raised, facilitated by the moderator of the session.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the event is due to take place online on 18 May from 8:00 to 10.30 am Eastern Standard Time. For further details please refer to the attached concept note and you can also liaise with Yume Sato (satoy@un.org, +16469251901) in my Office.

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We look forward to having the benefit of your participation in this event and take the opportunity to convey the assurances of our highest consideration and esteem.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Nderitu', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Alice Wairimu Nderitu
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on the Prevention of Genocide