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Dr. Judy Kuriansky is an international clinical psychologist on the faculty of Columbia University Teachers College and the main NGO representative of the International Association of Applied Psychology at the United Nations, former President of the Psychology Coalition of NGOs accredited at the UN, and advisor to the Group of Friends of Mental Health and Well-being of UN Member States, led by Canada, Belgium and Bahrain. She is also a Fellow of several divisions of the American Psychological Association, including the Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence. She has been a first responder providing psychosocial support after various terror attacks, dating back to 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center where she served at the “pit” and at the Family Assistance Center, as well as after school shootings. She has written about psychological issues regarding terror, including two books, “Beyond Bullets and Bombs: Grassroots Peacebuilding between Israelis and Palestinians” “Terror in the Holy Land: Inside the Anguish of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict” and many articles for professional journals and also for mass media, as well as being interviewed innumerable times on international news shows, about coping with terror and advice for survivors and for parents to protect children. She has also published, presented at international conferences and spoken widely for the public about principles and practice of peacebuilding, as well as working with the media. Her book series for Praeger Publishing includes “Weapons of Mass Psychological Destruction and the People Who Use Them” by Dr. Larry C. James and Terry L. Oroszi, and “A New Counter-Terrorism Strategy: Why the World Failed to Stop Al-Qaeda and ISIL/ISIS And How to Defeat Terrorism Now” by former Iraq Ambassador to the UN, Hamid Al-Bayati, PhD, which she edited. Her many awards include the Humanitarian Award for Lifetime Achievement in Global Peace and Tolerance.

She is responsible for the historic infusion of “mental health and well-being” in the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. When partnering with the Ambassador of Palau to the UN, Dr. Caleb Otto, in the successful intergovernmental campaigns at the United Nations. She moderates and speaks at many UN events, e.g., for Commissions on the Status of Women and the Commission for Social Development, the World Day of Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, and WHO World Health Day, and is a member of the NGO Committee on Migration and others. A trustee of the United African Congress and board member of Voices of African Mothers, she has hosted a U.S.-Africa Business Expo and the First Ladies of Africa Health Summit; spoken at the Africa Diaspora Investment Forum in September 2018; co-developed a Girls Empowerment Camp in Lesotho; and provided psychosocial support in missions worldwide, including in Sierra Leone during and after Ebola, in China during SARS as well as in China, Japan, Sri Lanka, Haiti, Iran, and Sint Maarten after natural disasters, and for Syrian refugees in Jordan. Her Global Kids Connect Project and Stand Up for Peace Project does trainings, symposia, and concerts worldwide, including at International Peace Festivals in Japan, the USA, Mexico and others. An award-winning journalist, reporter and producer on TV, radio, print and the internet, she has been a columnist for the Singapore Straits Times, the South China Morning Post and New York Newsday; hosted a top-rated radio advice show; and hosted the “Money and Emotions” television show on CNBC-TV.

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