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UNICEF: Welcome Letter

YUNMUN XXXIV

Dear Delegates of UNICEF,

It is my esteemed honor to welcome you to YUNMUN XXXIV! My name is Abe Schoen and I could not be more excited to be your chair of UNICEF (believe me, I tried).

First a little bit about me: I come from Atlanta, Georgia and for high school I split my time between Atlanta Jewish Academy and Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael, followed by two years learning in Gush. I am in my second year at YU, Majoring in English and Minorng in Psych. This will be my third YUNMUN. I was a delegate on UNHRC in my sophomore year of high school and an administrative assistant on WHO last year.

Established in 1946, The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was created to help protect children after World War II and provide them with the resources needed to thrive<sup>1</sup>. Since its inception UNICEF's stated mission has been "to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential"<sup>2</sup>.

This year UNICEF is focusing on two issues of the utmost importance. One of these issues is the humanitarian emergency in Afghanistan. Millions of children in Afghanistan are deprived of essentials such as water and food. They are subjugated to dangerous living conditions and lack proper resources to respond. In recent years young women have been denied access to higher education as well<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.unicef.org/history>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.unicef.org/about-us/mission-statement>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.unicef.org/appeals/afghanistan>

The second issue we will work to resolve is the backsliding rates of global immunization. Vaccines are essential for ensuring the security and prosperity of life across the world. Despite a proven track record and technology that allows for a wider reach, upwards of 25 million children remain unvaccinated each year.<sup>4</sup>

You have been tasked with representing the view of your country, please keep this in mind as you conduct your research and try to avoid presenting personal views. Plagiarism will not be tolerated and I ask that you please make sure to provide all citations. All papers will be submitted through Turnitin.

I eagerly anticipate hearing everything each of you has to offer as we work towards solutions for these two issues! If you have any questions, comments, or just want to introduce yourself please feel free to email me at [aaschoen@mail.yu.edu](mailto:aaschoen@mail.yu.edu). I cannot wait for our incredible conference together.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.unicef.org/immunization>