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MESSAGE TO THE NIGERIAN INTERNATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS
MODEL UNITED NATIONS (NISSMUN) CONFERENCE

Abuja, 21-25 October 2007

Dear young friends,

The world is changing in the United Nations' favour -- as more people and Governments understand that multilateralism is the only path in our interdependent and globalizing world. Global problems demand global solutions -- and going it alone is not a viable option. Whether we are speaking of peace and security, development, or human rights, demands on the UN are growing every day.

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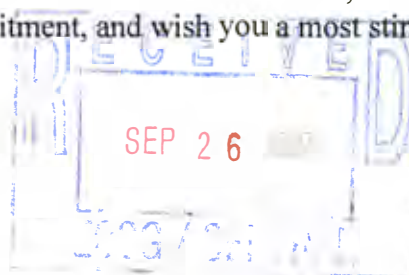
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We will be judged in the future on the actions we take today -- on results. I look to all of you to help build a better understanding for our United Nations -- what it is, what it does, and what it can do. I thank all of you for your commitment, and wish you a most stimulating conference.



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MESSAGE TO THE NIGERIAN INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS
(NIGIMUN) CONFERENCE
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Dear Mr. Nwaozuzu and Barr. Euzebio,

I am pleased to send to you the message of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Nigerian International Secondary Schools Model United Nations (NISSMUN) Conference and his message to the Nigerian International Model United Nations (NIGIMUN) Conference, along with our best wishes for successful events.

With best regards,

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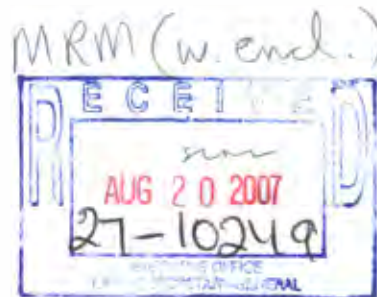
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His Excellency
Mr. Ban Ki-Moon
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Your Excellency,

REQUEST FOR A ONEPAGE GOODWILL MESSAGE TO THE 3rd MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES IN NIGERIA

The Nigeria Model United Nations Society and her Advisory Committee present their compliments to the UN Secretary General, Mr. Ban Ki-Moon and would like to use this opportunity to formally notify Your Excellency of the hosting of the 3rd Model United Nations Conferences in Nigeria namely:

1. **NIGERIAN INTERNATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS MODEL UNITED NATIONS (NISSMUN) CONFERENCE.**

Date: 21 – 25 October 2007

Venue: International Conference Centre, Abuja

Participants: High School (Secondary School!) Students.

2. **NIGERIAN INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS (NIGIMUN) CONFERENCE**

Date: 17 – 22 November 2007

Venue: International Conference Centre, Abuja

Participants: Students in Tertiary Institutions (Universities and others).

The Theme for the 3rd NISSMUN Conference (High Schools) is: **Culture and Religion in Reproductive Health and Rights**. While that of NIGIMUN Conference (Tertiary Institutions) is: **Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion: Our Collective Responsibility**.

Our conferences present students with an enabling environment to discover and harness their latent academic, social & developmental skills necessary for successful future careers. We have received overwhelming appreciation and acclamation from Student delegates, Teachers, Parents, Consulates, Foreign Ministries and Agencies with representatives in our conferences.

The students, who attended the 2nd Model United Nations Conference in October and November 2006 in Abuja and Port Harcourt respectively, were outstanding in their creativity, depth of thought, energy and sincerity. They were so inspiring and we truly believe that the experience of the Model United Nations programme will have the most positive effect on their education and future.

Your Excellency, we are very much aware that it is not possible for all the delegates to meet with you in person at our conferences, in view of your tight schedules. In this light and in keeping with our tradition, we humbly request for a one-page Goodwill Message to these conferences.

The students at the 2006 NISSMUN Conference were highly motivated by the words of encouragement from the former Secretary General, Mr. Kofi Annan as contained in his goodwill message to the conference. Copy attached.

