

## Youth Democracy Group Spreads All Over the World with its Work Against Human-Trafficking

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*International Youth Democracy Group Highlights Year of Growth, Cites Anti-Trafficking Successes, Expansion of Leadership Development Initiatives in its 2006-2007 Annual Report*

NEW YORK, New York (August 3, 2007) – The Student World Assembly (SWA) has announced the release of its 2006-2007 Annual Report. The report highlights the organization’s grassroots efforts across the globe to combat its yearlong campaign to eradicate human trafficking.

“Our members have made 2006-2007 SWA’s strongest year yet,” says Executive Director, Shahram Hashemi. “By partnering with anti-trafficking practitioners around the world, we’ve found students to be passionate advocates for victims of modern-day slavery.” A member of the New York State Anti-Trafficking Coalition, the New York-based group joined in celebrating the passage of the strongest anti-trafficking legislation in the U.S, in part from lobbying from SWA students in the tri-state area. Other success abroad included a five day convention on modern-day slavery in Accra, Ghana, and dozens of student-organized anti-trafficking events in cities like Montreal, Abuja, and Peshawar.

The report includes a financial summary, event information, and a message from the founder Paul Raynault to members, supporters, and donors regarding SWA’s progress in the year March 2006 to March 2007. Members of the group, from the deserts of Arizona to the mountains of Peshawar are quickly growing a network of young leaders, change-makers and social entrepreneurs, using the Internet to exchange ideas.

With its increasing growth and achievements, SWA needs the continued support of its members and donors. In order to continue to thrive and accomplish its goals, further participation and contributions is essential.

The Annual Report is available in English , French, and Spanish.

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The Student World Assembly's representative democracy offers a powerful instrument for addressing vital social and political issues. The informed wishes of the people, conveyed through the collective of a democratic assembly, need to be heard in the decision-making processes. By giving students from the most remote to the more accessible institutions an equal voice, we are enabling all students to educate, participate, and take action, to become global citizens.

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