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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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**MESSAGE TO THE PRAGUE
MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
Prague, 28 - 31 March 2008**

This year provides a unique opportunity to enhance the central role of the United Nations in world affairs. A number of developments align to make this so: the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; the midpoint in the work to reach the Millennium Development Goals and the high-level meeting on financing for development; the climate change negotiations; the unprecedented peacekeeping operation in Darfur.

As the vast international agenda expands the possibilities for collective action by States and people, it also calls on us to strengthen the capacity of the Organization to serve nations and populations in need, while upholding the principles of the Charter and values of the United Nations.

We must deliver results for a more prosperous and healthy world. Passing the midpoint to the 2015 deadline for the Millennium Development Goals, we face a development emergency. Millions of people are still trapped in structural poverty and go hungry every day. In sub-Saharan Africa, despite pockets of progress, not a single country is on track to achieve the MDGs by 2015.

We must deliver results for a more secure world. This year will put us to new tests in peacekeeping, bringing it to an unprecedented scale, complexity and risk level. Success depends first and foremost on how Member States match the mandates they have set. It depends on their political support and on their actual contributions -- troops, police, vital capabilities and finance.

We must deliver results for a more just world. A global awareness campaign is already underway to mark the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. And we must work to ensure the Human Rights Council lives up to the high expectations of the international community.

Global threats in the 21st century spare no one. They require us to advance the global common good by securing global public goods -- in the areas of climate change, global health, counter-terrorism, disarmament and non-proliferation. The United Nations is uniquely placed to lead this effort.

The challenges ahead are daunting. But the United Nations has proven, at various stages of its history, that it is capable of rising to new challenges.

You have a key role to play in building a better understanding of our United Nations -- what it is, what it does, and what it can do. I thank all of you for your commitment, and wish you a most stimulating conference.

Ban Ki-moon

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Subject Re: The message for Prague Model UN

Dear Mr. Kopecký,

Further to your request I am pleased to send you the Secretary-General's message to the Prague Model United Nations, along with our best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

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To ferascu@un.org
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Subject The message for Prague Model UN

Dear Mrs. Ferascu,

I would like to ask you, if it was possible to deliver the message from the Secretary-General (at least via email) before the 10th of March 2008. Our Annual conference is held between 28 and 31 March, but we would like to present the message in our conference book, so every each participant or guest could read it. This conference book must be printed in advance, therefore we would be more than happy to get the message in time. Thank you very much.

Best regards,

Václav Kopecký

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Subject The Secretary-General's message for Model UN - Prague, 28
- 30 March 2008

Dear Mr. Kopecký,

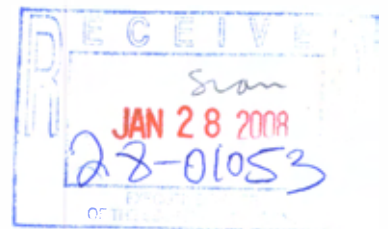
Thank you for your recent letter to the Secretary-General requesting a message for the Prague Annual Model United Nations conference which will be held from 28 to 31 March 2008. We will be pleased to provide a message from the Secretary-General for your event. The text will be sent to you closer to the date of the event, so that it can reflect the latest developments at the United Nations and in the wider international arena.

Many thanks for your interest and support.

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Prague Student Summit



H. E. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
United Nations

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Prague Model United Nations I wish to kindly request a message of Your Excellency that will be addressed to the participants of the Annual Conference of the Model UN in the Czech Republic which is held from the 28th till the 31st March 2008.

The Prague Model United Nations is the largest national Model UN in Central Europe. It builds on a twelve-year long tradition and experience. Over four hundred students participate in our Model annually. Since last year the students engage in simulation not only of the United Nations but also NATO and the European Union. With this expansion, our education programme transformed into the Prague Student Summit. The aim is to demonstrate the work of these key international organizations in our region and ways how they do and could cooperate.

Our participants, young people between the age of 15 and 20, are high school students interested in problems affecting today's world. Only members of the Model EU are university students and therefore are older. The organizing team consists of fifty university students. The Prague Student Summit project is a wonderful opportunity for people of different age and with different education background to work together on issues on international agenda. We believe that one day we will take over responsibility and become new leaders.

Through the simulation of negotiations we spread messages of the United Nations and the concept of global responsibility. Our goal is to build an open and informed society. We believe that it is more than essential to engage young people in this respect.

The Prague Model United Nations had been honoured in the past to receive special messages from your predecessors, H. E. Boutros Boutros-Ghali and H. E. Kofi Annan. We would be most grateful if you, Mr. Secretary-General, continued in this tradition.

Yours Sincerely,

Václav Kopecký
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