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**Предмет:** Такмичење у беседништву „*Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition*“

**Веза:** О.Т. Сталне мисије РС при УН и другим међународним организацијама у Женеви бр. 86-1/2017 од 19.01.2017. године

Стална мисија Републике Србије при Уједињеним Нацијама и другим међународним организацијама у Женеви је доставила овом министарству позив за учешће 9. Такмичења у беседништву „*Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition*“, који се организује од стране Универзитета Преторија из Јужне Африке у периоду од 18. до 21. јула 2017. године, а у сарадњи са Канцеларијом ВК за људска и мањинска права УН у Женеви.

Молимо да са садржајем овог дописа упознате високошколске установе у саставу Универзитета, ради пријава за учешће које су отворене до 12. јуна 2017. године.

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organisations in Switzerland presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva and has the honour to transmit on behalf of the Center for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, South Africa, a self-explanatory Note informing States of the 9<sup>th</sup> Nelson Mandela World Humanitarian Rights Moot Court Competition to be held from 18-21 July 2017, at the Palais des Nations, in Geneva, Switzerland. All Permanent Missions are further requested to transmit this information to their respective capitals, informing Universities to register prior to the deadline of 12 June 2017.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organisations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 18 January 2017

To all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office  
& Other International Organizations  
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**9TH NELSON MANDELA WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION  
18 – 21 July 2017, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND**

**Presented by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, South Africa  
in collaboration with  
the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,  
and selected partners**

The 9th Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition will be held from 18 to 21 July 2017, at Palais des Nations in Geneva, and will bring together up to 75 participants from up to 25 universities representing all 5 United Nations regions of the world (Africa; Asia and the Middle East; Eastern Europe; South America and the Caribbean; Western Europe and other regions).

Invitations are sent to all universities in the world. The Competition, which is held in English, is open to both undergraduate and master's students. Participating universities select two students, preferably one man and one woman. The students submit written heads of argument for a hypothetical case, which are assessed by a panel of experts. The best 5 teams from each region are then invited to travel to Geneva to participate in the pre-final rounds of the Competition. Here, teams have to argue the two sides of the hypothetical case, the Applicant and the Respondent, before a 'bench' of human rights experts.

The two best teams proceed to the final round, which is presided over by judges from international courts and tribunals. In the past the former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms Navi Pillay, has been a judge, as well as judges from the International Criminal Court, European Court of Human Rights and the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights.

The World Human Rights Moot Court Competition has been presented every year for the last eight years, and has become a leading human rights educational event. It is unique in bringing together some of the youngest and brightest law students from universities all around the globe to debate burning contemporary human rights issues on the basis of a



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Lauréat 2012 du Prix des droits de l'homme de l'Union Africaine • Winner of the 2012 African Union Human Rights Prize  
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common UN human rights system, influenced by national and regional perspectives and experiences.

The Competition is unique in the geographic spread of its participants, and in being held in at the Palais des Nations from 18 to 21 July. It is also unique in reaching a broad base of participants, also from those parts of the world where regional human rights systems have not been established, or have only been recently introduced.

**Legal and/or Human Rights Officers of Permanent Missions in Geneva are encouraged to participate in the competition as judges in the pre-final rounds.** Members from civil society organisations, academics and human rights practitioners are also encouraged to participate. Kindly contact the Centre for Human Rights in this regard.

The 2017 Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition will include a one-day event, designed to expose students to the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights as well as the Human Rights Council. This will involve personal interaction with senior staff members of both institutions who are involved in key activities and processes. This practical exercise promises to be an eye-opening and personally enriching series of encounters which will add value to what many World Moot participants have already described as the highlight of their university studies.

The competition website containing the rules of procedure, the hypothetical case, and registration details is available at [www.chr.up.ac.za/worldmoot](http://www.chr.up.ac.za/worldmoot). **Missions should also encourage Universities in their respective countries to register prior to the deadline of 12 June 2017.**

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