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Dear Esteemed MUN Directors, Faculty Advisors, Delegates and parents,

Following up from our October 2020 communication to our participants, we wanted to communicate some updates regarding our upcoming 8th annual Barcelona Model United Nations Conference (BCNMUN). As you are aware we have been closely monitoring the pandemic situation here in Spain and across Europe and abroad to determine our best course of action for our upcoming conference. Given the dynamic situation of the pandemic and the situation that many schools are faced with, our BCNMUN has decided that we will be moving to a **virtual platform** for our conference which will now be taking place on **March 26-28, 2021**. Our team feels that it is in the best interest of all of our participants that our conference take place virtually this school year.

This year's theme and all of the committees and topics will remain the same in order to ensure that our virtual conference remains as close to those we have held over the past years. To recap, This year's BCNMUN VIII theme is **Global Safety: Taking Action Against Underlying Threats in order to preserve a sustainable future for all global citizens**. In a globalized world, more than ever before, our safety has become an international priority. The United Nations has served as the guiding international organization with over 70 years of experience ensuring the world remains in a state of peace and safety. Threats to the latter are not new but undoubtedly concerning. That is why BCNMUN VIII challenges all delegates to explore means to combat the global threats to our safety through this year's five committees: General Assembly (GA), Disarmament and International Security (DIS), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), and Security Council (SC). We look forward to hosting comprehensive, productive and diverse debates.

This year our virtual conference will be taking place on a google platform and so it is necessary that all participants (MUN directors, delegates, etc) register with an existing gmail account. Our registration is now open and attached to this email you will find **FORM I** which needs to be filled out by the delegation's MUN Director and sent to our team by **February 1st, 2021**. In the FORM I, we will be asking MUN directors to confirm that all participants have access to a google account in order to participate. In addition, we will be sending, closer to the date of the conference, a form to acknowledge the GDPR statement for this virtual conference.

There will be a minimal fee of 25€ per delegate for this conference. In addition, our team would like to announce that we will continue with the sales of our traditional BCNMUN merchandise including hoodies and will be sending more information to delegations upon receipt of Form I.

Our BCNMUN team and I hope that you will be able to connect with us this coming year and look forward to continuing our conference with you in 2021.

Kind Regards,

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Secretary-General

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