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The United Nations Information Service (UNIS) Vienna

invites you to a screening of

"As Seen through These Eyes"

Followed by a conversation with Director Hilary Helstein

on the occasion of the

**International Day of Commemoration
in memory of the victims of the Holocaust**

**UNIS Multimedia Room G0545
Vienna International Centre (VIC)**

Wednesday, 27 January 2010; 5:00 p.m.

The documentary film *As Seen Through These Eyes* conveys images and messages from a number of eyewitnesses of the Holocaust. Hilary Helstein, the film's writer, director, and producer, travelled the world over the past decade to compile interviews with artists who survived the Holocaust. The documentary shows how these survivors produced an account that history could not – a journal of the Holocaust as seen through the eyes of the artists. These artists rebelled against the Nazis and risked their lives by doing what they were forbidden to do: create.

Narrated by Pulitzer Prize-nominated poet Maya Angelou, and produced in association with the Sundance Channel, this 70-minute documentary aims to combat prejudice, bigotry and intolerance. The words and the images of the survivor artists are profoundly moving, communicating horror and hope artistically. For them, art was and still is a means of survival, either directly by saving their lives during the Holocaust or by helping them to endure and move forward from the unbearable past.

On 1 November 2005, the General Assembly designated 27 January as the annual International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust conducted during the Second World War by the Nazi regime (resolution 60/7).

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You are requested to register your participation latest by Monday, 25 January 2010, and to present a valid picture ID upon arrival at the VIC. Kindly refrain from bringing any large bulky items and arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the event.

Please understand that for security reasons you may not be allowed entry the VIC without prior registration.

Please register by emailing: unis@unvienna.org

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