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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE HAGUE

Wednesday 11th March 2015

Dear MUN Director,

On behalf of my fellow MUNISH Board of Directors, it is my great honour to invite you and your students to the 25th annual MUNISH conference. MUNISH 2015 will be held from **Friday October 30th - Sunday 1st November 2015**.

As stated in the MUNISH mission statement, MUNISH is "A conference run by youth, for today's youth, to benefit the youth of tomorrow". It is these ideals that make MUNISH the true embodiment of Model United Nations. For a whole weekend students can become diplomats and are given the responsibility of the roles they take on. For three days the participants of MUNISH, numbering over 1,000 last year, join to debate, discuss and consider issues that affect our world today, from the eyes of those that have the opportunity to make a difference. MUNISH leaves participants with a new perspective on our world and of their roles in shaping it.

The theme for MUNISH 2015 is '**Good Governance and Cooperation**'. This theme allows every participant at the conference to discuss important issues that are essential to maintaining political, economic and social stability. 'Good Governance' and 'Cooperation' are two of the United Nation's main goals. Cooperation involves nations working together across and between nations while good governance involves what is happening within nations with governments working effectively and efficiently for the good of their citizens. However, today's reality is that there is significant inequality throughout the world. It is through cooperation and good governance that these challenges might be addressed. Therefore, if governments can achieve these fundamental objectives, they can consequently achieve, transparency, accountability, equality, and unity. Vint Cerf once said, "**Remember, 'governance' is a big word that includes human rights, freedom of speech, economic transactions on a worldwide basis - it touches everything. It's everywhere...**". Therefore, in accordance with the theme, we will seek to tackle these topics and many more.

Furthermore this year will see the continuation of the **International Criminal Court (ICC)**, the **International Court of Justice (ICJ)** and the **Historical Security Council**, which this year will focus on the issues of 1949. We strongly encourage experienced participants with an interest in law to apply for positions in the ICC and ICJ, for the unique experience it offers. For experienced delegates, joining the **Advisory Panel on the Question of the Israel Palestine conflict (APQIPC)** will be a fascinating experience. Therefore we advise that delegates with the most experience are placed in this committee. Moreover, MUNISH's **Press Team** also offers a valuable opportunity to any participants with an interest in journalism.

MUNISH is affiliated to The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN). It therefore promotes the educational aims of THIMUN and is conducted according to the THIMUN by-laws and procedural rules. MUNISH not only gives students the opportunity to prepare for the THIMUN conference held every year in The Hague, but also provides an educational and enjoyable experience for all participants.

The deadline for submission of the School Registration form is the 3rd April 2015. In order for us to accommodate all potential participants, it is imperative that the form is submitted by this deadline.

This year the **School Registration Form and the Student Officers, Press Team, ICC and ICJ application forms will be filled in and submitted digitally.** The links to these forms can be found from page 10 - 14 of this mailing. Once this is done the Board of Directors will allocate countries, non-member delegations and student officers and will publish this in the Second Mailing. You will then be able to assign students to your delegations and complete your housing preferences through our website (www.munish.nl). This digital registration system will be up and running in July 2015.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school in the city of Peace and Justice in November 2015.

Yours sincerely,

Tim van der Horst
Secretary General | MUNISH 2015



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Would you please return the School Registration Form no later than **3rd April 2015**. The Student Officer, Press Officer, ICC, and ICJ application forms are also due on **3rd April 2015**. **This year all forms are digital and may be filled in and submitted by following the links included below.** Any questions can be emailed to munish.secretariat@ishthe Hague.nl.

Further details and notifications will be included in the **Second Mailing** and posted on the MUNISH website (<http://www.munish.nl>). The **Issues on the Agenda** for each committee will be posted on our website shortly. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

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General Information

Important Dates and Deadlines

- School Registration Form: **3rd April 2015**
- MUN Director's Form: **3rd April 2015**
- Student Officer, Press Officer, ICC and ICJ Application Forms: **3rd April 2015**
- Conference Dates: **Friday 30th October – Sunday 1st November 2015**

All forms must be filled in and submitted digitally. The links to these forms can be found on page 10 - 14 of this mailing.

