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MESSAGE TO THE MÜNSTER UNIVERSITY  
INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE (MUIMUN)  
Münster, 1 – 5 April 2007

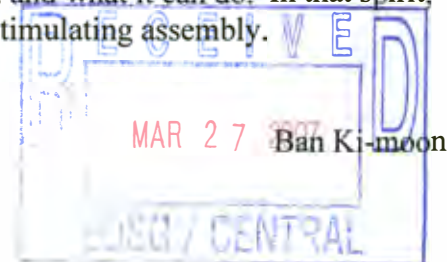
I am delighted to write to you for the first time since taking office as Secretary-General. I feel a particular connection with young people like you, for when I was a young student, the United Nations inspired me in a fundamental way. As I was growing up in war-torn and destitute Korea, the United Nations 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 assembly.





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Subject Re: MUN in Münster, Germany

Dear Ms. Terback,

Thank you for your email in which you invite the Secretary-General to send a message to the Munster University International Model United Nations.

We would be pleased to provide a message. Please be advised that a text will be sent to you closer to the date of the event, so that it can reflect the latest developments at the United Nations and in the wider international arena.

Many thanks for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

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Subject MUN in Münster, Germany

Dear Ms. Harrop,

I am sending you the warmest greetings from Münster, Germany. I am thankful to both the Secretary General of NMUN and WorldMUN 2007 for providing me with your contact information. I would be happy, if you could help us with our motion.

Our student team is organizing the first Münster University International Model United Nations (MUIMUN), which will take place from April 1st to 5th, 2007. We will welcome 220 delegates of whom more than half are international participants coming from as far as Bangladesh, Bahrain and Panama. They simulate the UN in six different committees under the overall theme "Change Today, Shape Tomorrow: New Approaches to Environment, Resources and Conflict". Dr. Klaus Töpfer, former UNEP-Director, agreed to be our patron. We are a student run organization, but are supported enthusiastically by the university and the city of Münster. Funding is granted by the university's booster club, the innovation office of the university, the United Nations

Association NRW, the Robert-Bosch-Stiftung, the city of Münster and the Foreign Trade Academy. Furthermore, we were selected by the "Land of Ideas" initiative as one of the innovative places in Germany 2007.

For our conference, and especially as source of information for the delegates, we are publishing a handbook. Like at other MUN conferences it will include useful information on the conference itself, the rules and policies, on the guest speakers, the city, the delegates, and the team and staff.

We would love to open the handbook with a welcoming letter of the Secretary General. Do you think it would be possible that Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon could provide us with a welcoming letter? We would be very grateful, if such a welcome was possible for our delegates! We will be very thankful for your help and support, also.

If you need any more information on our conference, please, let me know. I can send you a 1 MB brochure about MUIMUN. You are also more than welcome to visit our website at [www.muimun.org](http://www.muimun.org).

We are really looking forward to welcoming our delegates to MUIMUN 2007 in Münster, the City of Westphalian Peace, where international diplomacy emanated in 1648. Four days of discussion are completed by an international night, a panel discussion on the topic "Sacrificing the Environment for Development - How far can mankind go?" and other events where the delegates can get to know each other personally and make friends for a lifetime.

I am looking forward to your answer. Thanks a lot for your interest and time.

Best wishes from Germany,  
Simone Terbrack

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New Approaches to Environment, Resources & Conflict

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