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My name is Marcella Suwandhi and I was born and grew up in the capital city of Indonesia, Jakarta. Upon graduation from High School, I was given a scholarship to study at Parahyangan Catholic University, Bandung. Being interested in political science and global affairs, I decided to choose my major in International Relations. This is my senior year, and I am now preparing to write my thesis in order to graduate by February, 2014. I have spent three wonderful years learning about politics, economy, law and policy, security, development and much more. I am interested in security issues: both traditional and non-traditional security. Study would never be enough without experience, thus I contribute myself into the school's organizations and committees where I can practice my leadership skill and enrich my knowledge by meeting the amazing people around me. My interest in diplomacy also sends me to international workshops and conferences such as Model United Nations for example.

I am personally an outward-looking and sociable person. I mingle easily with new people and adapt quickly in a new environment. As learning is an unlimited process, I always want to explore and learn new things to fulfill my unlimited curiosity. When I decide to join certain events or activities, I put the greatest sense of responsibility and commitment to it. As a student from the International Relations Department, I have been strongly urged to speak up confidently. Fortunately, this kind of confidence has given me opportunities to experience many great events. Those precious experiences have enriched my knowledge about global issues from many perspectives and furthermore constructed a global thinking of mine.

As the world is becoming more and more borderless, I am fully aware of how interdependencies are created among nations. It then generates both cooperation and competition at the same time. Furthermore, it is required for us to catch up with the latest issues and the most recent development agendas. Fulfilling these calls, I realize that there is a shifting paradigm of many problems that generate global impacts, extending beyond national borders. This comprehension generates the concept of global citizenship with the responsibility of contributing positively to the global community, and coping with more global issues. It is very important to note that being a truly global citizen does not mean we are blinded by the local problems around us. It is our responsibility to raise any local problems with the construction of a global thinking. The 6th Youth Peace Ambassadors International Training Workshops has taught me a lot and urged me to do more for the society. The YPA6 is indeed the place where you can meet many wonderful people that have no limit in creating peace. I am personally believe that a truly global citizen knows no border to make peace.