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MEMO FROM: Bettina Hausmann, President & Executive Director | Marvin Andrade, Chair Adult MUN
TO: Delegates to 4th Annual Security Council Simulation
RE: AMUN | U.N. Security Council Simulation | 24 June 2017

Dear Delegates,

On behalf of UNA-USA San Diego's Board of Directors, we welcome you to our 4th Annual Simulation of the U.N. Security Council on Saturday, **June 24th, 2017**. We are thrilled that you have chosen to spend a Saturday afternoon with us to simulate the important decision-making body of the United Nations and learn more about its powers and challenges.

Since last year's conference, we have experienced many changes nationally and internationally. The United States elected a new President, Britain has voted to leave the European Union, and Turkey saw the strengthening of its President's power following a failed coup. While these occurrences might seem disconnected, geopolitical interest and changing sociopolitical landscapes shape and influence our realities in all aspects.

Continued historical grievances, a growing empathy deficit and increased inequalities resulted in one of the largest humanitarian crisis of the 21st Century. The Syrian Conflict has gradually become global, affecting a growing number of countries; increased involvement of state/non-state actors paired with the construct of state sovereignty add to the complexity of the conflict and subsequent crisis.

As a delegate to the U.N. Security Council, we ask you this year to focus on a potential "next global hotspot" as it relates to Turkish aggression against the Kurdish people. You will be tasked with considering key elements to achieve lasting peace in the region while staying within the constraints of your diplomatic authorities as the representative of your assigned country. The simulation will test your negotiation skills in finding a sound solution through multilateral discussions that threatens sensible agreements.

Please be assured no prior experience in Model United Nations is necessary. Our capable and knowledgeable chair and his team will walk you through the process starting with the country research to voting on resolutions. We hope you find the discussions intellectually challenging, learn to appreciate foreign countries' viewpoints and positions and leave the simulation with an understanding of the opportunities and challenges that this international body operates under.

We look forward to seeing you!

Warmly,

Bettina Hausmann

President & Executive Director

Marvin Andrade

Chair, Adult Model U.N.

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. With its programmes & events, 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.

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