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To all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva:

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, international organizations or their offices, national institutions, non-governmental organizations and other human rights bodies, and has the honour to transmit the attached invitation from the Centre for Human Rights of the University of Pretoria, South Africa, for university students worldwide to participate in the 10th Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition taking place at the Palais des Nations from 16 to 20 July 2018, for circulation to universities and tertiary institutions.

Additional information is also available at the following website:
<http://www.chr.up.ac.za/worldmoot>

Secretariat of the Human Rights Council

A toutes les Missions permanentes auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève:

Le Haut-Commissariat aux droits de l'homme présente ses compliments aux Missions permanentes auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève, les organisations internationales ou leurs bureaux, les institutions nationales, les organisations non-gouvernementales et aux autres organes des droits de l'homme, et a l'honneur de leur transmettre ci-joint une invitation du Centre des droits de l'homme de l'Université de Pretoria, Afrique du Sud, à toute les étudiants du monde pour participer au 10ème Concours Mondial de Plaidoirie sur les Droits de l'Homme Nelson Mandela qui aura lieu au Palais des Nations du 16 au 20 juillet 2018, pour circulation aux universités et institutions tertiaires.

Des informations complémentaires sont aussi disponibles au site suivant:
<http://www.chr.up.ac.za/worldmoot>

Le Secrétariat du Conseil des droits de l'homme

**The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations and the
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, invite**

STUDENTS FROM ALL UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD

to participate in the

**10th NELSON MANDELA WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION,
PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, 15 – 20 July 2018**

Students from all universities in the world are invited to participate in the prestigious Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition in 2018. The year 2018 will not only mark the tenth year in the life of the Competition, but it will also be an opportunity to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the 100th birthday of human rights icon Nelson Mandela. The final rounds will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva from 15 to 20 July.

Each year undergraduate and masters' level students who wish to participate in the Competition submit written legal arguments for the opposing sides in a fictional dispute involving some of the burning human rights issues of the day. The teams with the highest scores from each of the five UN regions are then invited to participate in the final, oral rounds in the Human Rights Council Chamber in the Palais des Nations. The case is heard by a panel of eminent international jurists, including judges from international tribunals. Many participants have described participation in the Moot as the highlight of their studies.

In 2018 the Competition will for the first time be presented not only in English, but also in French. In future years the other UN languages, namely Spanish, Chinese, Russian and Arabic, will also be used.

The teams that are selected to participate in the final rounds in Geneva are expected to cover their own traveling costs as well as accommodation and meals, although limited financial assistance is available.

The last day for submission of memorials is 16 April 2018.

More information on the Competition is available at <http://www.chr.un.ac.za/worldmoot>



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