

Aryeh Teller

COPUOS: Welcome Letter

YUNMUN XXXIV

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to YUNMUN XXXIV! My name is Aryeh Teller, and it is my pleasure to serve as your COPUOS chair.

A bit about me: I live in Bergenfield, NJ, and am a junior at YU, majoring in Accounting. Before YU, I attended the Ramaz School, followed by two years abroad in Israel, learning in Yeshivat Sha'alvim. This will be my fourth YUNMUN conference and my third straight as a part of COPUOS. I served as a delegate for two years at Ramaz, followed by my role last year as the Administrative Assistant.

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) was established in 1958, shortly after the launching of the world's first satellite. COPUOS has served as a foundation for global cooperation and regulation regarding all things related to outer space. COPUOS has become one of the largest UN committees, indicating the demand for international policy on outer space.¹

There are two important issues that we will address together. As the world opens up more avenues to space, the issue of space travel continues to become more relevant. We already know of many nations that have traveled to space thus far, yet we may not know that private travel companies have also begun exploring this domain. It is time for nations to come together as part of a unified COPUOS to impose international regulations and guidelines for space travel. Let us take the initiative in passing resolutions for the future and safety of space travel as it becomes more present in our lives.

As for the second topic, there is no doubt that global warming has brought about more severe and, unfortunately, recurring disasters to our planet. While cooperation between all nations is vital in handling disasters, poorer countries particularly benefit from the use and sharing of space-based technologies. By working together, we can hopefully pass resolutions to help mitigate disasters and offer vital relief services to all countries.

¹<https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/copuos/history.html>

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If you have any questions, comments, or just want to introduce yourself, please feel free to email me at ateller1@mail.yu.edu. I look forward to reviewing everybody's position papers and seeing you in person soon!

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Chair, COPUOS

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