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CANIMUN brings the United Nations to the Leaders of Tomorrow

Monday, 27 February, 2006, Ottawa-The United Nations Association in Canada hosts the Canadian International Model United Nations Conference (CANIMUN). CANIMUN is kick-starting on Wednesday, March 1st, 2006 at The Canadian War Museum and then migrating to The Government Conference Centre from Thursday, March 2nd to Saturday March 4th 2006.

CANIMUN 2006 is the World's largest bi-lingual Model UN. This year the processes of the United Nations will be taught through the simulations of 21 committees, with topics including: The Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide; Population Growth and Sustainable Urban Settlement; NATO's expansion of Russia; HIV/AIDS, Security and Humanitarian Response; Gender Equality and Development; and the Militarization of Outer Space.

Canada's present Ambassador to the United Nations the Hon. Allan Rock, will be the keynote speaker at the opening of CANIMUN at the Canadian War Museum. CANIMUN is made possible through UNA-Canada's partnerships with the department of Foreign Affairs and Canadian Heritage.

UNA-Canada's Model simulations build the capacity of young leaders for a deeper understanding of the challenges of multilateralism, as well as skills in critical thinking and conflict resolution. CANIMUN participants are three times more likely to vote and twice as likely to volunteer in their home communities.

UNA-Canada is a national charitable organization that is celebrating its landmark 60th anniversary. As a 'think and do' organization, UNA-Canada supports a network of fifteen volunteer branches from our headquarters in Ottawa. Ever creative and innovative its mandate is to engage Canadians in the work of the UN and the critical global issues which affect us all.

DATE AND TIME: 1 March 2006, 7:00pm & 3, 4 March 2006, 9:00am-6:00pm

LOCATION:

**Le Breton Gallery, The Canadian War Museum, 1 Vimy Place, Ottawa, ON (March 1st)*

**The Government Conference Centre, 2 Rideau Street, Ottawa, ON (March 3-4)*

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