Committees & Councils

General Assembly (GA)

- 1st Committee (International Security and Disarmament)
- 3rd Committee (Humanitarian, Social & Cultural)
- 4th Committee (Special Political and Decolonization)

Special Conference (SPC)

- Good Governance (SPC1)**
- International Cooperation (SPC2)**

Security Council (SC)

- Historical Security Council 1949 (HSC)
- Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- Environment Commission (EC)
- Human Rights Council (HRC)
- Group of Twenty (G20)

Advisory Panel on the Question of the Israel Palestine conflict (APQIPC)

International Criminal Court (ICC)

Crimes against humanity: The prosecutor vs. Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta

International Court of Justice (ICJ)

Legality of Use of Force: Serbia and Montenegro vs. The Netherlands

The **Issues on the Agenda** will be announced shortly through the MUNISH website. Please also consult our website regularly for updates.



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Delegations Available for MUNISH 2015

Member States

Afghanistan	Georgia (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Pakistan (<i>ECOSOC</i>)
Albania (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Germany	Panama (<i>ECOSOC</i>)
Algeria	(<i>G20/ECOSOC/APQIPC</i>)	Paraguay
Andorra	Ghana (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Peru
Angola (<i>SC</i>)	Greece (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Philippines
Antigua and Barbuda (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Guatemala (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Poland
Argentina	Guinea	Portugal (<i>ECOSOC</i>)
(<i>G20/ECOSOC/HSC/APQIPC</i>)	Guinea-Bissau	Qatar
Australia (<i>G20/ECOSOC/APQIPC</i>)	Guyana	Republic of Korea
Austria(<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Haiti (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	(<i>G20/ECOSOC</i>)
Azerbaijan	Honduras (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Romania
Bahamas	Hungary	Russian Federation
Bangladesh (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Iceland	(<i>G20/HSC/SC/ECOSOC/APQIPC</i>)
Barbados	India (<i>G20/ECOSOC</i>)	Rwanda
Belarus	Indonesia (<i>G20</i>)	San Marino(<i>ECOSOC</i>)
Belgium	Iran (<i>APQIPC</i>)	Saint Lucia
Benin(<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Iraq (<i>APQIPC</i>)	Saudi Arabia (<i>G20/APQIPC</i>)
Bolivia (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Ireland	Serbia (<i>ECOSOC</i>)
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Israel (<i>APQIPC</i>)	Senegal
Botswana (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Italy (<i>G20/ECOSOC/APQIPC</i>)	Slovakia
Brazil (<i>ECOSOC/G20</i>)	Jamaica	Somalia
Bulgaria	Japan (<i>G20/ECOSOC</i>)	South Africa (<i>G20/ECOSOC</i>)
Burkina Faso (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Jordan (<i>SC</i>)	South Sudan
Cameroon	Kazakhstan (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Spain (<i>SC</i>)
Canada (<i>G20/HSC</i>)	Kuwait (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Sri Lanka
Cape Verde	Kyrgyzstan (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Sudan (<i>ECOSOC</i>)
Chad (<i>SC</i>)	Lao People's Democratic	Sweden (<i>ECOSOC</i>)
Chile (<i>SC</i>)	Republic	Switzerland (<i>ECOSOC</i>)
China	Latvia	Syrian Arab Republic (<i>APQIPC</i>)
(<i>G20/HSC/SC/ECOSOC/APQIPC</i>)	Lebanon	Thailand
Colombia (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Lesotho	Togo (<i>ECOSOC</i>)
Comoros	Libya	Trinidad and Tobago (<i>ECOSOC</i>)
Congo (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Liechtenstein	Tunisia (<i>ECOSOC</i>)
Costa Rica(<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Lithuania (<i>SC</i>)	Turkey (<i>G20</i>)
Croatia	Luxembourg	Turkmenistan (<i>ECOSOC</i>)
Cuba (<i>HSC</i>)	Madagascar	Uganda (<i>ECOSOC</i>)
Czech Republic	Malawi	Ukraine (<i>HSC</i>)
Democratic People's Republic of	Malaysia (<i>SC</i>)	United Arab Emirates
Korea	Mauritania (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	United Kingdom
Democratic Republic of Congo	Mauritius (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	(<i>G20/HSC/SC/ECOSOC/APQIPC</i>)
(<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Mexico (<i>G20</i>)	United Republic of
Denmark	Moldova	Tanzania
Dominican Republic	Mongolia	United States of America
Ecuador	Morocco	(<i>G20/HSC/SC/ECOSOC/APQIPC</i>)
Egypt (<i>HSC/APQIPC</i>)	Mozambique	Uruguay
El Salvador	Namibia	Venezuela (<i>SC</i>)
Estonia (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Nepal (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Viet Nam
Ethiopia	Netherlands (<i>APQIPC</i>)	Zambia
European Union* (<i>G20</i>)	New Zealand (<i>SC</i>)	Zimbabwe (<i>ECOSOC</i>)
Finland (<i>ECOSOC</i>)	Nicaragua	
France	Niger	
(<i>G20/HSC/SC/ECOSOC/APQIPC</i>)	Nigeria (<i>SC/APQIPC</i>)	
Gabon	Norway (<i>HSC</i>)	

