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Dear MUN Directors,

We cordially invite you to attend the eighteenth annual Berlin Model United Nations Conference to be held at the John F. Kennedy School

This year's theme

Global Ethics: Rules for Global Welfare

reflects concerns that have been recently voiced around the world, especially among the younger generation that moral behaviour is of little relevance to politics or international affairs. Jean-Marc Coicaud and Daniel Warner in their study *Ethics and International Affairs: Extent and Limits* have written that “ethics is concerned with being as close as possible to realizing the idea, the positive idea, of what it is to be a human being. It is about approaching as closely as possible a sense of what is essentially human in our nature. In thinking and acting in an ethical manner, the individual makes himself a witness to what positively distinguishes humans: the quest for dignity.” As humans we do not live in isolation but are political and social beings who share the same basic drives. While dependent on one another we are at the same time in a state of competition with one another. Possessing or demonstrating an ethical attitude presumes that others have rights, including the right to live in and with dignity. In effect practicing ethical behaviour means reciprocally respecting the rights of all human beings. When applied to international affairs, global ethics means ensuring that all can live with dignity. In practice this will result in the fair and equitable distribution of power and responsibilities in the areas such as human rights, humanitarian intervention, migration, international economic justice, and the environment.

The current worldwide recession has rekindled the debate regarding the necessity to reconcile ethics and international affairs. Disaffected by political agendas geared mainly towards economic growth and disillusioned by a fiscal policy which sets priority on freedom of capital flow, many young people fear that after the world economy's recuperation, it will be back to “business as usual,” regardless of the human and economic costs the current crisis is imposing on future generations. Consequently, voices are being heard, demanding that global governmental structures and global rules be established based on joint values and norms in order to ensure that global actors conduct business according to ethical guidelines.

The issues to be discussed demonstrate the necessity to take immediate concrete steps towards erecting an international order based on globally accepted norms that acknowledge human dignity and promote an equitable sharing of the world's resources. Through debate it will become clear that it is our mutual responsibility to alleviate hindrances for individuals and peoples to pursue their happiness. It is imperative that BERMUN participants be willing to acknowledge their own responsibility towards promoting global welfare, and that they be willing to adjust their attitudes and behavior as members of civil societies and the world community.



With the choice of the theme we continue in the BERMUN tradition of promoting meaningful debates and feasible solutions. In the deliberations of the Youth Assembly and the BERMUN International Court of Justice aspects of personal responsibility and global ethics will be addressed. Through their high quality newspaper BEARMUN, the Press Team will provide informative articles covering the issues and sessions of the conference. Your students are welcome to apply in these BERMUN organs as well.

We look forward to greeting you and your students at the eighteenth annual Berlin Model United Nations Conference

Yours truly,

Dr. Walter Peterson
BERMUN Director

Karin Hövermann
BERMUN Director.



GENERAL INFORMATION

The *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung* will again sponsor the Wednesday afternoon program.

The conference is conducted in English. As a bicultural, bilingual school that challenges students to learn and master a partner language, the John F. Kennedy School offers non-English speaking students the opportunity to practice and refine their language skills. It is important to remember that for the overwhelming majority of delegates at this conference, English is a second language. Nevertheless, all delegates must learn the rules of debate and carry out the necessary preparation and research before the conference so that their work in Berlin is productive and meaningful. *Please keep in mind that Security Council delegates must be fluent in English, very well informed about the topics and the current situation in world politics, and ready to present their country's opinion at all times.*

Information and guidelines concerning delegate preparation and/or the rules of debate can be obtained by consulting the following publications:

A Guide to Delegate Preparation, Veronica Wayner,
editor (United Nations Association of the United
States of America, 801 Second Avenue, New York,
NY 10017-4706)

Uniting the Nations Through Model United Nations by
Irwin Stein and David L. Williams, published by
INTYS – International Youth Support
(Parsifalstraat 19, 2555 WG The Hague, The
Netherlands).

If you wish to obtain these publications, please write directly to the addresses provided. The *BERMUN INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE* is available as a download at www.bermun.org.



