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WORLD COMPETITION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ADDRESSING THE GLOBAL FUTURE

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Washington, DC—May 15, 2008: the Millennium Project of the Federation of UN Associations launches the third annual **GLOBAL MILLENNIUM PRIZE**, the first worldwide competition for high school (secondary school) students to address the 15 Global Challenges facing humanity <http://www.globalmillenniumprize.org> .

The Competition invites students (age 15-19) to choose one of the Millennium Project's 15 Global Challenges and to research and write an essay (scenario) on how they think one of the Global Challenges could be addressed between now and the year 2018. The 15 Global Challenges cover issues and opportunities in sustainable development, water, population & resources, democratization, long-term policymaking, information technology, the rich-poor gap, health, decision making, peace & conflict, changing roles of women, transnational crime, energy, innovations in science & technology, and global ethics. For a brief overview of the 15 Global Challenges, see: <http://www.millennium-project.org/millennium/challeng.html> .

The competition opens on May 15, 2008, with a November 15, 2008 deadline for submissions. Three awardees will be selected in each of the 15 Global Challenges categories. Acknowledgement will include an International Certificate of Recognition and a trophy. The first prize winner in each of the 15 categories will also receive an HP laptop computer and a paid registration for the World Future Society Annual Conference <http://www.wfs.org> to be held in Chicago, Illinois, July 17-19, 2009.

All participants will receive a Certificate of recognition.

About the Millennium Project: The Millennium Project of the Federation of UN Associations is a global participatory futures research think-tank organized as an independent, interdisciplinary, interinstitutional, and multicultural information system, providing an international capacity for early warning and analysis of global long-range issues, opportunities, and strategies. It is a "strategic global intelligence" that interconnects global and local perspectives through its network of 30 Nodes and over 2,500 participants from around the world. The purposes of the Millennium Project are to assist in organizing futures research, to improve thinking about the future, and to make that thinking available through a variety of media for consideration in policymaking, advanced training, public education, and feedback—ideally to accumulate wisdom about potential futures.

The Global Millennium Prize: The Global Millennium Prize, based on the 15 Global Challenges assessed by the Millennium Project, emulates on the successful national "Premio del Milenio" launched in 2005 under the guidance of Ms. Concepcion Olavarrieta, President, Nodo Mexicano, El Proyecto del Milenio. "Premio del Milenio" invited young people from Mexico to choose one of the 15 Global Challenges and to research creative solutions to address that Challenge. The program was such a success and incited such an interest from the other Millennium Project Nodes, that it was expanded worldwide.

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