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## *Philippine Mission to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva*

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### THE PHILIPPINES JOINS KICK-OFF OF 16-DAY GLOBAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN GENEVA



**GENEVA** - Philippine Permanent Representative to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva, H.E. Evan P. Garcia, took part in the launch of the *16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence* on 25 November 2022, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, at the Palais des Nations, in Geneva.

The *16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence* is an annual international campaign to rally support for women's rights activists and the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls worldwide. This year's event in Geneva was co-organized by UN Women, an entity mandated to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, and the Delegation of the European Union to the UN. The campaign runs until 10 December 2022, the Human Rights Day.

*"It is important that the international community continue to enhance collective efforts to end gender-based violence and promote an enabling environment where women and girls can fully and meaningfully participate in the affairs of a country in all its dimensions. This is part of the Philippines' long-standing advocacy in the international arena,"* Amb. Garcia stated.

Amb. Garcia joined other Permanent Representatives, officials of UN agencies and representatives of civil society organizations in the event. END