

We do not turn away from each other. We can tolerate the intolerable burden of looking, listening, and genuinely acknowledge each other's experiences that terrified and altered us, and do it with compassion.

We trust each other. There is a familiarity in the pain and suffering, and we find lost bits of ourselves in each other.

The connections help us find the words for the indescribable and burdensome identity of

We guide each other out of the loneliness of survival and the despair of being left behind.

Under-Secretary-General,
Excellencies,
my fellow victims,
Ladies, and Gentlemen,

These connections are not only powerful, but transformational.

Connection can be more potent than any other form of support, which is why events like this one today provide a vital opportunity for victims or survivors to heal--- together through influential and life-changing exchanges.

The International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to Victims of Terrorism serves as a platform for victims to come together, make connections, be seen, discover that common language, and be less lonely. We are now experiencing our pain in a partnership.

musical interlude from the UN Chamber Music Society, who will perform Ave Maria by Charles Gounod. Thank you.

Thank you.