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NOTE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
(Through Ms. Malcorra)

United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) Global Multilingual Essay Contest

I am happy to report to you the successful conclusion of the UNAI-ELS Educational Services (ELS) global multilingual essay writing contest for college and university students. The timely theme this year was the sustainable development agenda, with entries invited in one of the six official languages of the United Nations that is not the student's mother tongue and/or principal medium of instruction.

Seventy winners---the "70 for 70 Team" in the phrase of your gratefully received message on the occasion--- participated in a Global Youth Forum in the General Assembly Hall on July 24, marking also the 70th anniversary year of the Organization. The event was a resounding success, not the least because each winner had the opportunity to speak from the very rostrum from which her or his national leader addresses the world during the General Assembly session. The fluency with which each student had mastered a wholly new language, and the intricacy of the substantive thoughts expressed on sustainable development, were of exceptional order.

The winners came from a pool of over 1,200 entrants in 42 countries representing 60 universities; more than 3,500 people from 130 countries took part in the initial phase of the contest. In many cases, students submitted essays in their third or fourth language. Their levels of education ranged from associate to doctoral degrees; fields of study run the academic gamut, including all of the arts and sciences; medicine, pharmacy and dentistry; engineering (from biomedical to chemical to petroleum to data engineering and analytics); law; business, finance and management; linguistics; agriculture; architecture; communications; and linguistics and translation.

The entire budget for this project was covered by ELS, which also dedicated nine months of several staff members' time to it. We would be grateful if the ELS Chief Executive Officer, Mr Mark Harris, could be given the opportunity of a brief courtesy call on you at a convenient time in late August or early September; he has been a strong and consistent supporter of UNAI and an articulate advocate of your many educational initiatives and, indeed, the "People's Agenda."

Thank you.



Cristina Gallach
5 August 2015

cc: Mr. Chang
Mr. Amdur

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Dear Ms. Malcorra,

Please find attached a Note on the above subject from Ms. Cristina Gallach, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information.



Note re. UNAI Global Multilingual Essay Contest.pdf

Thank you.

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