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WORLD COMPETITION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ADDRESSING THE GLOBAL FUTURE

Washington, DC—September 15, 2006: the Millennium Project of the American Council for the United Nations University launches the GLOBAL MILLENNIUM PRIZE, the first ever worldwide competition for high school (secondary school) students to address the 15 Global Challenges facing humanity <http://www.globalmillenniumprize.org>

Following a highly successful national competition in Mexico in 2005, the Millennium Project expanded the contest for teenagers in other Millennium Project Nodes, although children from around the world are welcome to participate as well.

The Competition invites students (age 15-19) to choose one of the AC/UNU 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 2015. 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.acunu.org/millennium/challeng.html>.

The competition opens on September 15, 2006, with a November 15, 2006 deadline for submission. Three awardees will be selected in each of the 15 Global Challenges categories. Acknowledgement will include an International Certificate of Recognition, a trophy, and all expenses while in Mexico City for the Award Ceremony. Round trip airfare might also be supplied pending resources.

All participants will receive a Certificate. They may also receive the registration fee to the [World Future Society Annual Conference](#) to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 29–31, 2007, pending resources.

About the Millennium Project: The Millennium Project is a worldwide think tank, acting under the auspices of the American Council for the United Nations University, comprising more than 2,000 futurists, scholars, business leaders, scientists, and policy makers from more than 50 countries, who volunteer their time to the Project. The Project explores global futures, by interviewing individuals who work for corporations, universities, Non-Government Organizations, UN organizations, and governments around the world. The Millennium Project is organized into regional and national “Nodes”, groups of individuals and institutions that identify key in-country futurists, and political, business, science, technology, and academic leaders, to participate in Millennium Project studies. Presently the Project has 27 Nodes around the world that connect global and local views; see <http://www.acunu.org/millennium/nodes.html>

The Global Millennium Prize: The Global Millennium Prize, based on the 15 Global Challenges, 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” that invited grade 5 school children 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 to include teenagers worldwide.

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