Zachary Winters

CTC: Welcome Letter

YUNMUN XXXIV

Esteemed Delegates,

Welcome to Yeshiva University's National Model United Nations XXXIV! My name is Zachary Winters, and I'm super hyped to be your chair this year for CTC!

A little about me: I am from Silver Spring, Maryland, and went to Berman Hebrew Academy, followed by two shtark years at Yeshivat Torat Shraga in Israel. I'm currently a junior at Yeshiva University majoring in Finance and minoring in Political Science. Aside from YUNMUN, I am in the TAMID Group, a board member of YUPAC, participate as an NCSY advisor, co-founded the spikeball league, and a regular in the YU Beit Midrash. After participating as a delegate for two years in high school, I returned to chair last year's best committee - UNICEF. This year however, it's time to turn it up a notch and I'm excited to chair this year's best committee, CTC (Counter-Terrorism Committee). It is truly a great opportunity and privilege to run this committee, and I am looking forward to the debate, comradery, and meeting you all soon!

In the aftermath of the September 11th attacks against the United States in 2001, the Security Council unanimously adopted resolution 1373 (2001), which for the first time established a dedicated Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) of the Council. The CTC is assisted by an Executive Directorate (CTED), which carries out its policy decisions and conducts expert assessments of the 193 United Nations Member States.[1]

There are two crucial topics facing our world today, terrorism, that need to be tackled to save the fate of the world. The first topic we will be discussing is the rise of technology use in the planning, attacking, and recruiting for different terrorist organizations. With technology rapidly advancing

---

[1]https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/ctc/content/about-us#:~:text=In%20the%20aftermath%20of%20the,(CTC)%20of%20the%20Council.

and terrorists using technology, like artificial intelligence, more than ever, CTC needs to come up with a resolution to counter and eradicate the use of technology for terrorist activities.

The second topic we will be discussing is the harboring of terrorism and identifying terrorist safe havens. These safe havens allow terrorists to amass weapons, recruit soldiers, plan attacks, and hide out while countries search for them. These safe havens must be identified and eliminated so that the terrorists' infrastructure is destroyed, and we end this plague on our society for good.

The world is counting on you delegates to work together and find solutions to these global crises, and to end terrorism once and for all.

I strongly encourage you to thoroughly research these topics so that we can have productive discussions and work together to create resolutions to these pressing issues. When preparing your position papers, keep in mind that you are representing the view of your country and not your own personal view. Also be sure to provide citations and know that all papers will be submitted through Turn-It-In and plagiarism/ChatGPT will not be tolerated.

If you have any questions, concerns, hot takes, (for example, I think all vegetables are bad) or just want to say hi, feel free to email me at zwinters@mail.yu.edu. I am looking forward to reading your topic papers, having meaningful debate, and meeting all of you!

All the best,
Zachary Winters,
Chair, CTC
YUNMUN XXXIV