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Dear Sir,

It is our utmost pleasure, in the name of Geneva International Model of United Nations (also known as GIMUN) to invite you to the Welcome Ceremony of GIMUN's Annual Conference that will take place on Monday 27th of March around 10 AM, at the Palais des Nations, in Geneva

Geneva International Model United Nations is a non-governmental organization accredited by the Economic and Social Council, as well as an association fully managed by students, that was created in 1999. It aims to promote the UN actions in Switzerland and beyond. The Annual Conference is a great opportunity for us to bring students closer to the diplomatic and political world, as they have the opportunity to better their negotiation and collaboration skills in a professional environment. We are committed to promoting these values, as they are instrumental in raising awareness about the UN and its message of peace. We not only want to see change in the world, we are working hard to make it happen.

We will be thrilled to have you as our guest speaker during the Welcome Ceremony for a number of reasons.

First, our event is aimed at the youth. As you know, Model United Nations (MUNs) have grown increasingly popular over the years and are now invaluable in channelling the message of the United Nations across the world. Your actions over the past years has empowered the youth, as evidenced by the nomination of Ahmad Alhendawi to the strategic position of Youth Envoy. In fact, each year, GIMUN welcomes more than 300 students that comes from all over the world,

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having the hope to discover the international Geneva. We are confident you will find in our 300+ international audience means to channel your message.

Second, Geneva International Model United Nations (GIMUN) is dedicated to moving forward the UN's agenda. Our affiliation to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations commands our actions, as we are dedicated to advancing Sustainable Development Goals. We have incorporated the Goals in all our committees to make sure this ambitious project infuses amongst each and all of our participants.

Third, we know how important multilingualism is to you. GIMUN has put tremendous effort in providing live translation and interpretation, of high quality, in French and English to its audience. We hold on dearly to linguistic diversity to attract top-quality students both from the area and from across the world. This is our pledge to sustain Geneva's international and diplomatic opening to the rest of the world.

On that matter, we could not have hoped for better support from Mr. Michael Møller and his team as they graciously enable us year after year to use UN facilities. We realise Geneva is probably one of the cities you know the best by now, but we hope to have convinced you more stops are necessary.

Our priorities are intertwined. We truly hope you will be able to attend in order to strengthen the message of the UN to our audience and to the rest of the world.

Please find attached a list of committees and topics we will be discussing during the Annual Conference.

Yours faithfully

Kanzy Kassem and Charles Bonfils-Duclos, 2017 GIMUN Secretary Generals

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1. Security Council

Topic A : Europe and the 21 st century: inevitable re-militarisation?

Topic B : On-going Tensions in the South-China Sea

2. Economic and Social Council

Topic A : Ways to improve the economic resilience of landlocked and least developed countries in order to boost their competitiveness in international markets.

Topic B : How can short term economic growth combat world poverty?

3. Disarmament and International Security Committee (also known as "First Committee")

Topic A : Evaluating the relevance of sanctions in maintaining peace and international security

Topic B : The threat posed by the use of biological and toxin weapons in the 21st century

4. Human Rights Council

Topic A : Refugee Crisis: Integration and the right of return

Topic B : Capital punishment and the implementation of safeguards guaranteeing the rights of those facing death penalty

5. African Union

Topic A : The African Continent in the 21st century: how good governance can help overcome environmental challenges

Topic B : Peace and Stability in the Central African Republic

6. Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and Strengthening the Role of the Organization

Topic A : How the current United Nations structures and bodies are suited to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals

Topic B : Strengthening the role of the Security Council in the 21st century