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MESSAGE TO

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (QUEENS CAMPUS)
ON THE OCCASION OF UNITED NATIONS DAY

Jamaica Estate, New York, 24 October 2007

Dear young friends,

Happy United Nations Day, everyone! It gives me great pleasure to send my greetings to the staff and students of the United Nations International School (Queens Campus) on this occasion. This is a day when the UN family comes together not only as nations, but as human beings united in our quest for a better world. Thank you for coming out to express your support.

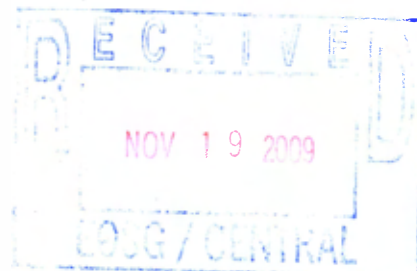
As we look around us in the world today, we have cause for grave concern. From climate change to extreme poverty, from Darfur to the Middle East, the challenges are complex and profound. Let us use this Day to pray for strength in confronting them.

Let us also take this Day to send a special message to those who serve in United Nations field missions around the world, in difficult and sometimes dangerous circumstances. They deserve our respect and our gratitude.

But let us also use this Day to celebrate. More and more, people around the world understand that global problems demand global solutions -- and that going it alone is not a viable option. The UN is in greater demand than ever before. Multilateralism is back.

Let us show the world we are equal to the task. Let us use this Day to help create a better understanding for our Organization -- what it is, what it does, and what it can do. Let us seize it as an occasion to remember why our Organization was founded 62 years ago today. Let us draw strength from it as we work to create a stronger UN for a better world.

Young people like you have an important role to play in raising awareness, in building support, in taking a global view. I am grateful that the United Nations can count on your continued commitment as we pursue our shared mission. I wish every one of you a joyous and memorable United Nations Day.



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