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Request for Special Accreditation - High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons

Excellency,

The Office of the Executive Director of the DMUN Foundation, on behalf of the Executive Director Mr. Jaewon Choi, presents its compliments to His Excellency Mr. Philémon Yang, the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations and Ms. Kathryn Good, Head of the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service, and has the honor to refer the following information from Mr. Jaewon Choi, Executive Director of the DMUN Foundation Inc.

Excellency,

In reference to the open call for the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, I, on behalf of my colleagues, respectfully request that the DMUN Foundation Inc. be specially accredited to participate as a civil society observer in the conference.

The DMUN Foundation Inc. (also known as DMUN Foundation America) is a regional branch of the DMUN Foundation, holding its own **independent legal personality separate from the DMUN Foundation** as a **501c(3) exempt status in the United States** by the Internal Revenue Service.

DMUN Foundation America shares a governing body with the DMUN Foundation, and **co-creates and co-leads all programs** operated by the DMUN Foundation. Hence, **programs operated by the DMUN Foundation should be also considered to have been organized by the DMUN Foundation America.**

DMUN Foundation America has a **wealth of experience** regarding the matters and topics dealt by the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

The Foundation's **capacity-building programs designated to young people**, such as its Model UN conferences, has **provided several pathways for young people to be informed about the global human trafficking situation**, and multilateral responses to this issue, such as the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons.



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The Foundation has held **simulations on multilateral treaties that address the issue of human trafficking** such as the Model Conference of Parties of the United Nations Convention on Transnational Organized Crime.

The Foundation has also **worked closely in the relevant multilateral processes** held by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC). Representatives from the Foundation attend the **2025 Constructive Dialogue on Human Trafficking, the 2024 Conference of Parties of the United Nations Convention on Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), and the President of the General Assembly's Informal Interactive Dialogue (Multistakeholder Hearing) on human trafficking**, making it a very relevant stakeholder for the High-level meeting.

These areas of expertise of the Foundation align deeply with the purposes and objectives of the conference. As one of the only youth-led organisations with a majority leadership made up of minors, the **Foundation can contribute substantially and extensively, providing valuable youth and children's perspectives to the Conference's work.**

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.**

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 are **disproportionately vulnerable to human trafficking**. Ensuring their voices are represented at the Conference will advance more effective, child-sensitive policy outcomes.

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

The Office of the Executive Director, in representation of the Executive Director, avails this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration to the His Excellency Mr. Philémon Yang, the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations and Ms. Kathryn Good, Head of the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service.



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