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MESSAGE TO THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS (SRMUN)
Atlanta, 18 – 20 November 2010

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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.

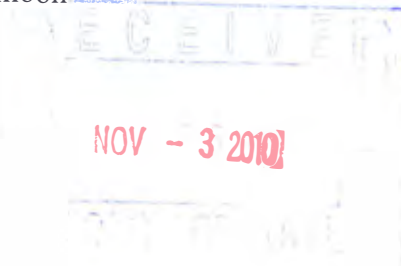
People around the world are connected as a human family as never before. This opens up vast new possibilities for common progress. But we are also living through an age of multiple crises. The agreed deadline for achieving the Millennium Development Goals, 2015, is nearly upon us, yet many countries 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.

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SRMUN Request for Secretary General Welcome Letter

Ruxandra Ferascu to: mike.gaspar

Cc: Elizabeth Wanic

19/10/2010 11:04 AM

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your request for a message from the Secretary-General for the Southern Regional Model United Nations. We will be pleased to provide a message which will be sent to you closer to the date of the event.

Best regards.

Ruxandra

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Cc: Ruxandra Ferascu/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Date: 19/10/2010 10:34 AM
Subject: Re: SRMUN Request for Secretary General Welcome Letter

Dear Michael,

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

Very best regards,
Nathan

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Michael Gaspar Hello Nathan, I am writing in hopes that once ag...

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From: Michael Gaspar <mike.gaspar@srmun.org>
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Date: 19/10/2010 08:49 AM
Subject: SRMUN Request for Secretary General Welcome Letter
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Hello Nathan,

I am writing in hopes that once again the honorable Secretary General and your office may fulfill a request for a welcome letter for our Model UN conference.

I am on the Board of Directors for the Southern Regional Model United Nations or SRMUN as we like to call it. The conference is celebrating its 21st anniversary and will once again be held in Atlanta, Georgia. The website is www.srmun.org. I love the conference mainly because of its location in the southeast, since this is the first experience that many collegiate **students** have to the United Nations. Constantly seeing the welcome letter from the Secretary General is a thrill for the delegates and make them realize how important their roles are in society, even as student delegates for one weekend. I can send you last year's welcome letter if you need as a reference.

It would be greatly appreciated if the Honorable Secretary General's office may once again send a welcome letter for us. The conference is called "The 21st Southern Regional Model United Nations" and the dates are November 18th - 20th, 2010 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Thank you in advance for anything that you can do for us.

Best Regards,

Mike Gaspar

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