



**REPUBLIC OF SERBIA  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

**MESSAGE TO PARTICIPANTS OF THE BELGRADE INTERNATIONAL  
MODEL UNITED NATIONS (BIMUN)  
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I would like to express my great pleasure that the Eighth Belgrade International Model United Nations Conference will bring together almost 300 outstanding students from 30 countries in the International Year of Youth. Such support to further advancement of BIMUN practices as an important learning tool aimed at solving the current international problems, also testifies to the vital role of the world Organization and universal values it stands for all around the globe.

The activities of the BIMUN conference provide an excellent opportunity for you to be actively engaged, in the spirit of the topic of the International Year of Youth “Dialogue and Mutual Understanding”, and make a contribution to a more efficient youth participation in all aspects of the present-day society. These activities also facilitate successful achievement of the goals of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Initiative.

BIMUN has proven to be an important instrument for the enhancement of cooperation and exchange of knowledge and experience among young people. Moreover, it advances better understanding of the United Nations mission and the way the Organization deals with the current global issues in the multilateral framework of cooperation within the UN system.

The deliberations at BIMUN 2011 on some of the major challenges facing the mankind today will help you understand better the mechanism of international cooperation and the basic principles of diplomacy as well as to develop requisite communications skills and to build up dialogue, negotiations, compromise and consensus attainment techniques.

Regional gatherings and fostering links among successful students, the future leaders in South Eastern Europe, are accorded special attention at BIMUN conferences, as they contribute to further strengthening of regional ties and promotion of democratic principles on the common path to European integration.

I trust that BIMUN 2011 will be an exceptional experience for you and that your deliberations will enable you to seek solutions to global challenges and a better world of tomorrow. Last but not the least, let me wish you a very pleasant stay in Belgrade in the hope that its cosmopolitan spirit, hospitality and positive energy will inspire you to further your academic achievements.

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