FerMUN 14

*Closing Ceremony*

17.00, Friday 10 January 2014
Popov Room, ITU Headquarters, Geneva

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FerMUN organizers,
Student delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,

* Since I joined you on Wednesday for your impressive Opening Ceremony in the historic Human Rights Room, you’ve all been working very hard on your negotiations, and on drafting your Resolutions.
* Many of you have also been extremely busy carrying out very valuable support functions, including interpretation, document translation, and liaison between the work of the various Committees.
* Some of you have been writing articles, taking pictures and managing the layout and production of this excellent ‘MUNgazine’, which will serve as a wonderful reminder of your experience at FerMUN14.
* Others have been working with ITU’s own video team to produce the fantastic closing video that we watched at the start of this session.
* From what I have seen myself, and heard from the ITU staff who have been following the conference, the quality of the FerMUN debates has, once again, been exceptionally high.
* That is very encouraging because, as I said to you in my opening remarks, tackling a problem as complex and global as climate change means taping the power of young people – your energy, your creativity, and your passion.
* To come back to something Juliana said at the opening on Wednesday – you truly HAVE been heroes in your commitment to find innovative solutions, and I hope many of you will continue your heroic efforts long after you leave FerMUN14.
* As many of you know, ITU’s Secretary-General Dr Hamadoun Touré is a passionate supporter of this conference, and was most disappointed not to be able to join us. So we’re going to try something quite ambitious now, and attempt to link to Dr Touré in Mali, so that he can so a few words to you…

LINK TO MALI

* Thank you Hamadoun.
* I’m now delighted to get down to my final and very important task for this conference– and that is to draw two winners of the Samsung Galaxy tablets from the entries submitted by student visitors to ITU’s ICT Discovery museum.
* I’d like the two winners to please join me here on the podium, where Josh Choi, our ICT Discovery curator, will be delighted to present you with your prizes.

[Draws winners and announces names]

And with that, thank you all once again for gracing ITU headquarters with your presence this week, thank you to our Secretary-General Juliana Rademaker, our Deputy Secretary-General Pauline Gordon, and our General Assembly President Maxime Uzimaki, thank you to the exceptional FerMUN organizing team led by Madame Baudry, Monsieur Launay and Mr Sammons, and let me wish you all ‘bon retour’ and very best of luck for your future studies.

Bon weekend!