

UNITED NATIONS



NATIONS UNIES

Model UN
Message / Granted

08/07/08

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

--

MESSAGE TO THE AMERICAS MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Brasilia, 21 – 25 July 2008

You are meeting at a crucial time for international cooperation. The ties that bind our common humanity together are fraying. Energy prices threaten to divide our world and our societies ever more sharply into “haves” and “have-nots”. Climate change hurts all of us, yet risks driving us into two camps: those who pollute, and those who suffer. The price of food could rip societies apart, nation from nation, community from community, neighbour from neighbour. And as we pass the midpoint in the race to reach the Millennium Development Goals, we know that failure to meet the 2015 deadline would deal a devastating blow to the trust forged between the developed and developing world, as well as between Governments and their citizens.

Do not be intimidated by this roster. Each challenge is the product of human choices, of mistaken priorities, of inadequate institutions and laws. Each can be resolved through individual and collective action, through the innovative ideas and fresh energies that will characterize your generation of problem solvers. We are not fated to watch our world disintegrate, devolving into the law of the jungle. We can renew the ties that bind, asserting our common interests, our common ideals, and our common humanity.

How can we do this? We can do it through the United Nations. As the world’s only universal organization, the UN is uniquely placed to provide us with the tools to address these global issues. It can link countries one to another, region to region, neighbour to neighbour, public to private, rich to poor.

What we need is a collective effort -- not separate endeavours by separate ministries, organizations, or NGOs. It requires leadership at the highest level, which only world leaders themselves can mobilize. We must pull together the various strands of our work on food security, climate change, and the Millennium Development Goals, because we cannot successfully address these challenges in isolation. The United Nations can serve as the multilateral platform for implementing concrete actions on all of them.

This is why we need to build a stronger United Nations for a better world. There is a world of work to do. Change is our vocation, the world our workplace. I would be honoured to have you join me in this quest. In this spirit, I wish you a most stimulating conference.

Handwritten signature of Ban Ki-moon in black ink.

BAN Ki-moon

JUL

28-04485




Ruxandra Ferascu/NY/UNO

08/07/2008 06:09 PM

To "Rodrigo Randig"
<rodrigorandig@gmail.com>@UN-MAILHUB
cc Nathan Henninger/NY/UNO@UNHQ

bcc

Subject Message from the Secretary-General to the Americas Model
United Nations, Brasilia, 21 - 25 July 2008 

Dear Mr. Randig,

Further to your request, I am pleased to send you the Secretary-General's message to the Americas Model United Nations, along with our best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

Ruxandra Ferascu
Communications and Speechwriting Unit
Executive Office of the Secretary-General
United Nations
Tel. 212 963 4092
Fax. 212 963 5965
Email: ferascu@un.org



AMUN.doc

"Rodrigo Randig" <rodrigorandig@gmail.com>



"Rodrigo Randig"
<rodrigorandig@gmail.com>
02/07/2008 02:41 PM

To "Ruxandra Ferascu" <ferascu@un.org>
cc

Subject Re: Message from the Secretary-General to the Americas
Model United Nations, Brasilia, 21 - 25 July 2008

Dear Ms. Ferascu,

We have been delighted to hear that you will be sending us a letter of support to the 11th edition of the Americas Model United Nations.

However, I need to know if there is already an estimated date by which the letter should be sent to us. We have a certain urgency in having it once we need to print our conference handbook for all delegates as soon as possible, and we wish the letter would be in the first page of the handbook.

Once again, thank you very much for your attention and support,

Rodrigo Wiese Randig



Ruxandra Ferascu/NY/UNO

02/05/2008 05:23 PM

To rodrigorandig@amun.org.br,

cc

bcc

Subject Message from the Secretary-General to the Americas Model
United Nations, Brasilia, 21 - 25 July 2008

Dear Mr. Randig,

Thank you for your message of 23 April 2008, requesting a message from the Secretary-General for the Americas Model United Nations conference in July. 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,

Ruxandra Ferascu
Communications and Speechwriting Unit
Executive Office of the Secretary-General
United Nations
Tel. 212 963 4092
Fax. 212 963 5965
Email: ferascu@un.org

----- Forwarded by inquiries2/NY/UNO on 23/04/2008 10:44 AM -----



<rodrigorandig@amun.org.br

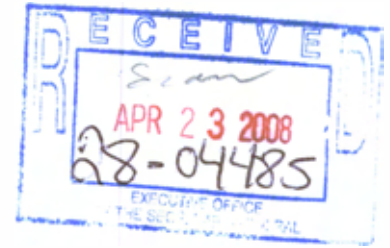
>

23/04/2008 10:26 AM

To <inquiries2@un.org>

cc

Subject Support letter from the SG



E-mail sent from form on Web Site

----- [Message Text] -----

My name is Rodrigo Wiese Randig. I am an undergraduate student at the Universidade de Brasilia and responsible for the organization of the 2008 edition of the Americas Model United Nations (www.amun.org.br). AMUN was the first Model UN conference to be held in Brazil, and each year the AMUN annual conferences congregate hundreds of students and alumni from universities from all over the world.

For our 5-years-edition, we were happy to have a short letter from former UN Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, in which he expressed his support to the endeavor and best wishes for our conference.

This year, we will be celebrating 10 years of AMUN and of the Model UN culture in Brazil, and it would be a really positive compliment to all the 80 volunteer students who have been dedicating themselves to organizing this edition of the conference for almost a whole year, if we could once again have a short letter of support written by the Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-Moon.

Hence, I would like to ask you by which means I could reach Mr. Ban in order to formally request a short letter of support to this commemorative edition of our event - whose main purpose is the dissemination of the Principles and Purposes of the UN.

Also, is there a un.org email by which we could also reach Mr. Annan once again?

Thank you very much in advance,
On behalf of the University of Brasilia and the AMUN staffs,

Best regards,

--
Rodrigo Wiese Randig
Secretary-General
rodrigorandig@amun.org.br
+55.61.8138.5060
Americas Model United Nations
www.amun.org.br

Brasilia
21-25 July 2008