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MESSAGE TO THE BONN INTERNATIONAL  
MODEL UNITED NATIONS (BIMUN/SINUB)

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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.

People around the world are connected as a human family as never before. This opens up vast new possibilities for common progress. But we are also living through an age of multiple crises. The agreed deadline for achieving the Millennium Development Goals, 2015, is nearly upon us, yet many countries are not on track. Climate change is a potentially catastrophic threat, especially for the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. Discrimination against women and girls remains widespread even though we know that women's empowerment is the key to prosperity. And we continue to live under the shadow of nuclear weapons.

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.

Half the population of the world is under the age of 25. We need to harness the spirit of youth around the world to address the tough challenges we are facing. Extraordinary times create extraordinary opportunities for change. This is such a moment. Help us meet the trials of our age and shape the world for good.

*Ki Moon Ban*  
BAN Ki-moon

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Re: Fwd: BIMUN/SINUB-Conference 2010

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Dear Bahia,

Thank you for writing. I am forwarding your email to my colleague Ruxandra, who can further assist you with your request.

Best regards,  
Nathan

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Dear Mr. Henninger,

as a student initiative that, with its academic simulation of the United Nations, helps promote the values and ideals of the UN, we would be delighted if you were to support our special project again.

BIMUN/SINUB e.V. is 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 November.

We received such a written greeting from Mr. Ban Ki-Moon for our last two conferences in 2008 and 2009. 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 was motivating and a highlight for all!

In the next paragraphs you will find some information about our association and the BIMUN/SINUB Model UN 2010: 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 ninth time from 29 November – 3 December for 180 participants from more than 50 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 have attracted more than 1000 students to Bonn and have received extremely favourable feedback from

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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 "**Shrinking World. Growing Challenges. Covering Fundamental Needs**". As soon as you turn on TV or read through a paper some item will concern the problems resulting from a growing world population living in a "shrinking" world. During this year's conference we are trying to find solutions to the "growing challenges" especially the young generation has to face. To us it is extremely important to see "fundamental needs" in a broader sense, reflecting the recent "human security" debate. So while the Economic and Social Council is discussing the Issue of Overfishing, the Human Rights Council focuses on freedom of speech in the Islamic Republic of Iran. I myself am especially looking forward to the Security Council as we will decide on a topic taken from current events right before the conference, so that actual news during the conference week may influence and change the discussion, making negotiations very realistic.

Besides we want to act in a "green" way again. Therefore, the BIMUN/SINUB conference will be a green conference like last time. Our objectives with regard to this concept are to minimize the negative environmental impacts of the conference, to compensate inevitable emissions and help the delegates to apply such measures into their everyday lives. 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.

Please find attached further information about the BIMUN/SINUB-Conference 2010 and the topics that will be discussed at the conference. You can find more information about our organisation on our webpage: [www.bimun.org](http://www.bimun.org). We would, of course, be happy to provide you with any further information.

Thank you for your time; I look forward to news of possible cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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