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Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon,

On behalf of the Washington Area Model United Nations Conference (WAMUNC) Secretariat, it would be my pleasure to cordially invite you to participate as the keynote speaker on Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Opening Ceremony of WAMUNC XVII. My name is Melissa Miller and I am the Secretary-General for WAMUNC, taking place March 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 2015. WAMUNC will be celebrating its 17<sup>th</sup> year at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington D.C.. The conference is a four-day exercise in diplomacy, international affairs, and global knowledge and is fully staffed and sponsored by its parent organization, the International Affairs Society at The George Washington University. In the past, we have had senior representatives of the U.S. Department of State, members of the United States' Foreign Service, senior international agency representatives, as well as academics in the field of international affairs attending as our keynote speakers. It would be an honor to have such an influential figure in the world of diplomacy share with us, a community of over 1,700 college and high school students, educators, and parents, the experiences that have shaped your career and led you to your current position.

WAMUNC prides itself on being one of the premiere high school Model United Nations conferences in the world bringing delegates not only from the United States but also internationally. This past year, delegates joined us from Colombia, Mexico, the Gambia, Venezuela, Panama and Puerto Rico. WAMUNC's uniqueness lies in its high quality simulations as well as its geographic location in the heart of the American capital, Washington, D.C. This allows delegates to experience briefings, lectures, and speeches from leading professionals in related fields. Delegates that attend this conference will find that it will challenge their diplomatic skills, increase their knowledge of the subjects debated, and enrich their understanding of the world.

Our conference is the largest student-run event sponsored by The George Washington University. At WAMUNC XVI, around 150 George Washington students volunteered their time in order to facilitate the success of this conference, which hosted over 1,200 student delegates. The hard work of staffers nurtured a strong sense of community within the International Affairs Society and a meaningful weekend full of unforgettable memories.

WAMUNC XVII has 22 committees that range in topics and regional focus. This year's committees will be debating democratic governance, oil spills, social networks, and humanitarian crises, among many other relevant topics. In addition to continuing our already great programming, we will also be adding a few new features that tie our committees closer to their real counterparts. First off, we will be sending resolutions written and passed by high school students in the committees to their respective bodies in the United Nations and other

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international organizations. Our initiative will bring students closer to the real world of international policy, and will motivate them to create innovative, workable solutions that they would be proud to promote. Additionally, WAMUNC will be trying for the first time "UN4MUN" procedure. In our Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian Committee of the General Assembly we will be utilize this procedure to more accurately simulate the United Nations. Resolutions are passed by consensus rather than a simple majority. This increases diplomacy and cooperation amongst delegates. WAMUNC is one of very few conference, especially in North America, to implement "UN4MUN." As the current Secretary-General of the United Nations, we believe that your insight in speaking to the delegates as a keynote speaker would be invaluable since it will provide a rounded perspective on the multifaceted nature of international and regional topics and will add an invigorating perspective on the possibilities for committees' resolutions and proposals.

In your address to the delegates of the Global Classrooms Pacific Rim International Model UN Conference, you encouraged the students to dream big. In our staff we have GWU students that have represented the USA at the UN Youth Forum, have worked at the U.S. Department of State, have pursued the development of a Haitian micro financing market, helped in indigenous community development in Mexico, and traveled all around the world advocating for the fulfillment of human rights, sustainable development, and peace. Furthermore, as an organization, we have partnered with groups such as Instituto del Mundo Libre and the United Nations Association of the United States of America in showing our commitment not only to offering a rewarding experience to high school students, but also in taking our efforts in diplomacy further and converting them to actions. We are aware of the challenges that the world faces today and we believe in the capacity of individuals to face the challenges and change the world for the better. Today, we ask you to speak to the delegates that meet every year at our conference and to make one of our dreams come true.

This year we hope to make the conference thrive on its level of professional debate, on the interaction that students have with diplomatic leaders, and on our commitment to the larger ideal of a cooperative, supportive, and active group of individuals that will become leaders in their fields and who want to make a change in the world.

Once again, we would be honored to have you as our keynote speaker and we hope you consider this forum as one in which passionate students, prepared delegates, and committed staff will be eager to listen to your experiences and carry your advice into their professional lives and academic careers. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



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Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon,

My name is Ana Isabel Abad and I am the Director of Programing for the Washington Area Model United Nations Conference (WAMUNC) hosted by The George Washington University. On behalf of the WAMUNC Secretariat and the conference's Secretary- General, Melissa Miller, we would like to invite you to the Opening ceremonies of our annual high school conference taking place on Thursday March 19th, 2015.

Attached you can find our invitation letter and the details of the conference. We would be honored to host you in the conference and look forward to your response.

Most respectfully,

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