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*It's your world.* Those are the words that I am greeted with as I click on the UN website. It's my world. There's no escaping this fact, for the simple reason that there's no escaping this world.

And what a world I live in. Wars and rumours of wars. Infringements of human rights. Hunger and poverty. Disease and death. It's not very pleasant. But I love my world. It's home. And I want to make it a better place. I *need* to make it a better place. It's my duty and quite literally, a matter of life and death.

The United Nations, with their Millennium Development Goals (MDG) aim to make this world a better place to live in. It's very ambitious, and I am sure that there are many sceptics out there that would just dismiss it as being unfeasible and unrealistic. Maybe it is. But we still have to *try*. Being vice president of CUUNA would put me in an ideal position take *practical* steps to at least try to make the world a more liveable place to be in. The society's main aims are awareness. It all starts with awareness; without it nothing can be done.

But why stop there. With awareness comes conviction, and with conviction (hopefully), action. CUUNA could be that stepping stone towards *practical* efforts to improve this world bit by bit. We've stood up against poverty. We've felt what it's like to be underprivileged. Let's provide the means and support to actually reach out to the poor and underprivileged. As vice president, I would relish the chance to organise exhibitions and events that highlight the problems that the MDG is aimed at eradicating. Among other things, we could have a charity fair, with various charity organisations setting up booths under one roof. It would be a great way to promote awareness as well as to promote practical action amongst students. *Global awareness with a personal touch.*

As regards the Geneva trip, I am brimming with excitement! As a long serving committee member of my church and president of the Christian Fellowship, I have had ample opportunity to organise trips and camps among other events, and I know full well the potential problems (logistics, food, etc.) that can (and do) arise. But I am also aware of the rewarding experience organising and attending such events can be; both for myself and for the committee I work with, as we inevitably grow in experience and fellowship through the whole process.

The ability to work with people is another key factor in being a successful vice president. I am confident that I will be able to work well with the next President, as I have worked with many Presidents in past committees all through secondary school. I am also confident of working well with the other committee members, and I understand what most of the roles are about, having had the privilege to serve in many different positions: I was the Discipline Exco in the Prefectorial Board, working as an intermediary between the prefects and the head. I was Assistant Treasurer in the Choir society as well as the Publicity Officer for the Youth Enterprise. Adding to that, I was Secretary for the Youth Fellowship and President of the Christian Fellowship.

Although I have no prior experience in United Nations matters, I have been a keen volunteer in issues that relate to the United Nations, especially as regards the underprivileged. I had a wonderful time visiting the Compassion Home orphanage while in my capacity as class representative in college. It was also a humbling experience to teach and learn from the mentally disabled children while volunteering twice weekly for 6 months at S.P.I.C.E.S (Support for Parents, Infants and Children through Early Services). With my experience and dedication as well as the promise to set aside time to this society, I do hope to be able to work in the committee in such a way as to help CUUNA reach its potential as a society that makes a difference, both globally, as well as to that guy outside Sainsbury selling the Big Issue.