

Belgrade, 14th March 2011**Letter in Support of the United Nations Association of Serbia**

The United Nations Country Team (UNCT) in Serbia appreciates the initiative of United Nations Association of Serbia (UNA), in promoting the values and objectives of the UN, especially through the Belgrade International Model United Nations (BIMUN) project which has been carried out for the last seven years.

BIMUN is characterized by good organization through careful selection of relevant themes and the creation of a stimulating environment for participants' learning and experience about the UN context, dynamics and rules for debating and negotiating consensus.

BIMUN is an excellent way for young people from all around the world to come together and learn about human rights and other core values of the UN, and about the ways that they underpin the practice of respecting differences and practicing tolerance in the consensus building process. At the same time the participants learn about the latest international development concerns and challenges.

BIMUN is also important way of opening doors of the world to young people from Serbia, as well as a good opportunity for foreign participants to get insight into the ways of life in modern Serbia. By working together, youth from around the world are also contributing to a rapprochement of cultures and the accomplishment of the goals of the Alliance of Civilizations.

Activities at the conference „BIMUN 2011“ will be in the spirit of the theme of the International Year of Youth „Dialogue and Mutual Understanding“ and in accordance with program Alliance of Civilizations.

BIMUN project is very important project of the United Nations Association of Serbia (UNA), that promotes ideals and UN values and provides support to the UN efforts to implement the vision of the UN Charter to build a better World.

The UNCT welcomes UNA's initiative to organize BIMUN 2011 to take place in Belgrade from 17th to 20th March 2011. This event will represent an excellent opportunity for young people from different countries to get together, have constructive dialogue, learn and contribute jointly to the UN vision.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'William S. Infante', written over a horizontal line.

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