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OBSERVANCE OF THE 1984 UNITED NATIONS WEEK

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents  
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities  
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities  
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

1. The observance of United Nations Week this year which falls on October 21-27, will be coordinated by the United Nations Association of the Philippines (UNAP) and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, United Nations Information Center for the Philippines, National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associated Schools in the Philippines and the Civic Assembly of Women of the Philippines.

2. The United Nations Special Committee Against Apartheid has declared 1984 as International Year of Women of South Africa. Pursuant to the United Nations proclamation on the Decade of Women (1976-1985) the focus will be: Equality, Development and Peace.

3. Relatedly, the United Nations Association of the Philippines has evolved suggestive conceptual themes for the day-to-day activities which may be adjusted to each level of education as follows:

- UN Week Theme: "Uniting for World Peace"

October 21 - Sunday	- Prayers for Peace
October 22 - Monday	- Youth for World Peace
October 23 - Tuesday	- Women for World Peace
October 24 - Wednesday	- Equality and Development for World Peace
October 25 - Thursday	- Family Solidarity for World Peace
October 26 - Friday	- Community Development for World Peace
October 27 - Saturday	- Reflections on World Peace

4. All schools, colleges and universities particularly institutions participating in the National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associated Schools project on education for international understanding, cooperation and peace are strongly urged to take the leadership in promoting various related activities during the UN Week.

5. The following activities may be made more innovative and interesting by the teachers through their ingenuity and initiative:

- Conduct research and report to the class concerning women in South Africa in their struggle against apartheid, for the attainment of freedom, democracy and peace.







- Send messages and greetings to the women and families of those imprisoned, in detention, under house arrest, children and husbands in the course of the liberation struggle in South Africa,
  - Publish materials aimed at highlighting the struggles of women in South Africa, by exposing the inhumane apartheid system and its effect on women,
  - Hold essay or theme writing contest and publish the winners in local newspapers,
  - Set up exhibits on the theme showing drawings, paintings and other finished articles prepared by children or students,
  - Create poems, jingles, rhymes, songs and playlets,
  - Organize an informational programme such as puppet show, magic festival with songs and dances from all over the world,
  - Hold a costume party or parade related to the theme where children or students dress and eat like children of other parts of the world,
  - Conduct raffles or sports contest, jogging or bicycle race to raise funds for the organization.
6. Coordination and cooperation with government agencies and various socio-civic-religious organizations in the community will contribute to a more meaningful observance.
7. Culminating activities for the UN Week may be accomplished through different strategies such as class or school convocations, programmed, assemblies, parades, poster making and painting contests, cultural plays, talks of resource or guest speakers, meaningful songs, dances, exhibits of art work, essay and theme writing quiz programmes, panel discussions, oratorical and extemporaneous talks and debates.
8. Reports on salient activities undertaken during the celebration including photographs, should reach the Office of the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports, Intramuros, Manila, attention: Executive Secretary, United Nations Association of the Philippines, Bureau of Higher Education; on or before December 31, 1984 so that these could be published in UNESCO publication materials in Paris, France and the International Bulletin of the World Federation of UN Associations, Geneva.
9. All school authorities concerned should extend full cooperation and support to this year's celebration to insure its success.

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