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Dear Delegates,

Welcome to New York City and NHSMUN 2027! All of us here on the Historical Crisis dais are so excited to meet you all. Over the past few months, we have been drafting these materials that take you through a tumultuous period of Eritrean history. We cannot wait to see you make this committee your own!

My name is Sienna (she/her), and I am in my second year at McGill University in frosty Montréal, Québec, Canada. I am currently studying Microbiology and Immunology with a minor in Langue et littérature françaises (French Language and Literature). Outside of Model UN, you can find me watching Premier League matches or Formula 1 races at irregular hours, spending a small fortune at Montréalais cafés, or working on the rail-roads when I am back home in Vancouver, British Columbia.

I became involved in Model United Nations when I was in tenth grade and quickly learned to love the fast-paced debate and decision-making of crisis committees in particular. I have dedicated the rest of my Model UN career to staffing crisis committees, everything from historical events like the 1717 Republic of Pirates to the world of Formula 1 through the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile. Nowadays, I've given up the delegating lifestyle and am focusing on staffing NHSMUN and my local university conferences. (For anyone also delegating at McGill's Secondary Schools' United Nations Symposium, I'll see you there!) Last year, I was the Assistant Director of NHSMUN 2026's Meiji Cabinet Historical Crisis, and am so excited to be returning to Historical Crisis this year, now as a director.

As we delve into the nuances of Eritrea's struggles post-independence, I hope every delegate gains a deeper understanding of the topic and diplomacy as a whole. I truly believe crisis to be the ultimate test of delegates' innovation, creativity, and diplomacy. I also believe that the unlikely alliances and complicated conspiracies of crisis committees give rise to incredibly meaningful connections with your fellow delegates. I hope that all of you have the chance to hone these skills and make these connections over the course of this committee. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

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Dear Delegates

First of all I want to give you all a warm welcome to NHSMUN, and to Historical Crisis: Eritrean Cabinet of Ministers! My name is José, and I will be your Director for Session II. Sienna and I have worked on this Background Guide for months and I'm so excited to be able to share it with you.

I'm originally from Bogotá, Colombia, where I started my MUN career. I attended NHSMUN three times as a delegate, and last year I was Assistant Director for Crisis: Council of the Baltic Sea States. Currently I am in my first year studying Filmmaking at the TAI School of Arts in Madrid, Spain. Outside of MUN and school I love baking, exploring the city, and discovering new music.

As you will learn, Eritrea's history is long and complicated. In 1998 the country was in an uncertain position. After more than 30 years of struggle the newly-independent country is facing many challenges, including territorial disputes, widespread poverty, weak institutions, and the threat of war with its neighbors. However, the country also had the opportunity to establish itself as a regional example of postcolonial development. During the committee, you will need to consider all of the nuances of Eritrea's situation to build lasting solutions for its complex issues. Most importantly, you will need to be creative and work together to create comprehensive initiatives. I can't wait to see what you come up with!

Once again, I am incredibly excited to get to share our research with you, and to get to meet you all during committee! If you have any doubts or questions during your research don't be afraid to reach out. We will be more than happy to help you.

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