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Dear Delegates,

Welcome to NHSMUN 2027! It is my utmost honor to present myself as your Session 1 Director for the Historical United Nations Security Council (HSC). My name is Martina Ramoneda-Gázquez, and I am looking forward to seeing you engage in a professional and exhilarating debate.

I was born and raised in Barcelona, Spain, but I moved to The Hague, The Netherlands, when I started university. I am currently a second-year international relations and organizations student at Leiden University. Outside of university and Model UN, I am engaged in multiple activities like IncLUision, a student-led organization that helps refugees access higher education, and CLÜSS, where I founded and led the Spanish-Speaking Student Association.

I have been involved with Model UN since high school. That's when I developed a passion for diplomacy, research, and international cooperation. After being a delegate at NHSMUN myself, I decided to join the staff of such an extraordinary conference.

The Background Guide has been prepared to contextualize both of the topics that will be addressed at the conference. Inside, you will find guidance on what we expect to form the base of the debate during the committee sessions.

The committee is bound to be highly engaging. The two topics at hand, although historical, have a strong presence in today's global society. The committee will serve as a platform for crucial discussion on the challenges that arise from the topics. This includes working within the limits of approval by the permanent members.

As a delegate, you will be challenged to balance complex realities and work toward practical and sustainable solutions. Whether you are new to Model UN or not, I encourage you to engage with the committee and listen to other people's ideas. This is your chance to influence meaningful debate by presenting the position of your nation as well as the global perspective on the matter.

On behalf of the entire staff team, we are really looking forward to starting a fruitful debate and witnessing your growth as delegates. Together, let's build a more peaceful tomorrow. In the case you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out.

Kind Regards,

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Dear delegates,

My name is Alejandra Lasso Placencia, and I am delighted to welcome you to the Historical United Nations Security Council for NHSMUN 2027. It is an honor and a pleasure for me to be your director for Session II. Both Martina, our lovely Session I director, and I have worked tirelessly to prepare a complete guide to support your research and preparation. This guide may also help you navigate through our committee sessions and expand your knowledge on two incredible topics.

To rapidly describe my MUN career, I started participating in UN simulations in middle school, continuing after graduation with college MUN. This is now my fifth year in NHSMUN—two as a delegate and three on staff. MUN has brought many opportunities to my life, opening doors that otherwise would have been out of my reach. It has led me to meet wonderful people and friends while also confirming my passion for diplomacy and international affairs.

I am currently studying international relations at Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Ecuador. If you ask me where is my favourite place in the world, I'd probably say The Galapagos Islands or my favorite museum in Quito, the "Museo de la Ciudad" (highly recommend going since it has tons of beautiful paintings, sculptures and historical pieces for the ancient city of Quito). Some of the things I love are doing puzzles (especially big ones), reading, and going out for literally anything: coffee dates, walking in the park, jogging,. Also, it does not matter where, but I love traveling, visiting new places, or discovering new cute cafes to hang out with friends. I also love hiking; Ecuador is a great place to be a nature-lover since it has awesome landscapes to explore.

My favorite part of NHSMUN, besides visiting NYC every year, is the people. I will guarantee you that everyone is kind and welcoming, never missing the opportunity to smile at you when you spot them around the Hilton. But, if I can add a second favorite, especially for the delegate experience, it would be the friends you make in that packed week of debate. As your directors, we will always be here to help if you need us. At the end of the day, we want you to have the most enjoyable experience possible! I cannot wait to meet you all! I hope your NHSMUN experience is as amazing as what I remember from many years ago.

Never hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or doubts, or if you just need a playlist recommendation.

Sincerely,

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