The Nigeria Model United Nations Society as a registered non-governmental organization under the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has continued execute her programmes aimed at educating and guiding young people, fostering a spirit of diplomacy and understanding among the leaders of tomorrow.

The United Nations remains the only forum for dialogue between representatives of different nations and cultures. The impact of the United Nations can never be over-emphasized, in this dispensation, as a great motivating force for fostering peace and stability through proper policy generation which seek to empower youth all over the world to obtain their fullest potentials and to contribute to the political, social and economic development of their nations.

We shall always remain grateful to the United Nations and its Agencies for their continued support and encouragement towards the aims and objectives of the Model United Nations Conferences worldwide.

We look forward to receiving the Secretary General's Goodwill Message at the earliest convenience.

Attached are copies of the Conference posters and other supporting document.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.



CHIKA NWAUZUZU (MR.)
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2007 MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES IN NIGERIA



- A. NIGERIAN INTERNATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS
MODEL UNITED NATIONS (NISSMUN) CONFERENCE,
ABUJA, 21 – 25 OCTOBER 2007.**

PARTICIPANTS: Secondary School (High School) Students

**THEME: Culture and Religion in Reproductive Health and
Rights.**

- B. NIGERIAN INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS
(NIGIMUN) CONFERENCE, ABUJA,
17 – 22 NOVEMBER 2007.**

PARTICIPANTS: Students in Tertiary Institutions

**THEME: Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion: Our
Collective Responsibility.**

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INTRODUCTION

It has been said that the hope of the future is the young, but this is true only if they comprehend the issues and the complexity of the world outside the context of their own culture and society.

This sums up the major premise on **which** the Model United Nations Programme has been conceived and built. Through the promotion of alternate culture, the Model United Nations programme allows students to study, learn and play the role of a diplomat from a country other than their own. The benefits to the students and the society are great, as this programme fosters feeling of mutual understanding and respect. The student is required to uphold the foreign policy of a country alien to him/herself, even when the country's policies are in conflict with the student's own feelings. This compels the student to re-examine prejudices, beliefs and stereotypes about other people and culture. In an interconnected world of opportunities, the people who can compete most effectively are those not limited to an understanding of just their own society.

The Model United Nations programme provides the opportunity and guidance to do in-depth original document research on a specific topic. It enhances the students' ability to articulate and debate in a large conference setting with other well informed, intelligent delegates and also sensitizes the participants to the many issues that face the global community, which in turn affect their daily lives. They also gain a working understanding and appreciation for how the United Nations works.

NISSMUN and NIGIMUN Conferences bring together talented future leaders of all academic backgrounds from not just Nigeria, but around the world, to experience first-hand, the process involved in addressing global challenges. Delegates will confront the same diplomatic issues, viewpoints and dilemmas that face global leaders today.

Through working in teams, students cooperate with one another to research, analyze and proffer solutions to real world problems. This harnesses the creative energy of young people and brings them to bear on the issues that confront our global society.

2007 NISSMUN CONFERENCE THEME:

Culture and Religion in Reproductive Health and Rights

Culture and Religion are important elements of every society. Culture provides the framework for people's social behaviours contributes to their feeling of community and helps individuals form their identity. Religion embodies people's beliefs and opinions concerning the existence, nature and worship of a deity and divine involvement in the universe and everyday human life.

These elements are the influences that inform choices, decisions, trends, behaviour, mentality and even societal policies of diverse human interests issues including the Reproductive Health and Rights issue.

Reproductive Health And Rights issues include early marriages, teenage pregnancies, family planning, infant and maternal mortality and HIV/AIDS related matters. Societies differ on their responses to these health issues. In some parts of the world, reproductive health, women empowerment and gender equality are culturally sensitive issues with strong religious interpretation.

To help improve reproductive health in such sensitive regions, we need to encourage a dialogue between civilizations and employ grassroots strategies. Such processes **should** be based on mutual respect and dignity, devoid of all forms of negative perception and propaganda.

