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SPECPOL: Welcome Letter

YUNMUN XXXIV

Dear Delegates of SPECPOL,

I am so excited to welcome you to YUNMUN XXXIV!!! My name is Sophie Wruble, and I am thrilled to be your chair for SPECPOL! I am from Memphis, TN and attended Goldie Margolin School for Girls high school before going on to spend an amazing year and a half at Midreshet Harova in the Old City. I am currently in my last year at Sy Syms School of Business majoring in Marketing and Minorng in Strategy. This will be my third YUNMUN. In high school I was a delegate on UNICEF and last year I had the honor of being the Assistant Chair on DISEC. I am super excited to be your chair and can't wait for the conference this year!

The United Nations Special Political and Decolonization Committee (SPECPOL) was established in 1993 as a combination of the Decolonization Committee and the Special Political Committee. As one of the Main Committees of the General Assembly, the Fourth Committee considers agenda items allocated to it by the General Assembly.<sup>1</sup> The topics that this committee aims to address include decolonization, the effects of atomic radiation, a comprehensive review of the question of peacekeeping operations, and review of special political missions.<sup>2</sup>

UN SPECPOL's primary role is to oversee the administration of trust territories and ensure their eventual transition to independence. "Under the leadership of the Organization, more than 80 countries whose people were under colonial domination have become Members of the United Nations as sovereign and independent States."<sup>3</sup>

This year our committee will be focusing on two critical issues facing SPECPOL: Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR) Programs and enhancing and guaranteeing the security

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.un.org/dppa/decolonization/en/fourth-committee>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.un.org/en/ga/fourth/index.shtml>

<sup>3</sup> <https://enaun.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/content/fourth-committee-special-political-and-decolonization-committee>

of nuclear energy generation. Please keep in mind that you are representing the view of your country. YUNMUN has a zero-tolerance policy for plagiarism, please use your own work and cite the information you use. I look forward to reading your position papers and meeting you soon!

Please feel free to reach out to me at [swruble@mail.yu.edu](mailto:swruble@mail.yu.edu) with any questions, comments, or concerns. I am here to help and provide assistance in any way. Good luck with your research ahead, I look forward to hearing your ideas!

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