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Report on activities by Sh. A.A. Syed Secretary General

MUNA Celebrated United Nations Day on Wednesday 24 October, 2001 at Century Hall World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai. Hon'ble Justice Vishnu Sahai of Mumbai High Court was chief guest. The guests of Honour and speakers were H.E. Mark Moren Council Head of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Rafique A Dada Senior Counsel Bombay High Court and Mrs. Chandra Ganesh Iyer Asstt. Dean of Students Welfare SNTD Women's University. This function was organised in collaboration with the Govt. Of Maharashtra and Rotary Club of Bombay Hills South. The programme opened with National Anthem and just after two minutes silence was observed for the victims of terrorism all over the world.

Mr. K.M. Abraham Vice President welcomed Chief guest, guests, speakers and invitees. Ms. Mohini Mathur – Executive Chairperson in her address high lighted activities of MUNA and role of United Nations in maintaining world Peace. Each



U.N. Day-2001 held on 24th October 2001, at World Trade Centre sitting from left to right Mr. A.A. Syed, Secretary General, MUNA; Dr. S.V. Rege, Hon. Secretary of Rotary Club of Bombay hill south; Mr. Rafique A. Dada, Sr. Counsel Mumbai High Court; H.E. Mr. Morek Moren-Consul-Head of the Republic of Poland; The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vishnu Sahai, Mumbai High Court; Ms. Mohini Mathur, Executive Chairperson of MUNA; Mrs. Chandra Ganesh Iyer, Asstt. Dean of students welfare S.N.D.T. University; Mr. K.M. Abraham Vice President, MUNA

Speaker enlightend the audience on the different aspect of work done by U.N. and its Specialized Agencies. A Cultural programme was presented after the speeches. Children of Indonesian School recited poems on theme of "Struggle for Freedom". Students of Green Lawns High School enacted a play on 'Environment'. A Tableau 'Father of the Nation' performed by A.R. Undre English High School, was applauded

by all 'Variations' group presented Folk dances on Indian Culture. All the participants of Cultural programme were given Certificate of appreciation.

Vote of thanks was moved by Mr. A.A. Syed, Secretary General.

The function concluded with "Sare Jahan se Accha Hindustan hamara" played by Maharashtra Police Band.

MUNA OBSERVE HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Human Rights Day was observed on 10 December 2001 AT Y.B. Chavan Center. H.E. Mrs. Nancy Rossignol, Consul General of Belgium was the Chief Guest. Mrs. Niloufer Bhagwat, Prof. Dr. Lionel Fernandes and Prof. Dr. P. Daniel were the speakers. Mr. K.M. Abraham. Vice President of MUNA, welcomed the guests, Mrs. Mohini Mathur highlighted the role MUNA is playing to propagate awareness about the U.N. and its Programmes. Prof. Dr. Lionel

Fernandes stressed on giving Human Rights Education at school level so that, right from the beginning every individual should know the rights. Prof. Dr. P. Daniel spoke about violation of human rights at all levels. Mrs. Nioufer Bhagwat was also critical about the violation of Human Rights, H.E. Mrs. Nancy Rossignol in her address said that terrorist act on 11 September has been declared a crime against humanity by the U.N. Centre for Human Rights. She

continued, Human Rights are an essential element in the shaping of an ethical foundation to Globalization and to assure for all people the right to health, housing education and justice etc. Ethical Globalization requires greater International co-operation; She referred to unprecedented international co-operation for terrorism. A similar co-operation for human rights is needed. Mr. A.A. Syed moved vote of thanks.