Through this dialogue between cultures, we can identify positive cultural values and religious practices that would facilitate reproductive health and rights education, reach out to those whose voices are seldom heard, listen to their concerns and bring them to policy debate.

No cultural tradition can be said to be better than another. Rather, with further education and knowledge, the cultural disguise around the real reasons for the maintenance of a practice can be exposed in all societies irrespective of the cultural background.

As youth, we are interested in reproductive health and rights issue as our lives depend heavily on the structures available to us in this regard. If we fail to bring these issues to the attention of our leaders –community, religious, governmental and non-governmental, our generation and children will have to live with the consequences of present day actions.

A healthy population, of both male and female, young and old, is the greatest asset a country can have to meet current and future challenges.

2007 NIGIMUN CONFERENCE THEME:

Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion: Our Collective Responsibility

In the course of our everyday activities, we are constantly exposed to a barrage of risks and injuries rising from road, home and school accidents, workplace injuries, firearm related injuries, drug abuse and violence.

Safety relates to the prevention and control of injuries, both physical and psychological to individuals and communities. The lingering problems associated with injuries and unsafe behaviours are deeply rooted in awareness-levels, political will, integrated approach and sustained initiatives of individuals, communities and governments.

It is possible to promote safety measures in our **societies** by acting on the structures, environments and behaviours of individuals and communities toward achieving a climate of peace, justice and equity, freedom from violence, respect of values as well as the physical, material and psychological integrity of individuals.

We need to critically assess the problem, prepare national-level safety strategies, allocate adequate financial and trained human resources and effectively implement specific workable interventions in order to establish a permanent state of vigilance and develop the mechanisms to control danger on a continuous basis.

Human life remains an invaluable resource. The losses and suffering associated with accidents and injuries are preventable. We must decide to end the carnage on our roads, violence in our schools, and losses in our lives.

Let's make safety a priority, today.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. NISSMUN CONFERENCE

The conference will consider cultural and religious stance on several reproductive health issues. It would also promote strategies that not only bring these issues together in all fora where they are discussed, but address them in practice as well as develop policy recommendation and concrete actions to be taken at the national, regional and international levels for improving reproductive health practices for all peoples, with due recognition to cultural and religious inclinations.

The 2007 NISSMUN Conference seeks to

1. Develop the students' knowledge base on current global reproductive health issues
2. Prepare young people to make informed decisions regarding their present and future health needs
3. Help them identify cultural and religious concerns on reproductive health through peer-to-peer interactions
4. Create an enabling environment for the expression and exchange of creative health ideas
5. Educate youth to develop empathy, respect and confidence

2. NIGIMUN CONFERENCE

The conference will consider the need to critically assess the problems associated with damages, losses and death that arise from road, school, home, and other related injuries with a view to preparing national-level safety strategies and effective workable interventions that could help establish a permanent state of vigilance, develop the necessary mechanisms to control danger and make safety a global priority.

The 2007 NIGIMUN Conference seeks to

1. Build a cautious mindset in the students for safety in schools and communities
2. Encourage observance of traffic rules and regulations
3. Encourage dialogue instead of conflicts and violence
4. Stimulate the youth into developing community projects that could reduce the rate of injuries and accidents in their immediate environment
5. Educate youth to develop empathy, respect and confidence
6. Engage youth in the United Nations' process of creating a safer world
7. Propagate the ideals of the United Nations organization

CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

Each student will select a country he/she will represent and spends close to two months preparing for the conference, with research and administrative support provided by their schools and teachers. During the conference, the students participate in committee and plenary sessions that test their global awareness, knowledge, presentation skills and ability to work collaboratively with their peers. The teachers serve as coaches and often time incorporate the topics of the conference into their course curriculum.

Materials and study outlines provided by NigMUNS will guide the students through homework assignments and in-depth research.

Young people of all backgrounds and walks of life participate in these educational exercises to experience first-hand, decision-making processes and diplomatic work at the United Nations.

