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UNHRC: Welcome Letter

YUNMUN XXXIV

Dear Delegates of the United Nations Human Rights Council,

I am thrilled to welcome you all to YUNMUN XXXIV!! My name is Ashley Botnick and I will be your UNHRC chair for this year's conference! I am from Los Angeles and I went to Shalhevet High School, go Firehawks!! I attended Israel XP's Bar Ilan University Program. I am currently a senior in Yeshiva University's Sy Syms School of Business, majoring in Finance with a minor in Business Analytics. My experience with YUNMUN began in high school where I participated in three conferences. Additionally, I had the privilege of serving as the administrative assistant for DISEC and then the assistant chair for CSW. As well as being on YUNMUN I am actively involved with the athletics department at YU. A fun fact about me is that I do not just play on one team, but three sports teams (Volleyball, Soccer, and Softball).

On March 15, 2006, the United Nations Human Rights Council was created by the General Assembly. The council represents the world's commitment towards the promotion and protection of the human rights and freedoms set out in the UDHR (Universal Declaration of Human Rights).<sup>1</sup> The UNHRC works alongside its special procedures in order to oversee and advise on human rights issues.<sup>2</sup> It is UNHRC's responsibility to engage in critical thinking and out-of-the-box problem solving in order to protect human rights globally.

I advise that everyone take some time to understand the role and limitations of the council, as well as your own country. It is important that we all educate ourselves on the issues that our world is facing. Position papers are a great place to start and really learn about your own country's views and the potential steps that your country can take, and has taken, to combat these issues. At the conference, I expect each delegate to not only propose real substantial solutions to our issues, but also to collaborate respectfully and effectively with one another. As countries of the world, it is our responsibility to find solutions to these ever-so-pressing issues. Please remember that you are representing the view of your country and not your own personal view. Additionally, all

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ohchr.org/en/special-procedures-human-rights-council>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ohchr.org/en/human-rights/universal-declaration/translations/english>

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I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you and the incredible conference that we will have together! If anyone has any questions, comments, or would like to introduce themselves, do not hesitate to email me at [abotnick@mail.yu.edu](mailto:abotnick@mail.yu.edu). See you guys soon : )) Wishing you all the best,

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Chair, United Nations Human Rights Council

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