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ARTICLES & REPORTS

“Top Five Statements Obama Should Make to U.N.”

[Ambassador Terry Miller](#), et al. *Heritage Issue Brief#3739*, September 24, 2012, 2 pages.

With anti-American protests continuing throughout the Islamic world and setbacks to key U.S. foreign policy goals, the authors offer five suggestions, which are core challenges for advancing the causes of freedom, peace, and prosperity, for President Obama to address the U.N. General Assembly on September 25th.

Full text is currently available at: <http://goo.gl/L52sc>

“Preview of U.S. Priorities at the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly”

[Esther Brimmer](#). Center for Strategic and International Studies, September 20, 2012.

Since the founding of the United Nations in the wake of World War II, American Administrations have employed the UN General Assembly to introduce and strengthen the discourse around new policy ideas and address burning issues. U.S. Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs outlines the priorities and agenda of this year's UN General Assembly.

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“A Preview of the 2012 UN General Assembly Meetings”



[Bruce Jones](#). The Brookings Institution, September 20, 2012. With the deadly attacks on the U.S. embassy in Libya and mounting violence in Syria as a backdrop, the author, a senior fellow and the director of the Managing Global Order project at Brookings and director of the Center on International Cooperation at New York University, explores

the top issues that world leaders are spending the next several days focusing on at the United Nations General Assembly.

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“The United Nations and the Future of Global Governance”

[Gordon S. Smith](#), et al. Council on Foreign Relations, September 24, 2012, 6 pages.

The sixty-seventh UN General Assembly, now under way, is expected to address issues like the rule of law at the national and international levels, and the Palestinian Authority's bid for non-member state recognition. Four experts contribute their thoughts about the role of the United Nations and the future of global governance.

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“Advancing Human Rights in the UN System”

[Suzanne Nossel](#). Council on Foreign Relations, May 2012, 32 pages.

In this working paper, former U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations discusses how U.S. engagement with the UN Human Rights Council has acted to improve the body and offers recommendations for sustaining and building upon this positive momentum.

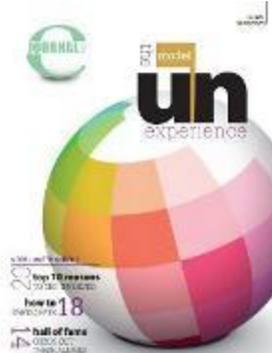
Full paper is currently available at: <http://goo.gl/q9srn> [PDF; 385KB]



ELECTRONIC JOURNAL

Global Generation: The Model UN Experience

eJournal USA, U.S. Department of State, Volume 16, Number 12, September 2012, 24 pages.



Model UN is a transformative experience that deepens participants' understanding of the world and their place within it. Delegates emerge from Model UN with open minds, fresh ideas and new friends. With the skills they develop in speaking, writing, negotiating and diplomacy, it is no surprise that many go on to become community and world leaders. This issue of *eJournal USA* explores how young people all over the world are becoming model global citizens through participation in Model UN.

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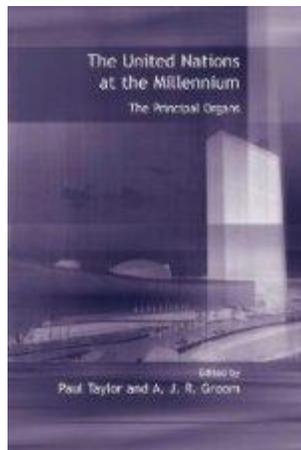
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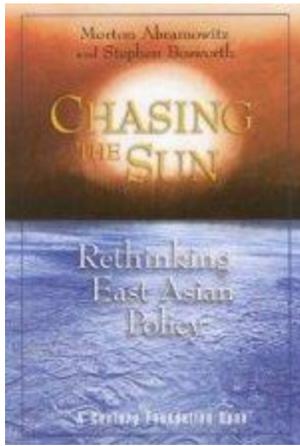
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