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CSW: Welcome Letter

YUNMUN XXXIV

Dear Delegates of CSW,

I am honored to welcome you to YUNMUN XXXIV! My name is Talia Halstuch, and I am so excited to be your chair of the Commission on the Status of Women!

Here's a little about me: I am from Teaneck, NJ. I went to Ma'ayanot for high school and MMY for seminary. I am now a Junior in Sy Syms majoring in Strategy and Entrepreneurship. This upcoming YUNMUN conference will be my 5th - I had the privilege of being a delegate of ICC for three years (winning Best Delegate twice!) and the Assistant Chair for one year. I'm now switching it up from ICC, and I am so excited to be the chair of CSW!

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) was founded in 1946 as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). CSW is the largest global body that decides policy exclusively about gender equality and women empowerment. From its inception, CSW has focused on combating global gender inequality through changing discriminatory legislation and increasing awareness of many women's issues. CSW also researches and documents the reality of women's lives across the globe.

In 1996, an ECOSOC resolution expanded CSW's responsibilities to include taking charge in overseeing the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which is said to be "the most progressive blueprint ever for advancing women's rights". In 2011, four UN entities (the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (OSAGI), and the UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)) merged to form UN Women, which is the current Secretariat of CSW.

I am so excited to be your chair for YUNMUN XXXIV! Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns via email: thalstuc@mail.yu.edu

Also, just a reminder to all delegates that plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated at the YUNMUN XXXIV conference. For this reason, you will submit all papers through the TurnItIn

service. Additionally, each delegate should keep in mind that they represent their countries opinions, not their own. Looking forward to what I'm sure will be an incredible conference!

Best,

Talia Halstuch

Chair, Commission on the Status of Women

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