* Nation is only a member state
in designated forum(s)



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Security Council

The Security Council is composed of 5 permanent members and 10 members elected for two-year terms. **Two delegates** from each of the 15 member states must be assigned to the Security Council.

ECOSOC

ECOSOC is composed of 54 member countries, a third of the members changing every year. All ECOSOC countries **must have one delegates** assigned to ECOSOC.

Security Council Countries

Angola
 Chad
 Chile
 Jordan
 Lithuania
 Malaysia
 New Zealand
 Nigeria
 Spain
 Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
 China (PM)
 France (PM)
 Russian Federation (PM)
 United Kingdom (PM)
 United States of America (PM)

ECOSOC Members

Albania	Italy
Antigua and Barbuda	Japan
Argentina	Kazakhstan
Australia	Kuwait
Austria	Kyrgyzstan
Bangladesh	Mauritania
Benin	Mauritius
Bolivia	Nepal
Botswana	Pakistan
Brazil	Panama
Burkina Faso	Portugal
China	Republic of Korea
Colombia	Russian Federation
Congo	San Marino
Croatia	Serbia
D.R. Congo	South Africa
Estonia	Sudan
Finland	Sweden
France	Switzerland
Georgia	Togo
Germany	Trinidad and Tobago
Ghana	Tunisia
Greece	Turkmenistan
Guatemala	Uganda
Haiti	United Kingdom
Honduras	United States
India	Zimbabwe

APQIPC Members

Argentina	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
Australia	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
China	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Egypt	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
France	United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)
Germany	United Nations Peace Building Commission (UNPBC)
Iran	World Food Programme (WFP)
Iraq	
Israel	
Italy	
The Netherlands	
Nigeria	
Russian Federation	
Saudi Arabia	
Syrian Arab Republic	
United Kingdom	
United States of America	



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Non Member Delegations

Amnesty International
 Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO)
 Greenpeace
 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
 International Labour Organisation (ILO)
 International Monetary Fund (IMF)
 International Organisation for Migration (IOM)
 INTERPOL
 Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
 Palestinian National Authority (PNA)
 United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
 United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)
 United Nations Peace Building Commission (UNPBC)
 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)
 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
 United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)
 World Food Programme (WFP)
 World Health Organisation (WHO)
 World Trade Organisation (WTO)

Delegation Sizes & Allocation		Min	Max
Member States (as listed in 'Delegations Available') GA with 3 delegates SPC with 2 delegates HRC with 1 delegate EC with 1 delegate <i>If member state of ECOSOC, G20, APQ, HSC or SC as specified in 'Delegations Available':</i> ECOSOC with 1 delegate G20 with 1 delegate HSC with 2 delegates SC with 2 delegates APQ with 2 delegates	ECOSOC, G20, HSC, SC, and APQ	10	15
	ECOSOC, G20, HSC, and APQ ECOSOC, G20, SC, and APQ	8	13
	G20, SC, and APQ ECOSOC, SC, and HSC	7	12
	ECOSOC, G20, and APQ ECOSOC, G20, and APQ	6	11
	ECOSOC and HSC ECOSOC and APQ G20 and APQ G20 and SC	5	10
	ECOSOC and G20 HSC SC APQ	4	9
	ECOSOC G20	4	8
	Non ECOSOC, G20, HSC, APQ or SC member	3	7
	Non-Member Delegation (as listed in 'Delegations Available')		1



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Conference Fees & Deadlines

The deadline for payment of fees is the **25th of September 2015**.