DELEGATION STRUCTURE AND COUNTRY SELECTION

In order to enable as many schools as possible to participate, schools may represent **one delegation (5-8 students)**. Only upon a special request **stating the reasons** why there is a need for a second delegation, may we revise this policy. The number of delegates your school can send is based on the following guidelines:

Membership	Maximum Number of Delegates
<i>Non-Security Council, Non-ECOSOC Member State</i>	five (5)
<i>ECOSOC, Non-Security Council Member State</i>	six (6)
<i>Security Council, Non-ECOSOC Member State</i>	seven (7)
<i>Security Council, ECOSOC Member State</i>	eight (8)

All countries are represented **by one delegate** in the Disarmament Committee (DC), Environment Committee (EC), Human Rights Committee (HRC), Political Committee (PC), and the Special Conference on Global Ethics (SCGE). The Security Council (SC) will have two delegates per delegation. The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the Security Council and the Special Conference are not part of the General Assembly (GA), and they will be in session for three days.

Enclosed is a list of countries represented at this year's BERMUN conference. Please review it and complete the **FORM I**: List in order of preference the countries your school would like to represent. **If you apply for an ECOSOC and/or Security Council country, the positions should be filled by experienced and qualified delegates.** Select countries so that all available committee assignments can be filled. Keep in mind that interested students can apply for Student Officer positions, as members of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), as members of the Youth Assembly (YA), or as members of the Press Team. Please return the Form I as a MS Word document via email.

PLEASE RETURN FORM I NO LATER THAN Friday, June 5, 2009.

Upon receipt of **FORM I**, country assignments will be posted on our website, or you will be notified by e-mail or fax by June 22. **FORM II** will be sent in June and should be returned **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30**.



CONFERENCE FEES AND PAYMENT

Delegation Fee:	€ 15 (small delegation, up to five people)
	€ 20 (large delegation, six people or more)
Students:	€ 50 (three lunches included)
Advisers:	€ 50 (three lunches included)
Housing fee:	€ 10 (for participants in the Community Housing Program)

The fees are specifically earmarked for running the BERMUN program. Please compute the total on the basis of the number of students and MUN advisors attending the conference.

Bank transfers are payable to:

**Karin Hövermann, Berliner Sparkasse, BLZ 100 500 00,
Account No. 1010271730
IBAN: DE22100500001010271730
SWIFT-Code (BIC): BELADEBE**

Clearly indicate on the bank transfer:

**BERMUN 2009
THE NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL
NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS,
NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN HOUSING (if applicable)
All fees must be transferred by October 7.**



HOUSING

Limited housing is available in the John F. Kennedy School (JFKS) community. Please understand that we cannot hope to place every guest with a JFKS host family. **Requests for community housing must be made in writing.** State the reason why community housing is essential for your delegates, and indicate the number of students to be housed.

We recommend that you arrange your accommodations as soon as possible. The following list might prove helpful. The price for bed and breakfast in these youth hostels is ca. € 20 per person, per day.

Karl-Renner-Haus

Ringstr. 76/77
12205 Berlin (Lichterfelde)
Tel: (49-30) 83 20 39 13
Fax: (49-30) 83 20 39 19
S-Bahn: Lichterfelde West

Jugendgästehaus Lichterfelde

Osdorfer Str. 121
12207 Berlin (Lichterfelde)
Tel: (49-30) 713 91734
Fax: (49-30) 713 91751
www.ju-li.de
S-Bahn: Lichterfelde Ost

Happy Bed Berlin-Steglitz

Körnerstr. 53
12169 Berlin (Steglitz)
Tel: (49-30) 7933647
Fax: (49-30) 7933747
www.happybed.de
S-Bahn: Rathaus Steglitz

Jugendgästehaus Central

Nikolsburger Str. 2-4
10717 Berlin (Wilmersdorf)
Tel: (49-30) 873 0188/89
Fax: (49-30) 861 3485
www.jugendgaestehaus-central.de
U-Bahn: Güntzelstr.

Jugendgästehaus Berlin

Kluckstr. 3
10785 Berlin (Tiergarten)
Tel: (49-30) 264 952 -0
Fax: (49-30) 264952-10
www.hostel.de

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES

<i>JUNE 5</i>	<i>FORM I; Student Officer Application</i>
<i>JUNE 8</i>	<i>YA, BMICJ and Press Applications</i>
<i>SEPTEMBER 30</i>	<i>FORM II</i>
<i>OCTOBER 7</i>	<i>Conference Fees</i>

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

RESOLUTIONS

Delegates should be well-informed on all topics and prepare resolutions for all issues. Although delegates should adhere to their country's policy, they should not copy "real resolutions" but tailor their work according to their own understanding of the political situation. **Plagiarism is not tolerated at BERMUN.**

LOBBYING

Students are encouraged to exchange ideas and to lobby via the web before the conference. An online discussion forum will be available for each of the forums on www.bermun.org. During lobbying on Wednesday and Thursday, delegates will prepare and submit joint resolutions. Delegates are expected to bring **ca. 15 copies of each resolution** and should have access to a digitalized version.

