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**International Judge Geoffrey Robertson
To Keynote April 24 Montebello Commemoration**

The United Armenian Council for the Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide will hold the commemoration of the 98th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. at the Martyrs' Monument in Montebello's Bicknell Park.

As in previous years, Homenetmen and AGBU scouts will participate in the flag ceremonies. Representatives of more than 50 UACLA member organizations will place a wreath at the Genocide Monument in memory of the 1.5 million Armenians massacred in 1915.

This year, the United Armenian Council has invited international judge Geoffrey Robertson from London to be the keynote speaker. Mr. Robertson has had a distinguished career as a trial and appellate counsel. He served as a UN Appeal judge and first president of the UN War Crimes Court in Sierra Leone and is author of the leading textbook on International Criminal Law, *Crimes Against Humanity: The Struggle for Global Justice*. In 2011, he received the New York Bar Association Award for Achievement in International Law and Policy.

He has written the authoritative legal analysis which proves that Turkey committed genocide as it is defined in international law and he has shown how the UK's recent refusal to confirm this fact stems from its fears of Turkish economic reprisals. He has authored the magisterial document filed in the European Court of Human Rights last year which sets Artsakh's (Nagorno-Karabakh) claim to independent statehood.

The public has been informed of the details of the program through flyers, newspapers and TV interviews. The participation of several Federal, State, City, and local officials is anticipated.

All Armenians are invited to attend this special commemorative program on Wednesday, April 24, at the Armenian Genocide Monument in Montebello.

Buses will be available at 12:00 p.m. to transport participants to the Montebello Monument from St. Mary's Church in Glendale and St. Garabed Church in Hollywood.

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