Registration Fee per school (for Domestic and International Schools)	€ 60
Participation Fee per Person (Delegate and MUN Director)	€ 65
Participation Fee per Person (Student Officer)	€ 70

Please address all your **invoice questions** to our Business Manager at:
munish.businessmanager@ishthehague.nl

Deadline for payment of fees	25 th of September 2015
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Cancellations

If for unforeseen circumstances a delegate or whole delegation is suddenly unable to attend MUNISH 2015, a cancellation must be e-mailed to the Secretariat (munish.secretariat@ishthehague.nl) by **Friday 11th September 2015**. **This will be confirmed in the form of a reply to the cancellation email.**

Transport

Delegates arriving from countries outside The Netherlands may have the option to purchase a travel card from us providing access to all public transport systems in The Hague. **We strongly advise this purchase as the Dutch Transport System uses a system that is both expensive and impractical for short visits.**

Housing

The MUNISH secretariat will make every effort to provide community housing for most of the delegates participating from outside The Hague. This means that, for the duration of the conference, your students can reside at the houses of our school's students, where dinner and breakfast will also be served. However, due to limited availabilities, priority will be given to those who have travelled the furthest and met the registration and payment deadlines.

If you and your students prefer to stay in a hotel, we will try to make special arrangements with hotels close to the conference location and the city centre. More information concerning housing and hotels will be enclosed in the Second Mailing and will be posted on the website. Please do not hesitate to address all your housing questions to the Secretariat. We will be pleased to help you with any queries and problems you may have. Please address all your **housing questions** to the Secretariat at:
munish.secretariat@ishthehague.nl



Provisional Programme of Events MUNISH 2015

This agenda may be subject to changes and therefore we ask you to please recheck the updated agenda on our website prior to the conference.

Friday 30th October

- 09:00 - 11:00 Student Officers Briefing
- 12:00 - 13:00 Arrival and Registration
- 13:00 - 15:00 Lobbying & Workshops
- 13:00 - 15:00 SC, APQIPC, ICC, ICJ, HSC & G20 in session
- 13:30 - 14:00 MUN Directors Meeting (compulsory)
- 14:00 - 15:00 Approval Panel open
- 15:30 - 17:00 Opening Ceremonies
- 17:00 - 18:00 Reception on plaza (cake & soft drinks)
- 17:00 - 17:30 Student Officers Debriefing
- 17:30 - 18:30 Host families meet their guests

Saturday 31st October

- 08:30 - 09:00 Student Officers Briefing
- 09:00 - 10:00 Lobbying; SC, APQIPC, ICC, ICJ, HSC & G20
- 09:30 - 17:00 Approval Panel open
- 10:00 - 17:00 All committees & councils in session
- 11:00 - 14:00 Staggered Lunch
- 17:00 All committees & councils in session
- 17:00 - 17:30 Student Officers Debriefing
- 20:30 - 23:30 MUNISH Party at Madurodam

*Please note that **lunch will not be provided on Friday 30th October**. It is however available for purchase in the school canteen. Alternatively delegates and Admin Staff can bring a packed lunch.*

Sunday 1st November *Formatting Changed*

- 09:00 - 09:30 Student Officers Briefing
- 09:30 - 11:00 All committees & councils in session
- 11:00 - 16:00 General Assembly Plenary & Special Conference Plenary in session
All other committees & councils in session
- 11:00 - 14:00 Staggered Lunch
- 14:00 - 15:00 MUN Director`s Conference Evaluation
- 16:30 - 17:30 Closing Ceremonies
- 17:30 - 18:00 Student Officers Debriefing



General Conduct and Policies

It is of great importance that all participants are reminded of their individual and collective responsibility to ensure a successful conference by behaving with diplomatic conduct at all times throughout the conference.

Participant's Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the participants to conduct themselves appropriately, exhibiting traits of leadership, diplomacy, and dignity, throughout the duration of this conference. After all, the participants will not only be representing their delegation, but also their own school as well as MUNISH as a whole. Students are to produce resolutions or other work that is of **their own creation**. **Plagiarism of any form will not be tolerated.**

This also includes their behaviour outside the conference, with the host families and within the city of The Hague in general. It is important that MUN Directors therefore select students that are dedicated and responsible so they are certain that the students will behave accordingly during the conference but also with their host families or in the city of The Hague.

