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A request to get schools in your country to join 100 Million Trees Campaign in 2017

Dear member countries of the United Nations,

We hope this message finds you well. Let me briefly introduce myself. I am Mika Vanhanen, founder and director of Environment Online – ENO, a global virtual school and network for sustainable development that was initiated same time with MDG's in 2000. This network has reached over 10 000 schools in 157 countries. ENO is action-oriented learning with themes like forests, climate change, water, biodiversity and cultural heritage. It has also a strong focus on working together with the communities.

Tree planting has been used in ENO as a tool against climate change and peace. Tree planting started 21 Sep 2004, the international day for peace that is our regular global tree planting day. We made a commitment in Rio+20 to plant 100 million trees by 2017 and you can find it in the summary of pledges for Rio+20. So far schools have planted 20 million trees with the help of sponsors and ENO Green Cities Network. Ministries from 10 countries have joined their hands and made a pledge to empower children and youth to plant trees in their countries. The overall number with pledges is now 103 million trees. Our commitment can be found on UN's Partnerships for SDG's at <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/?p=132>

Our goal is that schools from each UN country would join 100 million trees campaign locally in their countries, especially **21 September 2017**, international day for peace. Schools are asked to register to the event on <http://treeday.enoprogramme.org>

We are looking forward to hear from You soonest.

kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mika Vanhanen".

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