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**Winners of the Global Millennium Prize Announced**

**Washington, D.C.-February 23, 2007** -The 15 winners of the Global Millennium Prize are represented by seven different countries which include Brazil, China, India, Mexico, South Korea, USA, and Venezuela.

The Global Millennium Prize sponsored by the Millennium Project of the American Council for the United Nations University is the first ever worldwide competition for high school students to address the 15 Global Challenges facing humanity.

Interestingly the Mexican students, representing the wealthiest to the poorest states, come from Baja, Distrito Federal, Guerrero, Mexico, Queretaro, and Tlaxcala.

The competition invited students to write an essay on one of the AC/UNU Millennium Project's 15 Global Challenges which cover sustainable development, water, democratization, information technology, population and resources, the status of women, energy, transnational crime, health, the rich-poor gap, decision making, science and technology, peace and conflict, long term policy making, and global ethics.

Winners were chosen for each of the 15 challenges and will receive an International Certificate of Recognition, a trophy, an all expense paid trip to Mexico City for the awards ceremony and a Hewlett Packard Laptop computer.

**The Winners** by the respective challenges are:

1. Sustainable development: Aline Mazeto Roldan, Brazil
2. Water without conflict: Chinwe Madubata, United States of America
3. Population and Resources: Teotl Rosas Lozano, México
4. Democratization: Yolanda Belén Zavala Gómez, México
5. Global, Long-Term Policymaking: Mario Urióstegui Hernández, México
6. Globalization of Information Technology: S. Laxmipriya, India
7. Rich-Poor Gap: Alberto Jaime Plancarte, México
8. Health: Elías David León, Venezuela
9. Decisionmaking Capacities: Maria do Rosario da Silva Gomes, Brazil
10. Conflict Resolution: Luz María Resendiz Montoya, México
11. Improving the Status of Women: Anayeli Muñoz Vázquez, México
12. Transnational Crime: Yunshin Cho, Korea
13. Energy: Mix Yixiao, China
14. Science and Technology: Sai Sidhardh, India
15. Global Ethics: Nely Karina Santillán Silva, México

**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> For more information about the Millennium Project see <http://www.acnu.org/millennium/challeng.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. More information about the Global Millennium Prize can be found at <http://www.globalmillenniumprize.org>

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