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MESSAGE TO ISRAEL INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

Tel Aviv, 17 – 24 August 2009

The word “model” has a number of meanings. In the context of the model United Nations, it is commonly understood as “a small copy”. But I prefer another of its meanings: “a praiseworthy example to be copied”.

People often criticize young people for their idealism, or even try to talk them out of it. But I think idealism is one of your strengths. Without it, we would have a far more difficult time imagining and building a better world.

Idealism is also a big part of what animates the United Nations. When the Organization was established in 1945, the world was reeling from a destructive period of warfare that had touched the lives of just about everyone on the planet. Those who drafted the UN Charter were determined to prevent any recurrence of such atrocities and upheaval. They wanted to see a new international consciousness emerge from the ashes – one grounded in human rights and peaceful coexistence. They too were idealists, but at the same time understood the need, bred of recent experience, to erect safeguards against human cruelty.

The past six decades have not been easy. There have been major advances in the human condition. But war and poverty still plague our world. And we can all sense the perils of the present moment, as a global economic crisis and the gathering force of climate change combine to threaten our future well-being.

As you **participate** in this Model United Nations, you will get a taste for the complexity of international relations. This exercise is no empty role play. Half the world’s population is under 25. You are their representatives. Many of you will move on to positions of real leadership. All of you, by your choices as consumers, by your decisions as voters, will assume real power to shape and change our world.

I encourage you to keep in mind both meanings of the word “model”. I urge you to pursue the solutions that depend on imagination and courage, consensus and compromise. Hopefully your time at this Model United Nations will help you become the models the world needs to fulfil the ideals of this indispensable organization.

BAN Ki-moon



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Subject Message of the Secretary-General to the Israel International  
Model United Nations (ISRAMUN), 17-24 August 2009

Dear Mr. Yosef,

I am pleased to send to you the message of the **Secretary-General** to the participants of the Israel International Model United Nations (ISRAMUN), along with our best wishes for a successful conference.

Best wishes,  
Nathan



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To Ruxandra Ferascu/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
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Subject Fw: ISRAMUN - Israel International Model United Nations

History:  This message has been replied to.

Ruxandra,

I am writing to ask for a letter from the SG on behalf of the first Israeli MUN being organized for August 2009. We are keen to encourage the students in this pioneering role.

Please see the **correspondence** I received and responded to.

Kindly give me an idea when the letter could be prepared and sent. I would like to inform them when they may be able to expect it.

Thanks in advance for your usual kind cooperation.

Regards,

Yvonne

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Subject Re: ISRAMUN - Israel International Model United Nations

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Dear Yvonne

That was quick!!! Thank you for your warm words and your quick answer.

### **Booklets and flags**

Thank you. it will help us a lot.

### **Letter from the Secretary-General**

Since it is our intention to publish the letter at the Israeli Media, the sooner is better. It is important for us, if it is possible, to mention in the letter two important institutions that

without them ISRAMUN would have never been born- "The College of Management Academic Studies" which gave us a large sum of the fund we needed and "Concord Research Center for the Integration of International Law in Israel" which gave us the academic guidance together with the Law School of the College of Management Academic Studies".

**ISRAMUN delegates for GMUN 2010**

We will both be in our internships at the relevant dates but we will not only publish GMUN 2010, we will personally arrange a group and try to get them proper funding for the trip.

**Speaker at the opening ceremony**

As i wrote in my previous email, we would like a key figure from the UN to come and say a few words at the opening ceremony. can you connect me to someone?

Best Regards,  
Ariel

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Sincerely,  
Ariel Yosef,  
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Project Manager

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2009/5/9 Yvonne Acosta <[acostay@un.org](mailto:acostay@un.org)>

Dear Ariel and Asaf,

Congratulations on your pioneering role in organizing the first ever Model UN in Israel!!!. The United Nations encourages the organization of MUNs as an excellent pedagogic tool for teaching and learning about the United Nations. It is also an exciting and stimulating experience for youth worldwide to simulate the United Nations. We welcome your choice of the theme. The issue of disarmament (particularly nuclear weapons) is a very high priority on the UN AGENDA for 2009 and 2010 and beyond.

**Booklets and flags**

This email is to acknowledge your email and to let you know that I will consult on the availability of booklets and flags and respond to you on those requests next week.

**Letter from the Secretary-General**

It will be a pleasure to request a letter from the Secretary-General to your Model UN. Please inform me of the deadline you may have for receiving the letter.

## Request for financial support

On the subject of financial support, unfortunately the United Nations does not have a budget to support Model UNs at the national level and is unable to respond to your request. You will soon learn that the United Nations Secretariat operates on a very limited budget and, in many instances, can only offer in kind contributions and expertise in its various fields.

## ISRAMUN delegates for GMUN 2010

It is my pleasure to share with you the news that the United Nations will be convening its first Model UN to be organized by the Department of Public Information -- the first annual Global Model UN conference. Please see our website for information - [www.un.org/gmun](http://www.un.org/gmun). You will note that we invite MUNs around the world to select their best delegates to attend the Global Model UN (GMUN). We hope that you will bear that in mind when you organize your first MUN, and please consider selecting delegates to attend the next annual GMUN conference to be held in August 2010 -- location to be determined. We will send out invitations for the 2010 Global Model UN conference in September/October 2009.

With kind regards,

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Dear Yvonne and Julia

I was referred to you by Mr. Richard Miron

I am writing to introduce to you our initiative to hold the first ever International Model United Nations (MUN) in Israel (ISRAMUN) and to seek support for this project.

**Model United Nations** is an academic simulation of the United Nations that aims to educate Participants about civic and governmental responsibilities; effective communication; globalization and multilateral diplomacy. UN simulation events held around the world for over 20 years in more than 30 countries.

**ISRAMUN** is a one week conference that will be held during 17-24 of August and it is **the first ever such events in Israel.**

**ISRAMUN** is in an international event inviting to Israel students from all over the world to spend a week in Israel. They will be engaged simulating discussions in various UN bodies.

**ISRAMUN** aims to open its first conference with a unique and challenging theme: **Nuclear Agendas: Our World, Our Lives**, which will allow our delegates to make use of their varying backgrounds and to make a statement on this extremely topical subject.

**we will appreciate your assistance in the following:**

**Firstly**, we already secured 15,000\$ after receiving sponsorships from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The College of Management Academic Studies, Municipality of Rishon Le Zion and the Ministry of Tourism. **We are still short of 10,000\$ US.** The money will be used for professional excursions; assisting students who would like to participate but who are short of funds; and for preparing relevant professional material for the discussions.

We are only \$10,000 away from securing the amount necessary for the event to take place. We would be extremely grateful for your support.

**Secondly**, we would like to distribute booklets comprised of the UN Charter and the ICJ Statue. Theses documents are essential to all delegates and visitors (300 copies). we also want to distribute booklets comprised of Human Rights treaties (300 copies).

**Thirdly**, flags, in order to create an authentic conference as possible it is essential to provide the delegates the right atmosphere and environment.

**Fourthly**, UN recognition in a form of an official letter signed by the Secretary General addressing the importance of such a MUN in Israel and his appreciation to the students of the Law School, The College of Management Academic Studies and the Concord Research Center for the Integration of International Law in Israel.

Please find attached additional documents detailing this project. Additional information can also be found in our website: [www.ISRAMUN.org](http://www.ISRAMUN.org)

We stand ready to provide you with any additional information.

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Sincerely yours

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