



International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism

"Surviving Terrorism: The Power of Connections" High Level Event

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Statement by Ms. Maureen Basnicki

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Under-Secretary-General,
Ambassadors,
my fellow victims, or survivors if one prefers,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Maureen Basnicki, and I would like to thank the United Nations for inviting me to share my experience with you today. Firstly, I would like to say that my thoughts are with the people of Afghanistan, particularly of the women and children affected by the current situation, and of course the victims of terrorism. Connecting victims internationally is a powerful tool to fight terrorism.

My world was shattered when my beloved husband, Ken, was murdered in the 9/11 attacks in 2001. He was connecting with his colleagues at a conference on the 106th floor of the World Trade Center, in the Windows of the World restaurant.

I was on a layover in Mainz, Germany as an Air Canada Flight Attendant and my role was to look after the safety and security of my passengers. 90 countries had citizens murdered in the 9/11 attacks. And an air hthe 9/11

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