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Model United Nations sessions offer participants a valuable lesson in practical international politics. You who take part will learn that there are many different points of view on any given subject. These views must be reconciled. And this must be done in a climate of cordial negotiation within existing rules of procedures.

Your experience will teach you the need for compromise in order to obtain support for your objectives. You will be called upon to exercise the art of give and take without losing sight of principles. And, above all, you will learn that there are no easy answers to the enormous problems facing the international community.

Whatever you do in the future, the knowledge you will acquire through these discussions will surely serve you well in your relationships with other people. I wish you every success.

*Gerald R. Ford*

