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SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS IN ARMED CONFLICT



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In his last address to the Security Council in December 2006, Jan Egeland, former Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs, warned of the growing abuse of civilians in zones of conflict: Not only do parties to conflict increasingly display total disregard to principles of humanitarian law, but civilians have also become a main target of violence. Mr. Egeland deplored that the UN is still far away from being able to respond with "predictable and adequate action to provide protection for all beleaguered and threatened communities irrespective of time, place and circumstance."

In order to improve the protection of civilians in armed conflict, the Security Council has convened a **Special Session on 14 and 15 June 2007 in Berlin**. Together with Diplomats from Afghanistan, students from all faculties are invited to represent the current members of the Council. The objective of the session is to debate on the role and responsibility of the Security Council for the protection of civilians and design precise measures to reinforce the security of civilians in zones of conflict.

For your preparation, we will provide a comprehensive Background Guide. Additionally, there will be a **mandatory preparation meeting on 21 May** where all delegations will meet and participants are introduced to the topic and the rules of procedure. Please note that delegations are asked to prepare Position and Strategy Papers. The **Conference language will be English**.

It is possible to receive credits (Schlüsselqualifikationsschein, FB Rechtswissenschaft) if you additionally write a paper.

Members of the Security Council in 2007: Belgium, China, France, Ghana, Indonesia, Italy, Panama, Peru, Qatar, Republic of the Congo, Russian Federation, Slovakia, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States.

Conference Fee: € 15,- (for preparation and conference material, as well as catering during the conference)

Applications are to be sent **until 25 April 2007** to **Xenia Jakob** (applications via email welcome).

Your application should include:

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

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