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Let's get together at
The National Theatre

27 July at 7.30pm

Welcome to Thebes

a new play by Moira Buffini

Faced with an impoverished population, a shattered infrastructure and a volatile army, the first democratic president of Thebes, Eurydice, promises peace to her nation. Without the aid of Theseus, the leader of the vastly wealthy state of Athens, she doesn't stand a chance. But Theseus is arrogant, mercurial and motivated by profit. Playwright Moira Buffini has been fascinated by women who believed they could change things. Citing the successful election campaign of Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf who led her countrywomen to campaign tirelessly for peace, Buffini's new play has Greek mythology meeting up with modern West African politics. Set in the present day but inspired by ancient myth, *Welcome to Thebes* offers a passionate exploration of an encounter between the world's richest and the world's poorest countries set in the aftermath of a brutal war. The UNA Westminister Branch get-together will be held before or after the performance. It will be fun - whatever we think of the plot!

What to do Book your own seats. Try for the *Travelex* tickets at £10

Who to tell : To help us plan

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And our next Branch meeting

'The UN at war: FDR's global UN Day 1942, Lessons for a stronger UN today'

The untold history of the wartime UN, a fighting alliance preparing for peace

Dr Dan Plesch, Director, Centre for International Studies & Diplomacy, SOAS

Respondents: Prof Chris Bellamy, Cranfield Univ; **Paul Lay**, Editor, *History Today*

House of Lords, Room 4a, Wednesday 30 June at 6.30pm

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