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## GNLU to Organise National Seminar; 'UN @ 70: Urgent Need for Reforms to Retain Vitality and Relevance in the Ever Changing World'

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from GNLU!

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) Centre for Foreign Policy and Security Studies (<u>www.gnlu.ac.in</u>) is organising a two-day national seminar, themed 'UN @ 70: Urgent Need for Reforms to Retain Vitality and Relevance in the Ever Changing World', on 19th & 20th February, 2016. The seminar will focus on various sub-themes and generate scholarly and policy-oriented deliberations, which will include the role of United Nations as the most important international organisation created till date.

The seminar will include brief Inaugural Session. Prof. S.D. Muni will inaugurate the seminar with the key note address. Prof. Muni is currently Distinguished Fellow at the IDSA and former professor of 'International Relations and South Asian Studies' at Jawaharlal Nehru University (1974-2006). Prof. Muni held the prestigious Appadorai Chair of International Politics and Area Studies. He has also served as India's Special Envoy on UNSC Reforms (2005) and Ambassador in Lao People's Democratic Republic (1997-99).

The Inaugural Session will be followed by a Panel Discussion. The panelist for the discussion are Professor T G Suresh, Associate Professor, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Professor Nalini Kant Jha Professor of Political Science, Pondichery University, Puducchery, Professor Amit Dholakia, Provost, GSFC University, Vadodara, Dr. Sitakanta Mishra, Assistant Professor of International Relations, School of Liberal Studies, (PDPU), Gandhinagar,

GNLU Centre for Foreign Policy and Security Studies is organising this seminar, as UN marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding, with its focus on how the organisation needs to redefine its role in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The purpose of the seminar is to bring practitioners, academicians and scholars from diverse areas to deliberate and discuss the most important issues confronting the UN at a time

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