CONFERENCE COMPONENTS

- Open plenary session
- Committee discussions
- Debate and voting on proposals
- Review and evaluation
- Closing session

PARTICIPANTS

1,500 Senior Secondary School Students will attend the NISSMUN Conference in Abuja (21 – 25 October) while 500 Students in Tertiary Institutions will attend the NIGIMUN Conference also in Abuja (17 – 22 November). These students are selected from schools within and outside Nigeria based on the recommendations from their schools, clubs or societies.

Delegates are reached through:

- Our website www.nigmuns.org
- Letters to schools authorities and governing agencies
- Model United Nations Clubs in schools
- National Organizations.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION TO THE STUDENTS

1. Provides a co-operative environment where delegates work together to accomplish shared goals.
2. Provides a multicultural learning experience, as it gives students the opportunity to meet others from diverse backgrounds and nationalities.
3. Helps the students break out from their own prejudices and preconceptions about world affairs.
4. Encourages the creation of networks between future leaders in the international arena
5. Encourages the personal development of students as they acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed for a culturally and ethnically diverse nation and world
6. Instills responsibility and discipline as the students assume the role of ambassadors and speak out on behalf of nations in a bid to resolving issues
7. Helps the student appreciate the relevance of academic study to real world problems and utilize the skills learned through their school's course curriculum or degrees and apply to real issues of concern in the international arena.
8. The student develop different **kinds** of skills important for professional development and future career successes; teamwork, expository and persuasive writing, debating and negotiation.
9. It presents an enabling environment for assimilating and understanding the complexities of global problems and possible strategies to resolving them.
10. It gives students a global perspective about world problems.

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

MESSAGE TO THE NIGERIAN INTERNATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS
MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE (NISSMUN)

Abuja, 22 – 26 October 2006

I am delighted to convey my best wishes to all the participants in this Model United Nations Conference – the last time I will address you as Secretary-General.

When I took office 10 years ago, I felt that humanity faced three main challenges. One was to ensure that globalization would benefit all the world's people. Another was to heal the disorder of the post-cold-war world. Third was to protect the rights and dignity of individuals.

We have made important gains in each of these quests. Advances on aid and debt relief are helping to render the world economy less unjust. The world is finally scaling up its response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. There are fewer inter-State conflicts than there used to be, and many civil wars have ended. More Governments are elected by, and are accountable to, those whom they govern. And the international community has recognized a responsibility to protect people from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.

Still, much more needs to be done. The Millennium Development Goals are unlikely to be achieved everywhere by 2015. People still face brutal conflicts, especially in the developing world. We face a possible cascade in the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Terrorism continues to create a climate of fear and suspicion. And every day, reports reach us of new laws broken; and of new bestial crimes inflicted on individuals and minority groups.

Let us also recognize that people differ in their perceptions of what constitutes a threat. Someone who lives in a small-island state is likely to cite global warming as the main risk to life and livelihood. Someone who lives in New York, having first-hand experience of the attacks of 11 September 2001, might say terrorism is far more urgent. Others could well cite AIDS, poverty, small arms or crime. We need to be concerned about all of these threats – and crucially, we must be concerned about the threats faced by others if we want them to be concerned about those that we ourselves consider most urgent.

That understanding is the essence of the international cooperation for which the United Nations exists. At a time when, more than ever before, human beings throughout the world form a single society, we cannot afford divisions that threaten the very notion of an international community. I hope that your conference, which will allow you to “walk in the shoes” of the different UN Member States, will show you the wisdom of seeking global solutions to global problems. Please accept my best wishes for a successful session, as well as my gratitude for your strong support of the United Nations over the past decade.

Kofi A. Annan



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GOODWILL MESSAGE TO THE 2006 NIGERIAN MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES.

It is a great honour and pleasure for me, both on a personal level and as the Minister of Education of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to send this goodwill message to the 2nd **MODEL UNITED NATIONS** Conferences - Nigerian International Secondary Schools Model United Nations (NISSMUN) and Nigerian International Model United Nations (NIGIMUN) holding in Abuja and Port Harcourt respectively,

I commend the efforts **of** the Nigeria Model United Nations Society for taking this initiative and responsibility of organizing these annual conferences which no doubt will stimulate the pursuit **of** academic excellence in our youth.

