

## REFORM OF THE UNITED NATIONS BERLIN, 13 – 14 DECEMBER 2006



The Outcome Document on UN Reform that was adopted by the heads of state and government on the occasion of the World Summit of 2005 lagged behind the ambitious proposals that had previously been published, such as the Report of the 'High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change' or Kofi Annan's Report *In Larger Freedom*. Nevertheless, some important steps were taken, such as the creation of the Peacebuilding Commission and the transformation of the Commission on Human Rights into a Human Rights Council. And, most importantly, as the new President of the General Assembly put it, "Reform is a process rather than an event".

Therefore, we would like to invite you to participate as State representatives at a session of the „**Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization**“ on **13 and 14 December 2006** in Berlin. Together with students from all faculties, you will have the opportunity to evaluate the functioning of the newly created institutions and to specify proposals in areas of Reform, in which no binding decisions have been made yet.

For your preparation, we will provide a comprehensive Background Guide with information on the United Nations and Reform, negotiation techniques as well as the rules of procedure of the Special Committee. There will be a **mandatory preparation meeting on 22 November 2006 from 18:00 to 20:00**, in order to get to know your delegation partners. You will also receive an introduction to the topic and to the rules of procedure of the Special Committee. Before the conference, participants are asked to prepare a Strategy Paper specifying their delegations' objectives for the conference.

It will be possible to get credits (Schlüsselqualifikationsschein, Fachbereich Rechtswissenschaft).

**Participating States:** Algeria, Australia, Brazil, China, Croatia, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, United Kingdom, USA

Conference Fee: € 10,- (for preparation and conference material as well as catering during the conference)

Applications are to be sent **until 05 November 2006** to **Xenia Jakob** (applications via email welcome).

Your application should include:

- Personal Details (Name, Address, Phone, Email)
- Short CV with Photo
- Field of studies and number of semesters
- 3 country preferences
- Short letter of motivation

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