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Request for the Accreditation of the DMUN Foundation to the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction

Excellency,

Enacting upon the authority and mandate given to me by the Constitution of the Foundation, its Members, its Trustees, and the Governing Body, I, Jaewon Choi, on behalf of the Secretariat of the DMUN Foundation, I kindly request the accreditation of the non-governmental organization DMUN Foundation to the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction.

The Foundation has engaged deeply in previous interactions with the United Nations. The Foundation has received observer status in the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD), and several other UN System organizations.

The Foundation has also received special accreditation for many high-level conferences, including the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, The High-level plenary meeting to commemorate the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, the Open-Ended Working Group on Information and Communications Technologies, the UN Ocean Conference, the UN Water Conference, and several other engagements.

The Foundation is also a member of several Major Groups and Other Stakeholder mechanisms which are mandated by the General Assembly. The Foundation is a member of the Major Group for Children and Youth, Major Group on NGOs, the Civil Society Mechanism for Financing for Development, The Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism for the ECE Region, and The Sendai Stakeholder Mechanism.

In terms of the work of the Foundation in relevance with the Conference, the Foundation provides opportunities for youths to learn about international relations, diplomacy, legislative bodies, social entrepreneurship, sustainability, and greater youth participation in the intergovernmental system. One element of our programs is peacebuilding and disarmament education for children and youth, in which we provide accessible programs for young people to be educated on the importance of peace, and encourage them to be active advocates for the



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peace and disarmament agenda.

Furthermore, as an international youth-led non-governmental organization, we provide opportunities for children and youth to participate in intergovernmental and multilateral engagements on behalf of the Foundation.

Namely, we emphasize that participation is one of the four core principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). Consistent with the CRC, children's rights to be heard, their views considered and given due weight must be a basic tenet of all civil society engagement mechanisms in the UN system, not willfully excluded. This should be applied to the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction to ensure that children and youth-led organizations like us are able to attend this Conference.

In recent years, the UN has markedly raised its commitment to strengthen engagement of and partnership with children and youth, respecting their agency and the value they add to multilateral decision-making (e.g., Youth2030, UN Youth Office, and the Our Common Agenda Policy Brief on Meaningful Youth Engagement in Policymaking and Decision-making Processes).

In addition, children and youth are disproportionately vulnerable to the outcomes of war and conflict, whether from legacy arms dumps, direct attacks, or from residual impacts. Ensuring their voices are represented at the Conference through our Foundation will advance more effective, rightsholder-sensitive policy outcomes.

Looking beyond children merely as a vulnerable population group, children and youth's views and voices are ambition-raisers in negotiation processes, bringing new perspectives, knowledge and innovative solutions to the work of the Conference.

The Conference's mission to bring lasting and effective peace in the region must integrate insights from "experts of lived experience"—including youth survivors of conflict and youth advocates who have led community-based monitoring and education projects. Their firsthand knowledge can enrich technical deliberations and strengthen implementation strategies.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration, and I have the honor to request that you and your colleagues will be so kind as to accept the aforementioned request of the Foundation and grant the recommendation for our application to be considered by the Conference.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest considerations.



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