United Nations **in** this dispensation has become a mighty force not only in fostering international peace and **stability**, but also in generating policies that seek to empower women everywhere to obtain their fullest potentials and contribute to political and economic development.

The challenges facing our world today particularly the nations of Africa is to secure economic progress accompanied **by** social justice, peace and stability. These milestones can be attained when commitments are made by all nations to empower their citizens using education and acquisition of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) as veritable development tools.

ICT no doubt holds the key to challenge the profile of women economically and rendering them employable and competitive in today's market place. However the realization of this policy objective would require sustained and energetic leadership from all stake holders. The Federal Ministry of Education is committed to driving this process by creating strategic partnerships with any organization interested in fostering this objective.

As we strive to reposition Nigeria for stability, growth, sustained development and democracy, the Federal Ministry of Education is working to ensure capacity building for our women and youth by strengthening institutions for improved responses. It is therefore our hope that the youth would redirect their energies towards promoting peace across all factions.

I therefore pledge the support and availability of the Federal **Ministry** of Education to assist your CONFERENCES in the attainment of their aims and objectives, I do hope that your deliberations and resolutions would positively impact on the nation's political and socio economic development.

OBIAGELI EZEKWESILI
MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

24TH JULY, 2006



**GOODWILL MESSAGE TO THE NIGERIAN INTERNATIONAL MODEL
UNITED NATIONS SOCIETY (NIGIMUNS) 2006**

On this occasion of the convening of the 2006 International Model United Nations Conference, I wish to congratulate you and thank you for inviting me to address this goodwill message.

2. The theme of your conference, **“Promoting Peace and Women Empowerment through ICTs”** is indeed timely and relevant: timely because of the prevalence of conflicts in our contemporary world and the important role that women can play in facilitating their resolution; relevant because of the intrinsic linkages between peace and development. Given that women constitute more than half of human population, their empowerment through the ICTs should constitute a major asset for development.

3. As a responsible member of the international community, Nigeria has always played an effective role in the quest for international peace and security. She has also always been fully engaged in global and regional peace keeping efforts by supporting the United Nations, the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). The country remains committed to the pursuit of this goal which is consistent with the provision of the Constitution of the Federal Republic and our obligations under extant international treaties, conventions and agreements.

4. In today's world, Information Communication Technology (ICT) without any iota of doubt holds the key to the future. The Millennium Declaration of September 2000 captured this essence when it resolved that Governments must strive to ensure that the benefits of Information



Communication Technology are made available to all, and that access to education and training is facilitated.

5. For many a reason, ICT is an essential instrument in the battle against poverty and disease. By cultivating and harnessing its potentials, Nigeria and most developing countries stand to gain tremendously through the achievement of enhanced productivity, rapid information flows, and greater integration into the world economy. By using ICT to empower women, Nigeria and other developing countries could make a quantum leap towards development, more so that women empowerment is regarded as a decisive and critical indicator in evaluating social progress and human development.

6. Finally, I would like to extend my best wishes to the Nigeria Model United Nations Society for their laudable initiative in convening the 2006 conference. Once again, I salute your unflinching commitment to upholding the tenets of universal peace, security and development. My Ministry is proud to be associated with these efforts and to identify with the objectives. I am confident that this year's conference will be as successful, if not more successful, than your previous conferences and that the outcomes would be both productive and rewarding for the participants, for the nation, and for humanity as a whole.

Alhaji Abubakar Tanko,
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GOODWILL MESSAGE BY THE MINISTER OF FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, MALLAM NASIR AHMAD EL- RUFAYI, OFR TO THE NIGERIAN INTERNATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 2006.

It is my pleasure to deliver a goodwill message to this year's conference of Nigerian International Secondary Schools Model United Nations with the theme, **Promoting Peace and Women Empowerment through Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)**.

