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### The Crucial Role of Youth Involvement | Establishment of Youth Advisory Board

**San Diego, California – November 6, 2015** – United Nations Association of the United States of America, San Diego Chapter (UNA-USA San Diego), the local Ambassador to the United Nations since 1946, today announces its first Youth Advisory Board (YAB) that will guide the organization’s programs by vocalizing the needs of youth. The young members will serve as representatives to UNA-USA San Diego in its efforts to educate and advocate for the work of the United Nations and influence legislation to mobilize for actions.

The establishment of a Youth Advisory body marks a historic moment for the San Diego Chapter. “Not only is this the very first time of an concerted effort in partnering with our young fellow citizens” said President and CEO of the local UN Association, Bettina Hausmann “it echoes the United Nations’ call for much needed youth involvement in shaping the next fifteen years for a shared sustainable and equitable future. “

As the main purpose of the YAB is to ignite the power of all young citizens to make their mark on the world its focus will be the United Nations’ most recent adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). “It is an exciting time for youth to get involved with global issues”, stated Noorhan Amani, a young student that initiated the formation of the YAB with the local UN Association Chapter. Passionate about global issues and international affairs, Noorhan expressed the hope “that I can work with other young people through the UNA-USA San Diego to help implement the SDGs in San Diego and beyond.”

The new UNA-USA San Diego Youth Advisory Board consists currently of five founding student leaders who will serve a three-year term.

- Noorhan Amani | President Girl Up Club & Girl Up Teen Advisor, Mt. Everest Academy
- Emma Rodriguez | Treasurer Girl Up Club & Member of Girl Scouts, Mt. Everest Academy
- Isha Raj-Silverman | Founder & President Girl Up Club, La Jolla High School
- Megan Phelps | Social Justice Advocate, Mt. Everest Academy
- Sophie Reich | Member of Girl Up Club, Mt. Everest Academy

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#### **About UNA-USA San Diego**

As a program of the UN Foundation, UNA-USA San Diego is the local Ambassador to and for the United Nations. With its prestigious consultative status to the United Nations, UNA-USA San Diego links the local community with the United Nations and vice versa since 1999. As a Center for Policy Research, the organization is expanding on the understanding of global issues through advocacy and mobilization for actions to influence legislation in supporting the principles and vital work of the United Nations. UNA-USA San Diego actively engages partners and stakeholders locally since 1946.