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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

MESSAGE TO THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
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At a time when some would seek to divide the human family by exploiting differences among peoples, we need more than ever the contribution of young people who defend and promote the human values that bind us together. It is reassuring to know that you have gathered to celebrate your commitment to global harmony and peaceful coexistence.

Such gatherings go to the heart of what the United Nations stands for. Together, we must nurture communities where people of all faiths, cultures and nationalities coexist in peace. And we must harness these efforts to the United Nations work for peace, development and human rights for all.

In that spirit, I wish you a joyous festival. May your message of peace, tolerance and understanding resound far and wide.

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