I salute the commitment of Nigeria Model United Nations Society and our youth who have dedicated themselves to the promotion of dialogue among civilizations and a culture of peace at local, national, regional and international levels.

This conference is most timely as humanity braces up to the challenges of lasting peace in various corners of the globe, such as Sudan, Somalia, Iraq, Afghanistan and Lebanon, to mention but a few.

We are all witnesses to the dire consequences of destruction of lives and property, hunger, rape, conscription of child soldiers and mass exodus of people seeking refuge in other places far away from home because of civil and military conflicts.



We in the FCT are contributing our own quota to youth empowerment through our people-centered **development policy** document known as Federal Capital Territory **Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy** (FEEDS). In **this** regard, we are providing scholarships to indigent children **with at least** 30% for the **girl-child**.

In addition, we are establishing 30 ICT Laboratories **for** the purpose of **computer** literacy among our youth, as **well** as **revision** of the educational curricula to include entrepreneurial development education, reproductive health and integration of HIV/AIDS.

Abuja, the **Federal** Capital Territory will be 30 **years** old in December. I **urge** you to join us in making our dream of building a first **class** and **inclusive** capital city a reality.

I **welcome** you once again and wish you fruitful deliberations.



Nasir Ahmad el-Rufa'i, **OFR**
Minister, Federal Capital Territory

SWISS GOODWILL MESSAGE


Year after year, hundreds and hundreds of students get familiar with the System of the United Nations, thanks to the International Model United Nations Conference, an impressive instrument promoting negotiation skills and a sense of multilateral cooperation in schools and universities all over the world. Let me therefore say, in my capacity as the Ambassador of Switzerland to Nigeria and a former diplomat **accredited** to the UN in New York, that it is a great pleasure to send a goodwill message to the participants in the forthcoming Conference in Nigeria. I am convinced that this event will be a success and, on behalf of the Swiss government, I commend your efforts and your interest in UN diplomacy.

The **UN's** Millennium Declaration and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set at the UNO in New York in 2000 by all the Head of State and Government reflect a universal vision and a robust international consensus to rid the world off poverty, as well as ease the international and domestic political, religious and ethnic tensions. With this **regard**, your Conference in 2006 will focus especially on peace, conflict resolution, women empowerment and Information Communication Technologies (ICT). I believe that this choice is particularly appropriate: as long as these key issues are not discussed, promoted and implemented, the realization of the MDGs will be elusive. Both **developed** and developing **countries** are asked, in this context, to take "mutual and shared responsibilities".

In general, peace and conflict resolution are fundamental objectives for the UN as well as my country: **Switzerland** attaches a great importance to the fact that **the** international and national order should be founded on strong institutions, the rule of law and human rights. **These** elements ensure efficient, predictable, credible, accountable and safe States as well as good relations between States, and therefore a peaceful coexistence for their populations. Among the objectives of Switzerland's development **policy**, alleviating poverty, enhancing democracy and good governance, protecting the vulnerable, especially the women, and reducing the **digital** gap between Northern and Southern countries are priorities too. In other words, my country fully shares the approach of your Conference, supports **your** efforts and thanks the **organizers** for their commitment.

All together you will contribute to make the world a better place. I wish you a successful outcome. I also hope that you will enjoy the international spirit, go through exciting experiences and make good friends in the Conference.

Yours sincerely



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Ambassador of Switzerland



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On behalf of the Government of Canada and the Canadian people, I would like to extend to you our very best wishes for the success of the Nigerian International Model United Nations Conference, 2006 on "Promoting Peace and Women Empowerment Through the ICTs" and "~~Peace~~ and Conflict Resolution: From Words to Action".

Canada was on the Security Council when, six years ago, it unanimously adopted ~~Council~~ Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. This resolution was a ground-breaking achievement, establishing a comprehensive agenda on women, peace and security, the implementation of which is of fundamental importance to achieving sustainable peace and development. In today's wars, civilian casualties and displacement are not merely unintended by-products of the ~~fighting~~, but are often deliberate war aims of combatants. It is therefore essential for all member states of the United Nations, and not only the Security Council, to play a robust and constructive role in preventing ~~and~~ resolving deadly conflict around the globe and in promoting lasting peace in societies ~~emerging~~ from wars.

