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MESSAGE TO THE MCGILL
MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY
Montreal, 28 - 31 January 2010

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 a non-governmental organization, 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Ban Ki-moon', is positioned above the printed name.

BAN Ki-moon

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Ruxandra Ferascu/NY/UNO
23/10/2009 03:30 PM

To Nida Nizam <staff@mcmun.org>@UN-MAILHUB
cc Sandar Hla/NY/UNO,
bcc
Subject Re: Welcome Letter 

Dear Nida,

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

Best regards.

Ruxandra



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To Ruxandra Ferascu <ferascu@un.org>
cc
Subject Re: Welcome Letter

Ms. Ferascu,

A letter by the 24th of November would be amazing.
Thank you so much for providing this letter, I know it's going to start our conference out for its best year yet!

Cheers,
Nida

On Fri, Oct 23, 2009 at 2:53 PM, Ruxandra Ferascu <ferascu@un.org> wrote:
Dear Ms. Nizam,

Thank you for your request below. We will be happy to provide a message from the Secretary-General for the McGill Model United Nations 2010. Please let me know by which date do you need to receive it.

Best regards.
Ruxandra

Nida Nizam
<staff@mcmun.org>

23/10/2009 02:47 PM To
ferascu@un.org cc

Subject
RE: Welcome Letter

Ms. Ferascu,

My name is Nida Nizam and I am the Chief of Staff for the McGill Model United Nations Assembly 2010. Please find attached a request for a welcome letter from the Secretary-General for our delegate handbook this year.

We appreciate your consideration in this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (514) 398-6816 or in a response e-mail. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding our conference, and I look forward to communicating with you further.

Cheers!
Nida Nizam

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23 October 2009

Ref: Welcome Letter from the Secretary General of the UN

To Whom It May Concern,

I am representing the McGill Model United Nations **Assembly** for 2010, a university-level model United Nations conference held January 28th-31st in Montreal, QC that is organized by the International Relations Students' Association of McGill. I would like to request a welcome letter from Mr. Ban for our conference handbook.

McMUN draws over 1,200 delegates from universities all over **the** world, and we command a staff team of over 300 McGill volunteers who prepare over the course of ten months. **Each** year, we produce a handbook for each delegate and staff member with an introduction letter from the Prime **Minister** of Canada and the previous Secretary-General of the United Nations. In 2001, Mr. Annan provided us with a welcome letter and we were hoping that we would be able to receive one from Mr. Ban for this year's edition.

The purpose of the letter would be to serve as a welcome for **participants** to the organization, as well as to express the value of diplomacy and cooperation in global relations. You are certainly welcome to write about the UN and international affairs in general. We look to this letter to **provide** a positive and reinforcing message for students who desire to one day participate in the realm of global diplomacy and exercise that enthusiasm during our simulation.

The university students are not only enthused at the sight of a **letter** from the Secretary-General of the UN, but also feel a sense of purpose as they begin their participation at our **conference**. If you are able to accommodate this request by November 24, 2009, our organization would be extremely **grateful**. The letter should be sent to my attention at:

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Should you have any **further** queries, please feel free to contact me at 514-398-6816 or at staff@mcmun.org.
Regards,

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