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MESSAGE TO THE SCIENCES PO RENNES INTERNATIONAL
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As the United Nations addresses grinding poverty, devastating conflicts, human rights abuses and emerging challenges such as the spread of the Ebola virus, I take heart from the rise of a new generation of global citizens learning about our work. Thank you for your interest in the United Nations.

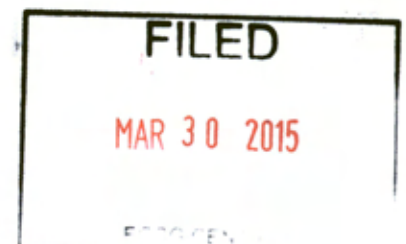
Your meeting comes at a critical moment for our common future. Not since the end of the Second World War have there been so many refugees, displaced people and asylum seekers. Never before has the United Nations been asked to reach so many people with emergency food assistance and other life-saving supplies. The impacts of climate change are growing more pronounced. Diplomacy is on the defensive, undermined by those who believe in violence. Diversity is under assault by extremists. Disarmament is viewed as a far-off dream.

Hope may be distant, but it is there: in changing mindsets; in new coalitions; and in clinics, classrooms and other places where the development agenda is making remarkable progress.

Global poverty has been cut in half. More children are spared death from preventable diseases, and more women survive pregnancy and childbirth. Here is still much work ahead, but these and other gains show the power of the Millennium Development Goals, the ambitious, 15-year anti-poverty campaign launched at the United Nations in the year 2000.

Today, an inspiring and inclusive global conversation is taking place on a new development agenda for the next 15 years. More than five million people have voted online in the My World survey. I encourage all of you to log on and chime in.

People around the world are crying out for protection from violence, greed and inequality. They understand that the world needs greater international cooperation for the common good. The United Nations is striving to answer this call, but we need your engagement. I hope you learn all that you can in Model UN, and apply those lessons in actions to create a better world.



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SECRETARY GENERAL
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To whom it may concern,

Student in Public Affairs at Sciences Po Rennes, France, I am in charge of organizing the 3rd session of the Sciences Po Rennes International Model United Nations (sprimun.com). This year's conference will be held in Rennes from April 1st to April 3rd. We try to build the event on last year's success, and make it memorable.

During this 2015 conference, the delegates will debate within three committees:

- the United Nations General Assembly, focusing on the issues of *the Post-2015 Development Agenda* and/or *Promoting peace and security cooperation in Central Africa* ;
- the 1956 Security Council, tackling two historical issues: *the Suez Canal Crisis* and/or *the Budapest Insurrection* ;
- the Disarmament and International Security Committee, focusing on the issues of *the use of unconventional weapons* and/or *Preventing an arms race in outer space* .

We would be honored to have the support of the United Nations Secretariat, notably with a letter we could publish on our website and give to all the SPRIMUN participants.

Please believe in the expression of my most respectful greetings.

Sincerely,

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Secretary General

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