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### “CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS” PERFORMERS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS AT UNITED NATIONS



**Pictures From Left to Right: Michael Irvin, Former NFL All-Star and Hall of Fame Inductee 2007 with IIMSAM Diplomatic Corps: Mr. Slobodan Damiyano, Mr. Robson Mello, H.E. Shariar Rahimi and H.E. R.Maradona. With the Irvin Dance Academy, and Body Nation Theater, Inc. At the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium United Nations Headquarters in New York.**

*(United Nations Headquarters, 5 November 2007)* **Body Nation Dance Theatre, Inc.** and the **Irvin Dance Academy** performed at the United Nation’s Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium at United Nations Headquarters in New York City on Friday, October 26, 2007. The event was a resounding success. The performers were outstanding with their virtuoso dances of quality educational and cultural aspects that build bridges between the Caribbean and American cultures as well as preserve Caribbean culture and dance styles and instill in all students a cultural diversity in conjunction with discipline, determination and professionalism.

**Body Nation** is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization under the direction of Jamaican-born Marie A. Minto. Body Nation has been recognized for it’s commitment to community services through performances for youth at risk and senior citizens throughout South Florida and the Caribbean over the past 20 years. With a year-round dance program that encourages growth and achievement, classes are currently being held at the Lignum Vitae Complex (2318 SW 60th Terrace) in Miramar, Fla.

**The Irvin Dance Academy** has been performing throughout Broward and Miami Dade County areas participating in various local venues. The Academy is under the Direction of Ms. Minto and is part of the Club Carter Teen Prevention Programme funded through the Children’s Services Council of Broward County, Florida.

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The Academy offers dance instruction and choreography in ballet, modern, jazz, Hip-Hop, Gospel and Afro-Caribbean.

**H.E. Mr. Remigio Maradona, Director-General, IIMSAM, while congratulating BNDT and the Irvin Dance Academy and in particular Mr. Michael Irvin for making it all possible for the kids to realized their dream to perform at UN Headquarters and the promotion of the Culture of Peace, one of many IIMSAM's affirmative action programmes for the children and the youth of the world, stated-**

*“It is indeed an honour and a great privilege to have had BNDT and the IDA performed at the UN Headquarters. Promoting a Culture of Peace in the turbulent times we live in, especially through their outstanding performances it was indeed a commendable show they put on for the international community. I take this opportunity to congratulate them for a great evening that everyone enjoyed. Will also I would like to congratulate **Mr. Gordon Tapper, President of the Give Them a Hand Foundation, Ms. Marie A. Minto, the Director of BND, Mr. Michael Irvin and Ms. S. Johnson,** who were instrumental to conceptualize and organize this event that envisions realization of peace and development through dance. Celebration of life through dance shares resonance with the firm belief held by the IIMSAM to celebrate life through achievement of global food security and bridging the health divide through Spirulina. I am confident that this performance in fine arts contributed towards better communication, coordination, and cooperation; and foster closer relationships between all of those involved and in particularly making the dream come true for those young performers that gave a great performance for the audience attending, for I am sure they will never forget their evening at the UN.”*

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