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Secretary General Ban Ki-moon
United Nations
New York, NY 10017 USA

Dear Mr. Ban Ki-moon

My name is Laura and I am a 6th grader at the United Nations International School. In the beginning of the year, we learned about the UN Millennium Development Goals that are currently being worked on to make the world better place. We learned that 2015 these goals will expire and the UNDP is currently working on generating new goals and aims for subsequent years. In class, we discussed issues that we were passionate about and would like to see some change occur to help remediate the problems associated with our chosen issue. I chose to work on Malaria.

According to statistics from the UN there are about 3.4 billion people that live in threat of malaria. This is a big issue in many countries such as Africa, Asia and Latin America. In the USA, it is not an issue anymore because it was eradicated long ago. In 2012 there were about 627,000 deaths. This is a problem because when people become sick with malaria they are no longer able to provide for their families and often die. Just from a simple mosquito bite, millions of people die, but this disease could easily be prevented. By donating money to organizations, you are saving lives

I am writing because I want to ask you to help. I would love to help you in any way possible to make a change. I have written this executive report highlighting facts and providing ideas on ways that you can take stand to help fix this issue. In particular, I know that you a very important person in the UN and that people respect you and listen to what you say. I would suggest that you inform other people about this issue in meetings or other places. I would love to help and spread information about this cause and ways that you can help. I understand that this is a lot to ask. If this seems like it is too much to do at this time, I kindly ask that you read the report and consider donating to some of the organizations listed. Also, I would encourage you to help in any way you want, and encourage others to do the same.

I thank you for taking the time to read my letter and report. I worked hard on it the whole school year. I will also be using my report to ask other people to help out. I would love if you responded to me by email or at my personal home address since school is almost out of session for the summer holiday. Together we can all make a change!

Sincerely,

Laura