CONDUCT AND DRESS REGULATION

Appropriate behavior is expected of all students at all times. Delegates will be asked to leave if they cannot accept the responsibility for conducting themselves properly. Delegates should dress in a manner suitable for an **academic conference**. Jeans, t-shirts, torn clothes, sneakers, etc. are not considered appropriate. Please dress accordingly.

AMBASSADOR

Every delegation must appoint an ambassador. He or she has to be a **member of the General Assembly**. Because the ambassador delivers the delegations' opening speech, that person cannot be a member of the Security Council, the ECOSOC, or the Special Conference. The ambassador should check the agenda of the Security Council to find out if a topic concerning his or her country will be discussed, as any ambassador might be called upon to elaborate on his or her country's position before the Security Council. **Please specify the ambassador on FORM II.**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA)

The rules of debate and the voting procedure are those of The Hague International Model United Nations, a modified version of *Robert's Rules of Order*. Please refer to the *Instructional Guide* posted on our website.

DC, EC, HRC, and PC are members of the General Assembly. Only full members of the UN have voting rights, but all delegations (including Non-Governmental Organizations and Official Observers) have full debating rights, such as submitting resolutions and amendments.



At the formal opening of the GA on Wednesday afternoon in the *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung*, Opening Speeches will be delivered. They are to be *one minute* in length. The Opening Ceremonies will take place on Thursday morning in the John F. Kennedy School.

During the plenary session of the General Assembly on Saturday, delegates will be asked to formulate a resolution on the topic of Global Welfare. The *Recommendation to the General Assembly* of the Economic and Social Council will provide for the basis of this debate. Delegates will apply the expertise gained from their committee research to write and debate an ad-hoc resolution.

SECURITY COUNCIL (SC)

The Security Council will once again consist of **two delegates per member state**. The Council exclusively deals with the question of peace and security. The SC follows different parliamentary procedures than the GA, taking into account the veto rights of the Permanent Five members. The delegates should therefore familiarize themselves thoroughly with the UN Charter. As there are only 15 member states, all delegates not only have the opportunity but also the duty to speak on the issues. The Security Council members should be especially familiar with all of the issues and should enjoy working together with a small and highly motivated group of students.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC)

The Economic and Social Council is not part of the GA. The ECOSOC is the UN organ most concerned with stabilizing the economic and social conditions in a country. The Council's main functions include:

- initiating studies, formulating reports, and making recommendations in all fields relating to international economic, social, cultural, educational, and health issues,
- promoting human rights and basic freedoms for all.

Membership in the Council rotates periodically. **CHECK THE COUNTRY LIST CONCERNING ECOSOC MEMBERSHIP.** Work in the ECOSOC concentrates on establishing regional cooperation and consensus on global issues. A student more interested in discussing the broader issues and finding wide-ranging solutions rather than arguing solely from a national perspective will enjoy the work in the ECOSOC.

Additionally, the ECOSOC will serve as an advisory body to the General Assembly. As such, delegates will not only debate their committee topics, but will work on drafting an official *Recommendation to the General Assembly*. Delegates will represent their respective countries, voicing their viewpoints on Rules for Global Welfare. The recommendation will then serve as the General Assembly's basis for discussion on Saturday.

Not all ECOSOC countries will be represented as full delegations. Those ECOSOC countries marked with an asterisk (*) on the country list will only be represented in the ECOSOC and not in any other forum.

BERMUN YOUTH ASSEMBLY (YA)

We encourage students interested in becoming actively involved with issues of immediate concern to the youth to join the BERMUN Youth Assembly. Students develop individual strategies and projects to address issues they feel passionate about. By engaging in discussion with peers, participants will *Recognize, Analyze and ACT*. The process of exchanging ideas and



developing innovative projects provides young people with the opportunity to become active members of civil society.

For further information, please refer to the enclosed letter by the Youth Assembly Coordinators or contact them via email at youthassembly@gmail.com. If you have any students who wish to apply for this unique opportunity, please have them complete the attached YA application form and return it no later than June 8.

