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Dear Delegates,

Welcome to the Commission for Social Development! My name is Nicole Dos Santos, and I am beyond excited to serve as one of your directors for this committee. Whether this is your first conference or your fiftieth, I am so glad you are here, and I cannot wait to meet each and every one of you in March.

A little about me: I am from Caracas, Venezuela, and I am currently studying industrial engineering at Universidad Católica Andrés Bello. Outside the classroom, most of my time and energy over the past couple of years have gone into Model UN, and NHSMUN specifically holds a very special place in my heart. This is actually my second year serving on NHSMUN staff. In 2026, I had the privilege of serving as an Assistant Director, and I am thrilled to now step into the role of Director.

My NHSMUN journey began in 2024, when I attended as a delegate in the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. It was my very first Model UN conference, and I remember walking into the Hilton Hotel in New York City not entirely sure what to expect. By the time that conference ended, I was a completely different person. I had debated alongside delegates from all over the world, people whose backgrounds and perspectives were nothing like my own, and I left with a level of excitement and curiosity I had never felt before. I remember standing outside the Hilton after closing ceremonies, already thinking about how I could not wait to come back, not as a delegate this time, but as staff, so I could help create that same experience for someone else.

If there is one thing you should know about me, it is that I love learning: genuinely, about almost anything. Give me a new topic, a new skill, a new perspective, and I am hooked. It is part of why Model UN captured me so completely. In committee, you are not just learning about the substance of the topic in front of you. You are learning from every single person around you. That, to me, is the real magic of NHSMUN. The topics matter, but it is the people you meet along the way that you will carry with you long after the conference ends.

As your director, my goal is to build a committee where you feel supported enough to take risks, ask questions, and engage as fully and openly as I did in my very first committee. I want this to be a space where you leave not just having learned about social protection systems but also having learned from one another.

I cannot wait to see the ideas, the debate, and the collaboration you all bring to this committee. Thank you for being here, and welcome to CSocD!

Best,

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Dear Delegates,

My name is Karol Nicole Cázares González, and I have the honor of serving as your Director for the Commission for Social Development (CSocD) at NHSMUN 2027. I am currently studying International Relations at Universidad Anáhuac México, where my interests focus on governance, social policy, Latin American politics, and multilateral cooperation.

International affairs have always interested me most when they stop being abstract. I am fascinated by the point where institutions, diplomacy, and public policy begin to shape everyday life. That interest has followed me throughout my academic and professional experiences, including my work as an intern with the Mexico Program at the Inter-American Dialogue, and as Executive Partnerships Coordinator at the American Society of Mexico.

NHSMUN has also become a very special part of my own learning journey. Before joining CSocD, I served as Assistant Director for the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA). One of my favorite parts of that experience was watching delegates take an issue that initially seemed huge and technical and gradually make it their own. It reminded me that Model UN is not about arriving with every answer. It is about being curious, prepared, willing to listen, and confident enough to contribute your perspective.

Outside of Model UN, writing has become another way for me to explore the questions I care about. I have written about Latin American politics and institutions for Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica and Anáhuac Global Review. These experiences have shaped the way I think about social development: institutions matter, but so do people's everyday experiences of opportunity, exclusion, and dignity.

That is one of the reasons I am especially excited about our topic. Youth unemployment sits at the intersection of economics, education, inequality, technology, gender, migration, and social mobility. More importantly, it looks very different from country to country. At the conference, I am most looking forward to seeing how you connect these global questions to the realities of the countries you represent. There will not be one perfect solution, and that is exactly what makes CSocD such an interesting space for negotiation.

I hope you use this background guide as a starting point, not a script. Question it, build on it, and bring your own research into the room. Most importantly, do not be afraid to participate, even if this is your first conference or you are nervous about speaking. Please feel free to reach out to me with questions about the topic, your research, or anything else that might help you feel more prepared. I am here to support you throughout the process.

Warmly,

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