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WHO: Welcome Letter

YUNMUN XXXIV

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to Yeshiva University National Model United Nations, YUNMUN XXXIV! Yeshiva University's annual Model UN conference gathers together hundreds of high school students in February to simulate the United Nations over a three-day event. During the conference, you will participate in multiple 2.5 hour committee sessions, debating and discussing topics across various areas, such as health and space. College students, such as myself, lead each committee. This is my second conference being a chair of a YUNMUN committee and my third conference attending. I am extremely honored to be your chair and can not wait for an incredible conference ahead!

My name is Sela Ratner, and this year, I am ecstatic to be chair of the World Health Organization (WHO). I was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. After attending Atlanta Jewish Academy for high school, I spent a year at Shaalvim for Women in Jerusalem. I'm currently a senior at Stern College, studying studio art and business. Two years ago, I served as administrative assistant for UNEP, and last year I chaired WFP. Now, I look forward to an unbelievable conference in February.

The World Health Organization was established in 1948 as a specialized agency of the UN. WHO's mission is to continue to protect and preserve the health and safety of people all over the world. "Working with over 194 Member States across 6 regions and on the ground in 150+ locations, the WHO team works to improve everyone's ability to enjoy good health and well-being."¹ Leveraging cutting edge technologies and sciences, WHO's ultimate goal is simply to give everyone the same chance at living a healthy life.²

¹ <https://www.who.int/about>

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During our committee sessions, we will discuss the health rights of indigenous peoples, and the restoration of health to flood-hit Libya. Delegates, I encourage you to prepare, research extensively and be ready to debate! Please remember that YUNMUN has a zero tolerance policy for plagiarism and that all papers will be checked through Turn-It-In. As a result, I can not emphasize enough the importance of using proper citations in your position papers. I would also like to remind you that, at the conference, you will be representing the opinions and views of your country, as opposed to your own, and therefore should prepare as such.

Please feel free to reach out to me at sratner1@mail.yu.edu with any questions and comments. I am here to help and provide assistance in any way. I can't believe that YUNMUN XXXIV is almost here and I look forward to meeting you all soon!

All the best,

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Chair, WHO

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