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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

MESSAGE TO BONN UNIVERSITY
MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE (BIMUN/SINUB 2009)
Bonn, 30 November – 4 December 2009

On behalf of the entire United Nations system, I congratulate you for taking part in one of the most practical, hands-on experiences in international diplomacy for young people.

As you participate in this Model United Nations exercise, you will get a full taste of the complexity of international relations. You will gain a better understanding of the intricacies of negotiations, the challenges of achieving consensus, and the patience required to win diplomatic progress. These skills will help you in whatever course you choose in life.

The world faces profound opportunities and obligations. We are connected as a human family as never before, opening up vast new possibilities. But we are also living through an age of multiple crisis including food, fuel, pandemic flu, and of course the biggest global economic crises since the founding of the United Nations.

These crises are compounded by other, greater challenges: climate change. The proliferation of deadly weapons. The plight of two billion of our fellow global citizens living in poverty.

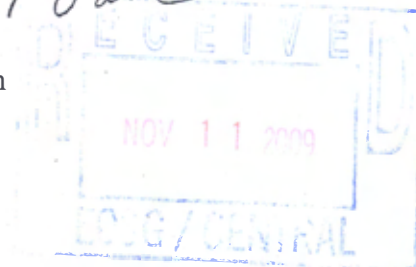
None of these problems can be solved by any single nation acting alone. Never has the imperative of acting together been so self-evident. More and more people are coming to understand this fundamental fact.

Young people have much to contribute, not only in influencing our path for the future but in making a difference today. Half the world's population is under the age of 25. You can give voice to their hopes and needs.

As you move forward in life, I urge you to keep learning more about the work of the United Nations and to share your knowledge and commitment with others. There is no greater good than a life of public service. It could be with the United Nations – or perhaps with an NGO, a foundation or your national government.

One thing is certain: extraordinary times open extraordinary opportunities for change. This is such a moment. Help us meet the trials of our age and shape the world for good.

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Dear Mrs. Ferascu,

I sent an E-Mail to Mr. Henninger with our kind request if it is possible to get a written greeting from **Secretary-General** Mr. Ban Ki-Moon to be distributed to our delegates at the **BIMUN/SINUB Model** conference in December about a month ago. He told me **that** he forwarded it to you. So I wanted to kindly ask if you can give us **any** news on our request?

Below you may find once again the E-Mail we wrote to Mr. Henninger:

"BIMUN/SINUB is a student initiative that with its academic simulation of the United Nations helps promoting the values **and** ideals of the UN, we would be delighted if you were supporting our special and so far unique project. **BIMUN/SINUB e.V. will be the first Model United Nations worldwide to hold a green conference:** carbon neutral and **environmentally** sustainable. Therefore we would like to kindly ask you if it is **possible** to get a written greeting from Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-Moon to be distributed to our delegates at the BIMUN/SINUB Model UN conference in **December?**

Last year, our executive board had the **honour** to meet Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-Moon when he was visiting the **German UN-City Bonn**. It was a great moment in the history of our association. **They** then got a written greeting from Mr. Ban Ki-Moon for our last **conference** in December 2008. They passed your Email address on to us, so that we have the chance to ask you again if it would be possible to get a written **greeting** from Mr. Ban Ki-Moon again this year? It would be a great honour for us and our delegates.

Last year the written greeting was **distributed** to the delegates at our opening ceremony. To be addressed by **Secretary-General** Mr. Ban Ki-Moon was a great welcome experience for our delegates and **one** reason why they had a splendid start in the conference. It motivated them a lot and was a highlight of the opening ceremony.

In the next paragraphs you may find some **extra** information about our association and the BIMUN/SINUB Model UN **2009**: BIMUN/SINUB e.V. was founded in 2002 by students of Bonn University **with** the goal of holding an annual Model United Nations conference. The Bonn **International** Model United Nations Conference will be organized for the **eights** time from 30 November - 4 December for 180 participants from more **than** 40 countries. Six committees of the United Nations and the European Union will be simulated in two of the official working languages of the United Nations, English and French. Since 2002, the annual conferences attracted **more** than 1000 students to Bonn and have received extremely favorable feedback from participants, sponsors and the media.

By organizing this conference, our aim is **to** offer a platform for students to actively experience international **relations**. We give students from all over

the world the opportunity to understand the work of the United Nations and the European Union and the ways those institutions work by simulating international politics in selected committees.

The overall topic of this year's conference is "Green Solutions - Inspiring Global Governance". We are convinced that discussing green solutions is not enough; we also want to act in a "green" way. Therefore, the BIMUN/SINUB conference will be a green conference. Our objectives with regard to this concept are to minimize the negative environmental impacts of the conference and to compensate inevitable emissions. Our green conference concept is so far unique among MUNs worldwide. We want to underline the focus of the German UN City Bonn on topics related to climate change and sustainable development. Bonn with its various UN bodies and NGOs is the perfect location for a green conference."

Thank you for your help!

Yours sincerely,
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