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Dinyar Patel (Bakersfield, California), Mino Modi (Boston, Massachusetts) and Shanaya Mistry (Toronto, Canada) have been selected to represent FEZANA, the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America, at the 57th Annual DPI/NGO conference to be held at UN Headquarters in New York City, 8th to 10th September 2004, as youth delegates. Secretary General Kofi Annan will address an expected 2000 NGO delegates at the opening session in the General Assembly Hall. Entitled "Millennium Development Goals: Civil Society Takes Action" the conference will focus on the roles of NGO's, civil society and governments in the implementation of the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) which were adopted by UN member States at their high level millennium session in 2000.

Centered around the most critical problems causing tensions in the world today, the MDG's are designed to give people worldwide the tools to care for themselves in healthy, sustainable environments. Specific MDG targets are set to: alleviate poverty; treat and prevent the spread of the HIV/AIDS epidemic; provide universal primary education and gender equality; reduce child and maternal mortality rates; lower by half the number of people who suffer from hunger or lack access to safe drinking water by the year 2015; empower women; and create a global partnership to foster good governance and economic development in the least developed countries, including opening world markets to their goods.

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