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Dear Dean of Law

World Human Rights Moot Court Competition, 9 December 2009, Pretoria, South Africa

The United Nations celebrations of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 will this year include the staging of the first World Human Rights Moot Court Competition, organised with the support of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; and the University of Pretoria. All law faculties in the world are invited to participate. Judges in the final round, scheduled for 9 December, will include the High Commissioner, Navi Pillay, as well as other eminent judges from international courts and tribunals around the world. The theme of the problem to be argued will be 'Discrimination'. The official languages of the competition are English and French.

This letter serves as a cordial invitation to your Faculty to participate in this exciting event. A team of two students from your Faculty – preferable one woman and one man - is invited to submit heads of argument on the basis of a hypothetical case by 20 October 2009.

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Based on the assessment of the heads of argument by a panel of experts, two teams from each of the five UN regions will be invited to participate in person in the final rounds in Pretoria in December. Teams will be required to cover their own travelling and other expenses, although accommodation costs in Pretoria will be covered by the organisers. Teams who are unable to travel to South Africa may also be linked up to participate via video-conferencing.

The website containing the rules of procedure and problem as well as the registration form, www.up.ac.za/law, will be active as from 14 September. Heads of argument must be submitted by 20 October, by email to cherryl.botterill@gmail.com. However, motivated requests for moderate extension will be considered if received before that date.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Cheryl-Lee Botterill on cherryl.botterill@gmail.com.

We look forward to your participation!

Yours sincerely

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