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**MESSAGE TO THE HAGUE INTERNATIONAL
MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
The Hague, 28 January – 1 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 60th 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 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 21st 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 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



Ruxandra Ferascu/NY/UNO

09/01/2008 03:33 PM

To Irene Crepin <i.crepin@thimun.org>@UN-MAILHUB

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Subject Re: message SG for THIMUN 2008

Dear Irene,

Further to your request please find attached the Secretary-General's message to The Hague International Model United Nations, along with our best wishes for a successful event. It is fine to put the Secretary-General's photo together with the message.

Kind regards.

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To Ruxandra Ferascu <ferascu@un.org>

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Subject Re: message SG for THIMUN 2008

Dear Ruxandra.

Thank you for your swift reply.
Could we have the message by Monday 14th January?
It may be best if you fax it to our office fax:
0031 70 356.2775. I will then confirm receipt.
Would it be possible that a picture of the
honorable Secretary General be in one of the corners of the message?

Thank you so much for your efforts,

best

Irene Crepin
Managing Director
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16 July 2007

Dear Ms. Dubock and Mr. Çelik,

I write on behalf of the Secretary-General to thank you for your letter, received on 12 July 2007, in which you invite him to provide a video statement on the occasion of the Opening Ceremonies of the fortieth anniversary session of the The Hague International Model United Nations Conference on 28 January 2008.

I regret to inform you that the Secretary-General will be unable to meet your request for a video statement. We would, however, be pleased to send you a written message closer to the date of the event instead.

Yours sincerely,

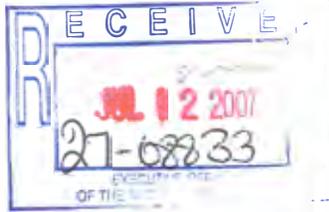
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Annika Savill'.

Annika Savill
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Ms. Linda Dubock
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Mr. Teoman Çelik
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His Excellency
Mr. Ban Ki-moon,
United Nations Secretary General
New York

27 June 2007

Dear Mr. Ban Ki-moon,

It would be a great pleasure and honor if you could become our key-note speaker, however, it may be vain of such an expectation due to your assiduous job. For this reason we would like to ask you to create a **video presentation** for the Opening Ceremonies of the fortieth anniversary session of the THIMUN Conference.

THIMUN - The Hague International Model United Nations - has in its last forty years grown into the largest and, undoubtedly, most diverse simulation conference of the United Nations. The THIMUN Conference is organized by the THIMUN Foundation - an NGO with consultative status to the Economic and Social Council. The aims of the Foundation are to promote tolerance and understanding among young people of countries all over the world with the hope of future sustainable peace. Besides organizing the THIMUN Conference, the THIMUN Foundation operates the THIMUN Youth Network, which provides a youth think-tank at its Youth Assemblies organized twice yearly, in short: THIMUN offers a voice for the youth! Both the Youth Assembly and the THIMUN Conference produce Reports Books with the resolutions that have been passed at their respective conference: these are sent annually to the UN.

The **upcoming** THIMUN Conference will be held from the 28th of January to the 1st of February 2008. Since this conference will be an anniversary session, we would like to invite you to make a **video presentation** for the **Opening Ceremonies of THIMUN**, watched eagerly by the 3,800 young participants of the conference. In our fortieth session we have chosen Climate Change as our main theme, which we are confident you feel strong about as well.

Your presence through this video presentation would carry on a tradition of distinguished guests, such as Mr. Kofi Annan, who attended the closing ceremonies in our thirty-third session and Her Royal Highness Princess Mabel in last year's thirty-ninth session, who is now our patron. Furthermore Her Royal Highness Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands personally visited the twenty-fifth session and both of her children, Prince of Orange, Willem Alexander and Prince Friso, attended as delegates. Surely your message will be received positively by the many young participants from all over the world, who will pass on their experiences in the future to the world, and maybe the United Nations.

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We hope you will decide to make a short video presentation for our anniversary session. If you may have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would be most honored and grateful, realizing that you are very busy with more global issues.

Yours Sincerely,

Linda H. Dubock

Ms. Linda Dubock
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