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Dear fellow Colleague,

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I am Hüseyin Bağcı, the Chairman of the Department of International Relations of Middle East Technical University (METU) and also the Honorary Chairman of European Union Simulation in Ankara (EUROsimA) 2012.

Drawing upon the fact that your faculty is one of the most prestigious ones in your country, we feel the necessity to inform you about the European Union simulation conference in Ankara. To this end, please let us introduce EUROsimA 2012 and kindly ask you to circulate this e-mail among your students of your faculty and to whom that may be interested in participating in EUROsimA. Above all, we would like to thank you for your concern in such an academic and cultural event.

To begin with, EUROsimA is a Model European Union conference which has been held by the METU Foreign Policy and International Relations Club (FPIRC) since 2005. During EUROsimA, the participants get the chance to take active roles on the basis of "representation," especially through the decision-making processes within the bodies of the European Union. Each participant represents a minister of a European Union (EU) member state or a member of the European Parliament. EUROsimA gives participants an opportunity to experience what they have learned in theory related to the EU and provides them a better understanding of decision-making mechanisms of the EU institutions and the functioning of these institutions.

EUROsimA is the oldest and most ingrained simulation of the EU that is annually held in Ankara, the capital of Republic of Turkey. With the increase in the demand for participation in the organization each year, diversity among the participants has also enhanced in direct proportion. In other words, EUROsimA brings participants from all around the world together into its international atmosphere simulating the EU.

The 8th annual EUROsimA conference will take place from 24th until 29th April 2012. The dates will be of two parts in general; one in Istanbul and the other in Ankara. The part in Istanbul will be of a pre-conference trip which will take place from 24th until 25th

April 2012 which is to be ensued by the conference itself in Ankara from 26th until 29th April, 2012.

The pre-conference trip to Istanbul will let our participants be part of the miraculous atmosphere of Istanbul, one of the most glorious cities on the earth. In this way, prospective participants of EUROsimA 2012 will have the chance to feel the wonderful ambiance and meet the amazing spirit of Istanbul while visiting the cultural and historical places within. For more information on the Istanbul trip, please check out our web page about Istanbul: http://eurosima2012.org/home/location-2/istanbul/

During the conference itself which will take place at Middle East Technical University in Ankara, the prospective participants will experience significantly unique themes and content. Firstly, while exploring the historical deepness of the European Union through debating on an historical agenda item, the participants will have the chance to correlate it with the modern day by taking use of the agenda item based on the contemporary European Union; meaning that they will reach the peak of "nostalgia" during the hot debates of EUROsimA 2012.

In general, EUROsimA 2012 will host the meeting of six committees: European Council, Foreign Affairs Council, General Affairs Council, Economic and Financial Affairs Council, Justice and Home Affairs Council, and European Parliament. In particular, between the European Parliament and Justice and Home Affairs Council, the "co-decision procedure" will be implemented for more effective and fruitful debates. Furthermore, the participants of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council will also take part in the EURO-SUMMIT where, in addition to the ministers of the members of the European Union, representatives of the European Central Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the World Trade Organisation, China, Turkey and the United States of America will be present. To familiarise yourself more with the academic content of EUROsimA 2012, please check our web page for the committees and their respective agenda: http://eurosima2012.org/home/committees/committeesagenda/

For any information on EUROsimA 2012, please visit our website:

http://eurosima2012.org/home/

You can also check out our Facebook page and Twitter account that we update regularly:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/eurosima2012/

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EUROsimA 2012 offers its participants the very experience with its unique components making the spring time undoubtedly beautiful, fun but also quite beneficial in many aspects.

From the center of Turkey, to the center of Europe!

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