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Dear Maggie,

As discussed, please find below the Secretary-General's message to BosMUN.
With best wishes for a successful conference,



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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

MESSAGE TO THE BOSTON MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

Boston, 9 - 11 February 2007

I am delighted to write to you for the first time since taking office as Secretary-General. I feel a particular connection with young people like you, for when I was a young student, the United Nations inspired me in a fundamental way. As I was growing up in war-torn and destitute Korea, the United Nations stood by my people in our darkest hour. For Koreans of that era, the UN flag was a beacon of better days to come. And in the course of my own lifetime, with the assistance of the UN, the Republic of Korea was able to rebuild itself from a country ravaged by war into a regional economic power and major contributor to the United Nations. In this way, the UN helped me make the journey to where I am today. For that, I am deeply thankful.

Today, people look back on those early years of the United Nations as the Organization's golden era. They think of the idealism and unity that inspired the San Francisco Conference, and the signing of the Charter. They think of the creation of landmark documents, such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. They think of the brave pioneers who joined and shaped the Organization in its fledgling years.

Since then, the Organization -- and the world as a whole -- may have come to appear more tarnished. But if you are an optimist, as I am, you will also know that today's world of complex and global challenges is exactly the environment in which our United Nations should thrive -- because these are challenges that no country can resolve on its own. Whether we are speaking of peace and security, development, or human rights, demands on the UN continue to grow.

Yes, we have our work cut out for us. But we will ensure that we are up to the task. In East Asia, where I come from, 60 years mark one full cycle. So as the UN has completed its first 60 years, we now enter a new cycle in the life of our Organization. We can build a new golden era for the United Nations, if we work collectively to make it so.

To succeed as Secretary-General, I will need to work in partnership with every one of our Member States, whatever the size of its population or its pocketbook. And "We the Peoples", in whose name the United Nations was founded, have a right to expect a UN which serves the needs of people everywhere. That is where I need your support. You can build a better understanding of our United Nations -- what it is, what it does, and what it can do. In that spirit, I thank all of you for your commitment, and wish you a most stimulating conference.

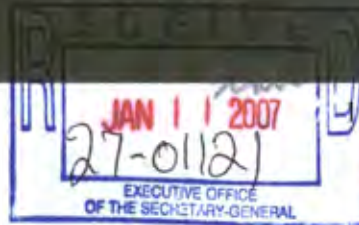
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Dear Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon:

My name is Maggie Moosbrugger. I am a senior at Boston University majoring in Business Administration. In addition to my academic involvement at the University, I am also the Secretary-General of BosMUN, a three-day high school Model United Nations Conference, which Boston University hosts in conjunction with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

This February we will welcome approximately one thousand students from around the world to our sixth session. Our aim is to create a unique debating experience that advances differing views and unconventional perspectives. Through smaller committees and a wide range of topics, BosMUN has become a highly anticipated conference that occupies a special niche in the Model UN circuit.

We have been working very hard over this past six month to prepare an excellent substantive program for the students. We are anticipating an increase in attendance of nearly 30% over last year's conference and will be adding several programs to improve the quality and breadth of debate, our commitment to the global community and to accuracy of research offered to our delegates. This year's conference is going to be hosted at the Sloane School of Management on the MIT Campus from February 9-11, 2007.

We would be honored to have a letter from you addressing our delegates and the current state of affairs within the United Nations to be placed in our delegate guide, in addition to any other support you can offer us. We can all learn a great deal from your experiences in international politics and your plans for the United Nations. We hope that through your experiences students will come to a greater understanding of how individual responsibility and action influences the entire international community.

I know that you have a very busy schedule and therefore highly appreciate all assistance you can provide us with. I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Sincerely,

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