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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

MESSAGE TO BAUR INTERNATIONAL  
MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE (BIMUN)  
Queretaro, 22 February 2008

This year provides a unique opportunity to enhance the central role of the United Nations in world affairs. A number of developments align to make this so: the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; the midpoint in the work to reach the Millennium Development Goals and the high-level meeting on financing for development; the climate change negotiations; the unprecedented peacekeeping operation in Darfur.

As the vast international agenda expands the possibilities for collective action by States and people, it also calls on us to strengthen the capacity of the Organization to serve nations and populations in need, while upholding the principles of the Charter and values of the United Nations.

We must deliver results for a more prosperous and healthy world. Passing the midpoint to the 2015 deadline for the Millennium Development Goals, we face a development emergency. Millions of people are still trapped in structural poverty and go hungry every day. In sub-Saharan Africa, despite pockets of progress, not a single country is on track to achieve the MDGs by 2015.

We must deliver results for a more secure world. This year will put us to new tests in peacekeeping, bringing it to an unprecedented scale, complexity and risk level. Success depends first and foremost on how Member States match the mandates they have set. It depends on their political support and on their actual contributions -- troops, police, vital capabilities and finance.

We must deliver results for a more just world. A global awareness campaign is already underway to mark the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. And we must work to ensure the Human Rights Council lives up to the high expectations of the international community.

Global threats in the 21<sup>st</sup> century spare no one. They require us to advance the global common good by securing global public goods -- in the areas of climate change, global health, counter-terrorism, disarmament and non-proliferation. The United Nations is uniquely placed to lead this effort.

The challenges ahead are daunting. But the United Nations has proven, at various stages of its history, that it is capable of rising to new challenges.

You have a key role to play in building a better understanding of our United Nations -- what it is, what it does, and what it can do. I thank all of you for your commitment, and wish you a most stimulating conference.

Ban Ki-moon

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Dear Ms. Baur,

Further to your request, I am pleased to send you the Secretary-General's message to BAUR International Model United Nations Conference, along with our best wishes for a successful event.

Yours sincerely,

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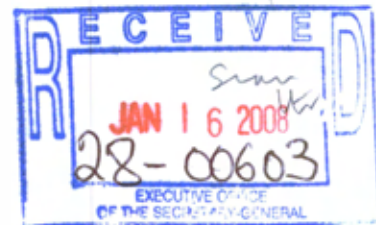


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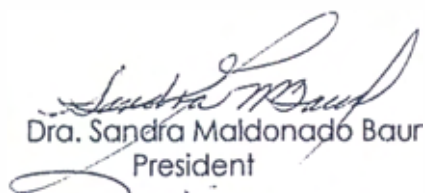
Dr. Sandra Maldonado Baur, president of the Fundación Cultural Baur associated to the Department of Public Information of the United Nations, in Consultative Status with ECOSOC, is pleased to inform you about the execution of the United Nations Models BIMUN, to be held for the 10th time in Mexico City and Querétaro.

For these last 10 years we have counted with the participation of over sixty National and International outstanding and representative Educative Institutions and the attendance of 800 students to each event, who gather to discuss the most current issues of the Agenda of the United Nations. For this occasion, at BIMUN it will be discussed:

The current situation in Darfur  
The situation of Myanmar.  
The situation of the Western Sahara  
Global Warming  
Fresh Water  
The rights of Indigenous People  
Politics -- Religión and its relationship with Human Rights  
The Influence of Multimedia in the New Generations

For our young delegates it will be a great motivation to receive at the opening ceremony of BIMUN 2008 -- to take place on January 25th -, a message from you, to strengthen the determination of each participant towards the "Eight Millennium Development Goals" for which BIMUN has focused and dedicated its time and energy.

Hoping to count with your confirmation, we give you our best wishes for this New Year about to get started, and we as well want to set ourselves at your service.

  
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