BERLIN MODEL INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (BMICJ)

The **Berlin Model International Court of Justice** consists of 10 to 15 Judges, four advocates, one Registrar, and two Presidents who also act as Judges. The BMICJ will be judging, in accordance with International Law, a fictional case similar. The case will closely follow standard ICJ procedure. Professional trainers will aid both advocates and judges during their work. For further information, please refer to the enclosed letter by the BMICJ presidents or contact the BMICJ-Presidents via email at bermunicj@gmail.com. If you have any students who wish to apply for this unique opportunity, please have them complete the attached BMICJ application form, and return it no later than June 8.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL ETHICS (SCGE)

The Special Conference is not part of the GA. As an independent forum, it addresses the annual BERMUN theme. The Special Conference convenes for three days and reports its findings to the General Assembly on Saturday.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th

- 8:30-12:00 **REGISTRATION AT THE JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL**
13:00-19:00 **FORMAL OPENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY** in
cooperation with the *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in Berlin-Tiergarten*
Opening Speeches

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

- 8:30-10:30 **OPENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
Address by the Secretary-General
Last Opening Speeches
10:30-12:30 **LOBBYING – COMPLETION OF RESOLUTIONS**
12:30-13:30 Staggered lunch
15:00-17:00 **LOBBYING – COMPLETION OF RESOLUTIONS**
15:30-18:00 Approval Panel

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20nd

- 9:00-16:30 **GA COMMITTEES, SC, ECOSOC, SCEW, YA, and ICJ in
SESSION**
12:30-13:30 Staggered lunch
15:30-18:00 Approval Panel

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

- 9:00-16:00 **GA, SC, ECOSOC, SCEW, YA, and ICJ in SESSION**
12:30-13:30 Staggered lunch
16:30 **CLOSING CEREMONIES**
19:30 **DANCE**



Disarmament Committee

- Elimination of arms sales to areas of social and political unrest
- Reviewing the implementation on the global ban on the use of cluster bombs and landmines with the intent of addressing the human and environmental costs caused by such munitions

Environment Committee

- Ensuring ecological sustainability in times of economic crisis
- Upholding access to limited water supplies in regions affected by draught

Human Rights Committee

- Core labor standards in times of global crisis
- Reducing and eliminating reliance on child labor in a globalized economy

Political Committee

- Establishing humane and economically viable guidelines concerning labor transit, the issuance of visas and work permits
- The production and trade in narcotics as an economic resource and the source of political and social instability

ECOSOC

- Developing a comprehensive recommendation entitled: *Rules for Global Welfare*
- Combating all forms of forced or indentured labor
- Addressing corruption as an obstacle to global welfare

Security Council

- The question of Palestine
- Reviewing the application of economic sanctions as an effective means to enforce un resolutions
- A current conflict or crisis requiring un intervention (t.b.a.)

Special Conference

- Combating the threat posed by contagious diseases in a global environment
- Containing the political and economic effects of global financial crises on less economically developed countries
- Global rules and standards for trade to ensure equitable global development