MUN Director's Responsibility

All participants must be accompanied by **at least one** adult MUN-Director or chaperone. The MUN-Director is the main representative of the school, but most of all responsible for organizing the participation of his or her school. They are responsible for making arrangements for travelling, accommodation, organising the delegation but also training the delegation. MUN- Directors or chaperones should be in the conference building and when needed, should supervise their delegation when the conference is in session. Also, outside the conference they will be held responsible for the conduct of their delegates as well as with their host families or in hotels.

Conduct in the Conference Building

Formal clothing is required for MUN-Directors and participants when the conference is in session. They should be wearing **formal attire** that actual UN-Delegates would wear to a conference. Furthermore military uniforms, national costumes, facial piercings, tattoos and any form of informal attire are strictly prohibited as they may cause discomfort amongst other delegates or staff during the conference.

Please note that **Administrative Staff** as well as Executive Staff consist of volunteers only who commit time and effort to assist delegates and student officers and should be respected at all times. All participants must be considerate towards them at all times.

Smoking and consumption of **alcoholic beverages** or **narcotic drugs** are strictly forbidden at all times in and during the conference. Smoking is allowed outside the building in **designated areas** around the premises. Use of mobile phones is prohibited for all participants and they must be switched off during the conference sessions to avoid disruption.

Conduct in Hotels and Private Homes

It is expected that participants will be polite and respectful towards Hotel staff or any members of their host families as well as fellow participants. Students staying with these host families should **obey the house rules** given to them as well as any other **curfew set** by their host families. Again, the host families volunteered to host and might not do so in the future if they have experienced poor and disrespectful behaviour.



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School Registration Form

Deadline: Friday April 3rd 2015

As stated previously, this year all forms are digital. The link to the 'School Registration Form' can be found below. Any questions can be sent to:

munish.secretariat@ishth Hague.nl

For a list of available delegations and whether these delegations are members of SC, HSC, APQ, G20, or ECOSOC please refer to "Delegations Available" on page 4 and 5 of the first mailing.

Digital School Registration Form: <http://www.munish.nl/schoolform1>



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Student Officer Application Form

Deadline: Friday April 3rd 2015

All StOff applications must be submitted **before Friday 3rd April 2015**. As stated previously, this year all forms are digital. In addition to completing the form, applicants' MUN Directors must email a written **letter of recommendation for each applicant** directly to munish.academicadvisor@ishth Hague.nl. Any questions can be emailed to munish.academicadvisor@ishth Hague.nl.

StOff Application Form:

Digital Student Officer Application Form: <http://goo.gl/forms/pVdv6QRNUa>



International Criminal Court Application Form

Deadline: Friday April 3rd 2015

All ICC applications must be submitted **before Friday 3rd April 2015**. As stated previously, this year all forms will be digital. In addition to completing the form, applicants' MUN directors must email a written **letter of recommendation for each applicant** directly to munish.academicadvisor@ishth Hague.nl. Any questions can be emailed to munish.academicadvisor@ishth Hague.nl.

ICC Application Form:

Digital ICC Application Form: <http://goo.gl/forms/kSDKjfli9K>



International Court of Justice Application Form

Deadline: Friday April 3rd 2015

All ICJ applications must be submitted **before Friday 3rd April 2015**. As stated previously, this year all forms will be digital. In addition to completing the form, applicants' MUN directors must email a written **letter of recommendation for each applicant** directly to munish.academicadvisor@ishth Hague.nl. Any questions can be emailed to munish.academicadvisor@ishth Hague.nl.

ICJ Application Form:

Digital ICJ Application Form: <http://goo.gl/forms/k9gB1paB8L>



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Press Team Application Form

Deadline: Friday April 3rd 2015

All press applications must be submitted **before Friday 3rd April 2015**. As stated previously, this year all forms will be digital. Any questions can be emailed to munish.press@ishthehague.nl.

Press Team Application Form:

Digital Press Application Form: <http://goo.gl/forms/ZyWvHes7zP>