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Dear Model UN coordinator,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the United Nations Department of Public Information will organize the second Global Model UN conference, to be held from 14 - 18 August 2010 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The theme for the conference will be "Towards an Alliance of Civilizations – Bridging Cultures to Achieve Peace and Development". The inaugural GMUN conference, held in the historic Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland in August last year was a successful event with students from 53 countries in all regions.

The conference seeks to involve up to 1,000 of the best youth delegates (18-24 years old) from university-level Model UN programmes around the world. In addition, we hope that it will serve as an example of best practices for other Model UN conferences. The Department is taking this initiative to organize the conference, in recognition of the important role that Model UN conferences play in educating young people about the United Nations and the global issues on its agenda.

This year, we want to increase significantly the number of participants to give more students in the world the unique opportunity to experience a simulation of the UN General Assembly and the Security Council based on Rules of Procedures specifically developed by the UN, and access to senior UN officials and diplomats during the conference.

We are pleased to extend an invitation to your MUN programme to participate in the Global Model UN because of its dedication to promoting this simulation. At this stage, we can accommodate 200 student delegates from Model UN conferences from each region, and we invite you to send students from your programme to the conference. The number of students you nominate could increase if other invited programmes are not able to send delegates. Kindly be advised that students will need to raise funds locally or to identify sponsors to cover their travel, accommodation and living expenses related to the conference.

In order to reserve these spaces, please inform us of your intent to participate in this conference no later than 21 June 2010. Should your response be positive, we will assume that your programme is committed to helping the delegates find funds and to assist them in preparing for the conference.

For more information, please visit the conference website: www.un.org/gmun.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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