GENERAL ASSEMBLY COUNTRY LIST

1. Afghanistan
 2. Algeria (ECOSOC)
 3. Angola
 4. Argentina
 5. Austria (ECOSOC, SC)
 6. Barbados (ECOSOC)*
 7. Belarus (ECOSOC)
 8. Bolivia (ECOSOC)
 9. Brazil (ECOSOC)
 10. Burkina Faso (SC)
 11. Cameroon (ECOSOC)*
 12. Canada (ECOSOC)
 13. Cape Verde (ECOSOC)*
 14. Chad
 15. China (ECOSOC, SC)
 16. Congo (ECOSOC)
 17. Costa Rica (SC)
 18. Côte d'Ivoire (ECOSOC)*
 19. Croatia (SC)
 20. Cuba
 21. Czech Republic
 22. DR Congo
 23. DPR Korea
 24. El Salvador (ECOSOC)
 25. Estonia (ECOSOC)
 26. France (ECOSOC, SC)
 27. Ghana
 28. Germany (ECOSOC)
 29. Georgia
 30. Greece (ECOSOC)
 31. Guatemala (ECOSOC)
 32. Guinea-Bissau (ECOSOC)*
 33. Haiti
 34. Hungary
 35. Iceland
 36. India (ECOSOC)
 37. Indonesia (ECOSOC)
 38. Iran
 39. Iraq (ECOSOC)
 40. Israel
 41. Italy
 42. Japan (ECOSOC, SC)
 43. Kazakhstan (ECOSOC)
 44. Lebanon
 45. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (SC)
 46. Liechtenstein (ECOSOC)*
 47. Luxembourg (ECOSOC)
 48. Malawi (ECOSOC)*
 49. Malaysia (ECOSOC)
 50. Myanmar
 51. Mauritius (ECOSOC)
 52. Moldova (ECOSOC)
 53. Morocco (ECOSOC)
 54. Mozambique (ECOSOC)
 55. Mexico (SC)
 56. Namibia (ECOSOC)*
 57. Netherlands (ECOSOC)
 58. New Zealand (ECOSOC)
 59. Niger (ECOSOC)*
 60. Nigeria
 61. Norway (ECOSOC)*
 62. Pakistan (ECOSOC)
 63. Panama
 64. Philippines (ECOSOC)
 65. Poland (ECOSOC)
 66. Portugal (ECOSOC)
 67. Qatar
 68. Republic of Korea (ECOSOC)
 69. Romania (ECOSOC)
 70. Russian Federation (ECOSOC, SC)
 71. Saint Kitts and Nevis (ECOSOC)*
 72. Saint Lucia (ECOSOC)*
 73. Saudi Arabia (ECOSOC)
 74. Slovakia
 75. Somalia (ECOSOC)
 76. South Africa
 77. Sri Lanka
 78. Sudan (ECOSOC)
 79. Sweden (ECOSOC)
 80. Syrian Arab Republic
 81. Thailand
 82. Turkey (SC)
 83. Uganda (SC)
 84. Ukraine
 85. United Arab Emirates
 86. United Kingdom (ECOSOC, SC)
 87. United States of America (ECOSOC, SC)
 88. Uruguay (ECOSOC)*
 89. Venezuela (ECOSOC)
 90. Viet Nam (SC)
 91. Zimbabwe
- Holy See (OO)
 Palestinian National Authority (OO)
- Amnesty International (NGO)
 Greenpeace (NGO)
 IMF (NGO)
 UNAIDS (NGO)
 UNDP (NGO)
 UNICEF (NGO)
 WHO (NGO)
 World Bank (NGO)

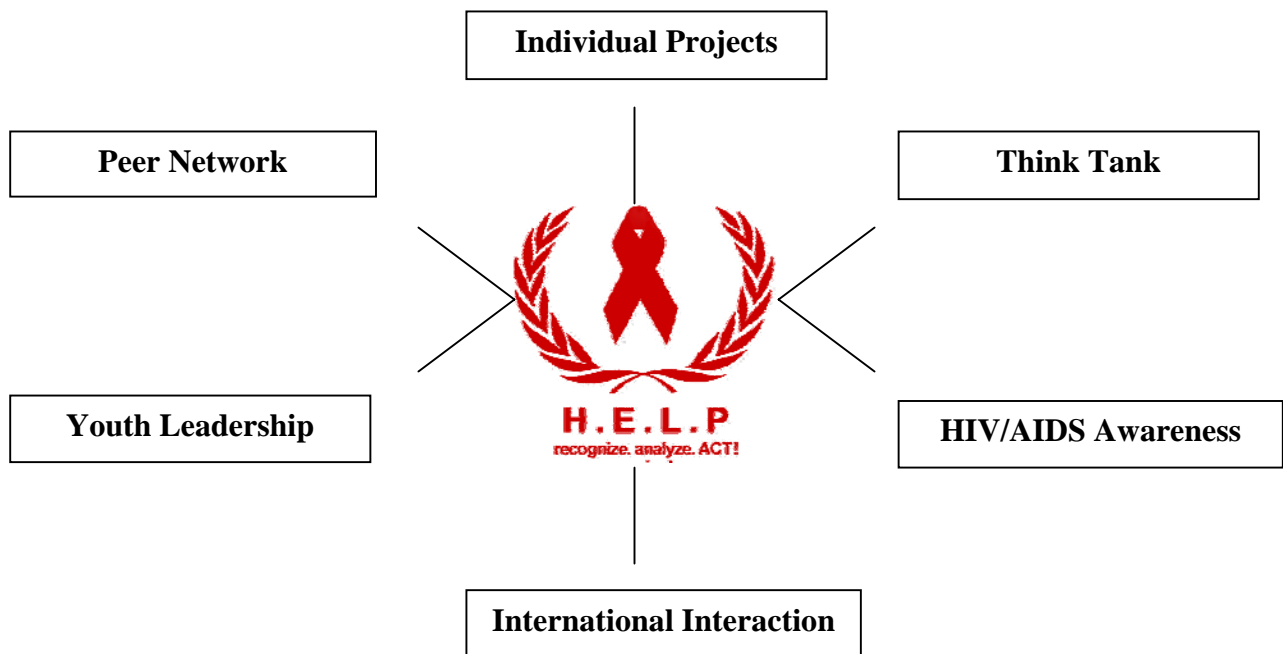
BERMUN 2009 YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Recognize. Analyze. ACT. *-Developing innovative solutions to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic-*

At the 2005 BERMUN conference, the Youth Assembly established the *HIV/AIDS Education and Learning Program* (H.E.L.P.). This program is based on a peer-to-peer network, which aims to educate youth around the world about the existing threat of HIV/AIDS, focusing on methods of prevention.

