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AGAINST VIOLENCE Calendar of Events 2012

12 February
International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers (Red Hand Day)
http://www.child-soldiers.org/home
http://www.redhandday.org/

February 13 - 17:
Arms Trade Treaty Fourth Preparatory Meetings in New York, NY
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March 1:
13th Anniversary of Entry into Force of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
http://ow.ly/8UtBc
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March 1:
Global "Lend Your Leg" Advocacy Campaign Launch
http://lendyourleg.org/

March 8:
International Women's Day
http://www.internationalwomensday.com/default.asp

March 26 - 30:
15th International Meeting of National Mine Action Programme Directors and UN Advisors in Geneva, Switzerland
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April 2 - 4:
Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons Expert Open-ended meeting on Mines-other-than-antipersonnel-mines (MOTAPM) in Geneva, Switzerland
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April 4:
International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
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April 7:
World Health Day
http://www.who.int/world-health-day/en/

April 16 - 19:
Intersessionals (Meetings of Working Groups) of the Convention on Cluster Munitions in Geneva, Switzerland
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April 23 - 24:
Meeting of Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) on Amended Protocol II of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons in Geneva, Switzerland
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April 24 - 26:
Ninth International Symposium "Humanitarian Demining 2012" in Sibenik, Croatia.
Contact: Croatian Mine Action Centre (CROMAC) and CROMAC-Center for Testing, Development and Training (HCR-CTRO). For more information please visit: www.ctro.hr

April 25 - 27:
Meeting of Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) on Protocol V of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons in Geneva, Switzerland
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May 7 - 11:
GICHD Mine Action Contracting Workshop in Geneva, Switzerland
http://bit.ly/M2i4Ws

May 21- 25:
Intersessionals Work Programme - Meetings of Standing Committees of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention in Geneva, Switzerland
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May 29:
International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers

June 11-13:
GICHD Mine Action Liability Workshop in Geneva, Switzerland
http://bit.ly/OakR1g
June 20:
World Refugee Day

August 1:
Second Anniversary of Entry into Force of the Convention on Cluster Munitions
http://www.stopclustermunitions.org/

August 19:
World Humanitarian Day

August 27 - September 7:
Second Review Conference of the UN Programme of Action (PoA) to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects in New York, NY
http://www.poa-iss.org/RevCon2/

September:
Fifth Conference of States Parties of the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in New York, NY
http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?id=1535

September 10 - 14:
Third Meeting of State Parties (3MSP) to the Convention on Cluster Munitions in Oslo, Norway
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September 21:
International Peace Day
http://internationaldayofpeace.org/

October 2:
International Day of Non-Violence

October 16:
World Food Day
http://www.fao.org/

October 24:
United Nations Day

October:
First Committee (Disarmament) of 67th UN General Assembly in New York, NY
http://www.un.org/disarmament/

November 6:
International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict
November 12 - 13:
Six Conference of High Contracting Parties (HCP) to Protocol V of Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons in Geneva, Switzerland
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November 14:
14th Conference of High Contracting Parties (HCP) to Protocol II of Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons in Geneva, Switzerland
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November 15 - 16:
2012 Meeting of High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons in Geneva, Switzerland
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November 20:
Universal Children's Day

December 3 - 7:
12th Meeting of State Parties of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention in Geneva, Switzerland
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December 3:
International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 10:
International Human Rights Day
http://www.unocha.org/

Secretary-General's Message for 2012

Earlier this year, I had the privilege of paying my respects at the Raj Ghat memorial to Mahatma Gandhi in New Delhi. Gandhi’s vision and example showed how one person can change the world. In tribute to his enduring legacy, we mark this International Day of Non-Violence each year on the anniversary of his birth.

In these times of global turmoil and transition, it is fitting that we take a moment to reflect on Gandhi’s message of understanding and peace.

As we look around the world, tolerance is being tested. Fighting is taking a heavy toll from
Afghanistan to Syria to the Sahel. The economic crisis is fuelling xenophobia and other forms of dangerous – and deadly – discrimination. Terrorism, human trafficking, rights abuses and violence against women threaten millions of people. We must work even harder for understanding among and within religions and communities and between and within countries.

I have made prevention a key priority in the five-year action agenda of the United Nations. But prevention means more than separating warring parties and cooling tensions. Fundamentally tackling the roots of conflict and intolerance will take a culture of non-violence and peace. Governments must lead. But ultimately, the foundation for non-violence will be built by people: teachers and faith leaders, parents and community voices, business people and grass-roots groups. Perhaps it may be easier to pick up a weapon than to lay down a grudge. It may be simpler to find fault than to find forgiveness. But I have been deeply moved by communities and people in every corner of the world who have been inspired by Gandhi’s example and made a real difference.

Let us take strength from all of these efforts and work together to build a world of nonviolence and lasting peace.

Ban Ki-moon

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