Since its inception, the United Nations has been a catalyst in bringing about worldwide changes that were not even imagined in those early years. To remain relevant and ~~strong~~, the UN focusses not only on what needs to be done but on how to do it. And this is our challenge for the future. We must determine how the UN can best be utilized to foster implementation and the achievement of results, especially where they have been elusive. The topics that have been selected for the 2006 Conferences are thus particularly pertinent as they seek to translate worthy objectives into practical action.

Canada welcomes the forthcoming debate and is confident that the meetings in Abuja and Port Harcourt will fulfil the central purpose of the Nigerian International Model United Nations as well as provide participants with a forum in which to advance discussion and share ideas on these two very important topics.

I wish you successful deliberations.

Sincerely,

Karen Garner
Chargé d'affaires

Canada

Abuja, 25 July, 2006

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On behalf of the German Government and the German people, I would like to extend to you our very best wishes for the upcoming 2006 Nigerian International Model United Nations Conferences on "Promoting Peace and Women Empowerment through the ICTs" and "Peace and Conflict Resolution : From Words To Action".

Everywhere around the world justice and the protection of human rights are prerequisites to peace. Purely military means are unsuited to crisis management and cannot provide a permanent solution to crisis. The conviction that only the protection of human rights and the rule of law can guarantee stability and peace is an integral part of Germany's foreign policy. To foster a dialogue on values and the prevention of conflict is also an essential objective of Germany's cultural relations and education policy.

The Nigerian Model United Nations Conference will give you the opportunity to discuss ways to promote peace and conflict resolutions through means such as education, communication and inter-cultural dialogue and I do hope that your creativity in this regard will know no bounds

I wish you fruitful discussions and a successful outcome of the conference.

Sincerely,



Kathrin Bauch

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Goodwill Message to the 2006 Model United Nations Conferences in Nigeria

It is my great pleasure to send this goodwill message to all participants to the 2006 Model United Nations Conferences in Nigeria. The themes chosen for this year's events, "Promoting peace and women empowerment through the ICT's" and "Peace and Conflict Resolution: from words to action" will provide you with a lot of food for thought and challenging debating opportunities.

Moreover, these themes are also at the centre of The Netherlands' efforts at the international stage. Let me mention in this respect the recently established United Nations Human Rights Council, of which both Nigeria and The Netherlands are currently members. This Council should focus on practical improvements in human rights situations worldwide. Women empowerment is a focus in The Netherlands' development cooperation policy, including issues that are particularly central to the position of women, like reproductive health and rights, the fight against HIV/Aids, education, water, and micro credits. Last but not least, The Netherlands is a good example of a country where modern information and community technologies have clearly enhanced the welfare of its citizens, and strengthened our links with the rest of the world.

During your deliberations, you will no doubt experience that successful international cooperation requires dialogue, mutual understanding, and the capacity to translate words into acts. I wish you all the best in developing these skills, and using them in your future career.

Enjoy the conference!


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ZIMBABWE GOODWILL MESSAGE

I am deeply honoured to have this opportunity to send a goodwill message to the participants of the forthcoming 2006 Nigerian Model United Nations Conference. Model UN Conferences are important because they increase awareness among our future leaders of the problems **confronting** the world today. Thus, the theme of your Conference, "Peace, Conflict **Resolution**, Women Empowerment and ICTs", will clearly spur you to seriously discourse on the constant threats to world peace, stability and development. On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Zimbabwe, I wish to extend to you best wishes in your deliberations.

Your Model United Nations Conference is coming at a time when the United Nations and various regions of the world are grappling with armed conflicts and the ensuing **loss of life** and limb, as well as mass displacement of people. As a member of the United Nations, **Zimbabwe** recognizes that world peace, stability and development are dependent on human security. We also believe that the sovereign equality and territorial integrity of all nations, big or small, are important yardsticks in the conduct of international relations and are, therefore, critical **in** the maintenance of world peace.