This year H.E.L.P. will continue with last year's aim of developing individual projects which will focus on the participants' respective communities. Participants will incorporate their personal passions into student initiatives to raise awareness and funds for HIV/AIDS prevention. The goal of these projects is not only to combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic, but also to lead to the empowerment of youth as professional representatives of our generation in civil society.

We encourage students with the determination to tackle the issues of immediate concern to the youth to join the Youth Assembly. Students will develop individual strategies and projects to address an issue they feel passionate about. By engaging in discussions with like-minded youth, participants will undergo a process in which they *Recognize, Analyze and ACT*. The process of exchanging ideas and developing innovative projects leads to members becoming active members of civil society and empowering youth. For further information, please contact the Youth Assembly Coordinators via email at youthassembly@gmail.com or visit us under www.ya-help.org.



The BERMUN Youth Assembly strives to:

- address current, critical issues considered by young people to be of immediate concern to their lives,
- empower youth to take immediate concrete action at local and international levels,
- channel young people's passions toward the development of novel projects,
- encourage youth involvement and initiative to combat HIV/AIDS.



Berlin Model International Court of Justice
Preliminary Information for the BMICJ 2009

Dear MUN Directors,

The ICJ is the essential judicial organ of the United Nations. It decides, in accordance with international law, legal disputes submitted to it by states. In addition, certain international organs and agencies are entitled to call upon it for advisory opinions.

Seven years ago, the Berlin Model International Court of Justice (BMICJ) was founded. Since then, the BMICJ has been growing and learning. To further expand it, we would like to encourage the participation of more students from different schools and nations.

The BMICJ is an intense and challenging forum at the BERMUN Conference. It offers a crash course in international law where students become familiar with fundamental legal procedures and practice them in a mock trial. Success in the BMICJ requires dedication before and especially during the conference. The more time and effort participants are willing to invest, the more rewarding the experience becomes for the whole group. Past conferences have shown that the work is well worth it; students leave the ICJ feeling that their knowledge and understanding of international law have been substantially broadened.

The BMICJ 2009 will be composed of 10 to 15 independent judges, two presidents who also act as judges, a registrar, and two advocate teams. A selected case, either a real past case or a fictional case, will be presented to the judges by the advocates, students from outside of the ICJ forum acting as witnesses. The advocates will be coached by a professional and gain a first-hand experience at being lawyers. Judges will assess a case by identifying the legally essential aspects, asking advocates and witnesses questions, and ultimately come to a judgment.

Please encourage your students to apply for this unique opportunity, and simply return the applications to us by their respective due-dates. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us (bermunicj@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Lena Walther and Katharina Windemuth
Presidents of the BMICJ

David Heim
Registrar of the BMICJ



BERMUN PRESS (BEARMUN) 2009

Dear MUN Directors,

As in previous years, Berlin Model United Nations 2009 will include a press team. The Press Team publishes three news issues of the BEARMUN newspaper during the conference, including one pre-edition and a post-conference digital edition. Students may apply to work in the following areas: reporting, copy editing (limited), layout and design, photography, cartoon illustration, and digital production (limited). We are looking for committed team members with diverse perspectives on issues.

Bearmun covers various aspects of the conference such as the general atmosphere, committee progress, participant perspectives, director and advisor expectations, special assemblies, free time activities, current events associated with the conference, Berlin tourism, and special interest features.

This year, our pre-edition is bound to be the best ever since we will begin our educational process in September. Our research will result in a clear understanding of the conference theme and foundational articles for all participants at the conference.

So if any of your students are interested and would like to take part, please forward this information to them and have them fill out the attached application form including their short writing sample. Only applications postmarked before June 8 will be considered.

We look forward to the collaboration of many students from many countries in an effort for "the best Bermun ever."

Sincerely,

The BERMUN Press Team

