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Patrick Sciarratta, a Board member of the UNA/USA, Westchester Chapter and a member of the UNA National Council, addressed the 17th International Youth Leadership Conference in Prague, Czech Republic. Mr. Sciarratta was asked to address the youth conference in his role as cofounder and a director of the annual Youth Assembly at the United Nations.

The 17th annual International Youth Leadership Conference is run by an international NGO in Prague called Civic Concepts. The January 2009 gathering focused several hundred global youth on issues of leadership: from for profit to nonprofit involvement and eventual direction. It convened at the Olympik Hotel in the capital and held a series of plenaries and workshops across town, at large multinational firm headquarters as well convention hall sites, academic institutions, and even the local headquarters of the European Union (where a model EU Council was staged at the end of the week-long events).

Mr. Sciarratta was hosted by Price Waterhouse Coopers and gave two PowerPoint presentations. The first focused on explaining the UN Millennium Development Goals in detail and looking for youth leadership on the completion of their achievements by the deadline of 2015, a deadline ascribed to by nearly 200 nations at UN Headquarters in New York in 2000.

The second talk revolved around the 6th annual Youth Assembly at the United Nations, a project of Friendship Ambassadors Foundation. Mr. Sciarratta is the Executive Director of the foundation and a leader of the UN endorsed event. In 2009, the event will include YA Secretary General Dr. Elaine Valdov, the active endorsement and support of sixteen permanent missions to the United Nations, the direct involvement of the UN Programme on Youth (the focal point for all youth involvement with the UN), and a full partnership, for the first time ever, with the UN Department of Public Information.

Mr. Sciarratta spoke about the upcoming event, scheduled for 5 – 7 August 2009 at UN Headquarters and urged the youth leaders present to register early for the mainly free events at UN Headquarters in New York City (**Registration is now open, at: www.faf.org/hl_youthassembly.htm**). After a nominal registration fee, all events at the UN are free and augmented by a Campaign Night, Culture Night, United Cultures (UC) Peace Arts Festival and a nearly week-long Leadership Seminar preceding the Assembly, itself.

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