The Government of Zimbabwe is proud that it has joined forces with other members of the international community in implementing the United Nation's Millennium Declaration of September 2000 on Millennium Development Goals, and is committed to the full participation of men and women in development processes at all levels to ensure sustainable development and attainment of equality. The Government has acceded to a number of regional and international treaties, conventions and protocols that seek to eliminate gender discrimination and to advance gender equity and equality. It has also promulgated a number of laws to facilitate the advancement of women in various spheres of life. The Government recognizes that for developing nations to achieve the target of promoting gender equality and empowering women by 2015, the governments should, with the support of development partners, invest heavily in all the social sectors, especially health and education.

Recent years have witnessed the critical role information and communication technologies have played as a catalyst for development. I hope that your academic minds **will** come up with exciting ideas on how Africa can take advantage of the various technologies to accelerate its development.

Once gain, I wish you successful conference.

Dr J.S Mvundura

Ambassador of the Republic of Zimbabwe

NIGERIAN INTERNATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

21 – 25 October 2007

NISSMUN 2007 Conference Schedule

Time	21 st Oct. (Sunday)	22 nd Oct. (Monday)	23 rd Oct. (Tuesday)	24 th Oct. (Wednesday)	25 th Oct. (Thursday)	26 th Oct. (Friday)	27 th Oct. (Saturday)	
7am – 8am		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	ONE -DAY ABUJA TOUR (Optional) DEPARTURE	DEPARTURE for Abuja Tour Participants	
8am – 9am		*Preparatory lecture on the Rules of Procedure	3 rd Annual General Assembly Session on Reproductive Health	United Nations Day Seminar/Committee Sessions	Seminar / Committee Sessions			
9am – 10am								
10am – 11am		*Q&A session	Seminar/Committee Sessions	External Speakers Forum	Concluding Sessions of the Committees			
11am – 12noon								
12noon – 1pm	Arrival!	OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch			
1pm – 2pm								
2pm – 3pm		Arrival!!!	Opening Plenary & Elections	Committee Sessions	Visit to Embassies, UN House and other Agencies			Closing Plenary
3pm – 4pm								
4pm – 5pm								Check – in & Registration
5pm – 6pm								
6pm – 7pm	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	OFFICIAL CLOSING DINNER & AWARDS NIGHT			
7pm – 8pm	*Interactive Sessions *Submission of applications for Election into Committee positions	Special DRAMA Presentation on Reproductive Health	Special Interactive Session (SIS) with Traditional and Religious Leaders on Reproductive Health	World Cultural Night to celebrate the UN Day				
8pm – 9pm								

17 – 21 November 2007

Time	17 th Nov. (Saturday)	18 th Nov. (Sunday)	19 th Nov. (Monday)	20 th Nov. (Tuesday)	21 st Nov. (Wednesday)	22 nd Nov. (Thursday)
7am – 8am		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	DEPARTURE
8am – 9am		Preparatory lecture on Rules of Procedure	3 rd Annual General Assembly Session on Safety and Injury Prevention	Visit to Embassies, UN House and other Agencies	Seminar / Committee Sessions	
9am – 10am						
10am – 11am		Commemorative Service in Honour of Victims of Road crashes	OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY	Committee Sessions	Concluding Session of the Committees	
11am – 12noon						
12noon – 1pm	Arrival! Arrival!! Check – in & Registration	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1pm – 2pm		Opening Plenary & Elections	Seminar & Committee Sessions	External Speakers Forum	Closing Plenary	
2pm – 3pm						
3pm – 4pm						
4pm – 5pm				Preparations for Cultural Night		
5pm – 6pm						
6pm – 7pm	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Change for Official Closing Dinner	
7pm – 8pm	*Submission of applications for Election into Committee positions *Welcome Party	Dance/Drama on Safety and Injury Prevention	Committee Sessions	Cultural Night	OFFICIAL CLOSING DINNER	
8pm – 9pm						