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MANNY'S CORNER

Experiencing A Unique Day at the United Nations

.On March 5, 2005, Sara and Manny attended the UNA-USA Member's Day at the United Nations with more than 1000 participants and a chance to hear and respond to three major issues.



- a) Global Goals for Human Development: Will we achieve goals set for ourselves?
- b) The UN 60 years later: The challenge of change and reform
- c) 21st Century Crisis: Iraq, Darfur, the role of non-state actors and the global response.

Although all three issues were given sufficient time for dialogue, the major emphasis was placed on the United Nations five year review and analysis of the millennium development goals. The issue will be a major agenda topic for review on September 10-16, 2005, when the world leaders are scheduled to attend the review summit.

In the Spring 2000 issue of *Global Concepts*, and the title Charting a New Direction for a New Millennium we brought to the attention of our readers the United Nations Summit's vision and action, where almost all nations agreed to a global agenda and set the eight millennium

goals. The year 2005 is considered to be "a pivotal" year and the center of discussion and analysis was how the civil society in past five years has progressed toward achieving the time table and the objectives of (MDG) to include peace, security and disarmament, poverty eradication, protecting environment, human rights and related goals.

The eight Millennium Development Goals to be achieved by 2015 included 1) Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, 2) Achieve universal primary education, 3) Promote gender equality and empower women, 4) Reduce child mortality, 5) Improve maternal health, 6) Combat HIV/ AIDS, malaria and other diseases, 7) Ensure environmental sustainability, 8) Develop a global partnership for development.

The U.S. Coordinator of the U.N. Millennium Campaign, Carol Welch, and other panel members reported that civil society organizations have become active and are pressing their governments to keep their promises in reaching the 2015 goals. Worldwide poverty and hunger, environment, disease and human rights are priorities that only global partnership could overcome through effective strategies and global actions.

Gender equity, another MDG goal, was highlighted by attendance of hundreds of delegates and thousands of non-governmental organization (NGOs) representatives to review the world's progress towards equality for women.

Ten years after the United Nations Conference in Beijing, the conference marked not only the 10th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference but also the 30 years anniversary of the first summit in Mexico City. As a result, the conference of nearly two weeks, in addition to its hundreds of

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U.N. Secretary General's New Reform Proposal



After long and extensive discussion and two reports commissioned by Mr. Kofi Annan, one on Millennium Development goals and the other on “threats, challenges and change” Secretary General presented a carefully “crafted proposal for the reform of the United Nations.

The report contains key recommendations on poverty, security and human rights, increasing official development assistance, tackling climate change. Moreover, the report has an elaborate and comprehensive anti-terrorism treaty, creating a UN peace building commission and a UN human rights council, establishing a democracy fund, expanding the Security Council and streamlining the UN Secretariat. According to some reports, the Secretary-General has also “stuck to the proposal” that developed countries should allocate 0.7 per cent of their gross domestic product (GDP) to development assistance,

The call for a new Human Rights Council comprised of members elected by the General Assembly, including definition of terrorism — a controversial subject because of the prevailing divergent views and calls for a nine-member increase in the membership of the Security Council; either an increase in the non-permanent membership or the addition of several permanent seats appears to be bold and in reality to satisfy all state parties to enable the passage of the report. 'Secretary-General Kofi Annan's new report " is a "bold and achievable" for realigning the United Nations. Mark Malloch Brown, the Secretary-General's Chief of Staff, said national leaders should aim to adopt this comprehensive recommendations when they gather for the world body's sixtieth anniversary summit in September."

There is no salvation for civilization, or even the human race, other than creation of a world government. Albert Einstein

Local, National and International Upcoming Events



April 2, 2005 *Community Day, UMKC* volunteers at G.A.M.E. Office.

April 13, 2005, 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. *The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) will host the state's first minority health conference* at Holiday Inn/Holidome in Lawrence, KS. Governor Kathleen Sebelius, and keynote speaker, Dr. David J. Williams, will address issues including the direction and impact of health care among diverse populations in Kansas.

Contact: Sharon Watson 785-296-5795.

April 21, 2005 Harmony Week Luncheon, 11:30-1:00 p.m. Downtown Marriott. Visit www.kcharmony.org.

May 1, 2005 G.A.M.E. Board of Directors, and election of officers, 2:00 pm., at 4428 Harrison. www.kcglobalconcepts.org.

August 23- 27, 2005 Kansas Black Expo. Topeka, KS. www.kansasblackexpo.org.

September 10- 16, 2005 The United Nations Summit. September 10-16, 2005. New York. www.un.org.

October 1, 2005 G.A.M.E./Mid-Continent Library "Citizenship in the World", 9:00 a.m.- 3 p.m. Boy Scouts of America

November 18- 20, 2005 National Council for Social Studies Conference, Kansas City, MO. www.ncss.org.

G.A.M.E. Tsunami Survivor's Fundraising Event



The Global and Multicultural Education Center sincerely thank all who responded to our February 13th Valentine Reception on behalf of the Tsunami survivors. As a result of your support, we were able to forward an amount of \$902.00 to the UNICEF Tsunami Fund. THANK YOU, THANK YOU.



Recent additions to
G.A.M.E. Center.

Engendering the Global Agenda: The Story of Women and the United Nations. Hilikka Pietila. UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service, 2002

The author, is former Secretary General of the Finnish UN Association (1963-1999). She states that the “covers more than eighty years of history between women and intergovernmental organizations.

Implementation Handbook for the Convention on the Rights of the Child, (Revised Edition). Prepared for UNICEF by Rachel Hodgkin and Peter Newell. United Nations Publications, June 2002.

As the title indicates, this is 760 pages of detailed information for implementation of law, policy and practices in implementing the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, (CRC). It covers nine years and over 150 reports of states parties, since adoption of CRC. Carol Bellamy, the former Executive Director of UNICEF in the foreword to this publication write, “it is our hope that the Handbook will be used as a reference in the day- to-day practical process of improving the quality of children’s lives.”

The State of the World’s Children 2005: Childhood Under Threat. UNICEF, 2004. The annual report of children by the United Nations Children’s Fund, summarizing the state of world’s 2.2billion children, more than half or 1.9 billion in developing countries. The report covers hunger and poverty, education, protection and equity for children highlighting the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

United Nations Publications: **WOMEN: Looking Beyond 2000.** The United Nations.1995.

This publication is collection of writings to coincide with the Fourth World Conference on Women, a “Platform of Action” in critical areas of concern for women. It includes Health

and Education, Work and Power, challenges and opportunities and moving toward action. It states that this publication is to help raise awareness of obstacles and of actions to be taken to support women in attaining their rights and their full potential.”

World Statistics Pocketbook. Department of Economic and Social Affairs. United Nations Publications. December 2003.

This copy of World Statistics contains information up to December 2003, prepared by the U.N. Statistics Division of Department of Economic and Social Affairs. It embodies information about the 191 United Nations members, covering countries economic indicators as well as their environmental and social indicators.

“Especially important it is to realize that there can be no assured peace and tranquility for any one nation except as it is achieved for all. So long as want, frustration and a sense of injustice prevail among significant sections of earth, no other section can be wholly released from fear.” Dwight D. Eisenhower

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delegates, was estimated to have about 6000 NGOs in attendance.

The conference agenda was based on the U.N. Secretary General’s report collected from government about the implementation of “Beijing platform” on “ female poverty, education, health care, violence against women, armed conflicts, economic opportunities, decision-making positions, human rights, media, the environment, the girl child, and governmental action to achieve gender equality.” Additionally, they were to design strategies “for the advancement of women and girls and prepare for the review in September 2005, of the UN Millennium Development Goals”.

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