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Dear Ms. Belanger,

On behalf of the Acting Head of the Department of Public Information, Mr. Maher Nasser, who is presently away from United Nations Headquarters, I would like to thank you for sending us the "cards to the UN" as part of your Peacequest.

The messages were very touching and point to the range of actions, large and small, that we can take to promote peace. The United Nations cannot solve the world's problems by itself. It needs the assistance of governments and civil society, particularly, young people who bring so much energy and enthusiasm to the quest for peace. It gives me great hope to know that your students are engaged in reflecting on this issue and it is our sincere hope that this activity will lead to concrete actions that will contribute to making the world a better place for humankind.

There is an old Chinese proverb that states, "If there is light in the soul, there will be beauty in the person. If there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the house. If there is harmony in the house, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world." Your project is a wonderful example of this ancient wisdom.

Whats Yours sincerely,

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