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Dear Delegates,

Welcome to the International Organization for Migration (IOM)! My name is Avery Hayes and I am so excited to be your Director for Session I! It is my pleasure to introduce you to a topic that sits at the intersection of migration, human rights, economic development, and international cooperation.

I am an undergraduate student at Drew University studying International Relations, with particular academic interests in international development, genocide studies, and the ways in which the international community responds to humanitarian crises. My studies have deepened my interest in diplomacy and the challenges of developing effective multilateral responses to complex global issues. On top of being a student, I love to run, read and write, and spend time with friends and family.

I have been an active member of the Drew University Model United Nations team since my freshman year and have had the opportunity to participate in numerous conferences. Through these experiences, I have developed a strong appreciation for the research, collaboration, public speaking, and diplomacy. In addition to competing, I serve as the Publicist for Drew University's MUN club. In this role, I help promote the organization, recruit new members, and introduce students to the opportunities that MUN provides.

The IOM has faced many challenges and difficulties in its efforts to expand safe and accessible migration pathways. As delegates in the IOM, you will be challenged to address some of the most difficult questions surrounding migration. How can we create safe and accessible pathways for migrants while respecting the sovereignty of individual states? How can we protect migrant workers from exploitation while also addressing the economic needs of countries? There are no simple answers to these questions. Throughout the committee, identify issues, collaborate, find practical yet creative solutions, but most importantly, learn.

Through your research, I encourage you to take the time to read the personal stories and experiences of migrants. Behind the statistics and policies are individuals and families who have faced difficult circumstances in search of better opportunities and a more secure future. Listening to these stories can help us better understand the human impact of the issues we will be discussing. As delegates, remember the human impact diplomacy has and approach each decision with understanding and commitment to creating meaningful change.

Sincerely,

Avery Hayes

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Hello Delegates!

Welcome to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) committee at NHSMUN 2027! My name is Harsha Ahmed, and I'm honored to be your Director for Session II. It is my pleasure to run a committee focused on some of the most pressing issues that we see today.

I've been involved in Model UN since middle school. Over the last eight years, it's been amazing working with delegates from all across the world in committee, whether in more serious General Assemblies focused on economic growth or the occasional Crisis focused on the Avengers or Dune. Through these experiences, I've gained a passion for public speaking, diplomacy, and research. I'm currently a sophomore at Rutgers University in New Jersey, where I study in the Honors College. I'm majoring in Finance and Business Analytics & Information Technology. Outside of academics, I'm an avid hiker, music lover, and voracious reader.

The IOM is at a critical point of change as it faces numerous challenges, ranging from funding gaps to a lack of institutional support. As migration management faces growing challenges, the IOM must focus on supporting vulnerable migrants as they return and reintegrate into their home countries. Migrants also need support in finding legal pathways that allow them to build safer futures for themselves. As delegates, you will have the opportunity to work with each other to find creative, novel policies that balance sovereignty, practicality, and sustainability. Whether you are new to Model UN or an experienced delegate, I encourage you to fully immerse yourself in this committee, work with each other, listen to new ideas, and bring forward your best policies. You have an amazing opportunity to influence debate on some of the most pressing issues affecting millions of real lives.

On behalf of the entire staff, I look forward to welcoming you to NHSMUN and witnessing your growth as delegates. Let's work towards building a better and more just world for migrants!

Yours truly,

Harsha Ahmed

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