



MEMORANDUM

TO: Resident Representatives/Resident Coordinators
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SUBJECT: **50th Graduate Study Programme (2 to 13 July 2012)**
Theme : « Opportunities and challenges in a world of 7 billion »

As in previous years, the United Nations Information Service at Geneva will organize a two-week Graduate Study Programme at the Palais des Nations for a group of qualified post graduate students from all over the world. The 50th Geneva Graduate Study Programme will take place from **2 to 13 July 2012**. The theme for this year will be: **“Opportunities and challenges in a world of 7 billion”**.

The Programme will examine the role that the United Nations plays or can play in seeking multilateral solutions to global issues, such as those mentioned in this year's theme. Senior officials and experts of the United Nations and the Geneva-based specialized agencies will give a series of lectures. The lectures will be followed by panel discussions. Participants are expected to attend all the lectures and participate in working groups.

As in the past, we would be most grateful for your assistance in bringing this Programme to the attention of government authorities, universities and institutes of higher education in your region. The application form and detailed information are available on our website: www.unog.ch/gsp_en *for English* and www.onug.ch/gsp_fr *for French*). This year, applications must be submitted on line, although the requested documents will still have to be sent by post.

Relevant documentation on the Graduate Study Programme is also being sent to government authorities through the Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Offices to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

It is important to inform candidates that the United Nations does not provide assistance towards the travel and living expenses of participants. Please also note that this Programme will be conducted in English and French without interpretation, therefore candidates must have a good knowledge of both languages.

The deadline for receipt of applications for the Graduate Study Programme is **Friday 2 March 2012**. Selected candidates will be notified of their selection by **mid-April 2012**.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Best regards.