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Dear Chapter Members and Friends,

You are cordially invited to the chapter's observance of **United Nations Day** on
Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.:

**LOS ANGELES BAHA'I CENTER
AUDITORIUM
5755 RODEO ROAD
LOS ANGELES, CA 90016**

It is so crucial that we support the United Nations. There will be a program demonstrating the role of the U. N. in solving global problems and how the UNA-USA Pacific-Los Angeles Chapter members, as a collective voice who care about global issues, support the efforts of the U. N. through its activities in the community.

The documentary, **Education Under Fire**, will be shown. The film depicts the denial of higher education to the members of the Baha'i Faith in Iran—a peaceful religion with no political agenda, which recognizes the unity of all religions. Iranian officials have attempted to subjugate their own population by attempting to deny education or information to their people. These actions are neither the result of or dictated by the Islamic faith. The suppression of education in Iran is not limited to those of the Baha'i Faith. Other Iranian youth have been expelled from universities for their beliefs or for holding viewpoints determined to be counter to the ruling party, including pro-reform views.

Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to which Iran is a signatory, states: "Everyone has the right to education..." and further, "Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace..." The Iranian government's denial of the right to education violates both the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and its own constitution.

Please show your support for the United Nations by attending this event on Wednesday, October 24 at 7:30 p.m.

We are looking forward to seeing you,

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