Dear UN Day Ambassadors,

On behalf of the ODU Model United Nations Society, I take immense pleasure in welcoming you to UN Day 2017, the largest simulation at the university and our premier on-campus event. This event successfully engages students from all academic backgrounds to take part in addressing global issues and finding creative solutions to current international situations.

I would like to thank all those involved in making this occasion possible, primarily the Under Secretary-General of Large Committees: Amanda Crocker. Her arduous work and dedication in organizing this event, from the planning to recruitment of staff and delegates have paved the way to make everything today possible. This event is the primary experience and example to highlight the real work of the United Nations in global affairs and diplomacy, and give the most hands-on practice a student can obtain at ODU. This year is no exception, and we are happy and thankful to have so many participants today. The success of the event is conceivable in no small part by all those involved, from delegates to staff and faculty, and again to Amanda in shouldering the effort of running the simulation.

I hope you will join us for all our upcoming events and simulations, including competing with us in stimulating university travel conferences, and staffing our three-day extravaganza, the 41st annual high school conference in February.

Have an excellent UN Day!

Christopher E. Benoit, President
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