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Dear Delegates,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to NHSMUN 2027! My name is Isabel Walchli, but I go by Izzy, and I am so excited to be your Session I director for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).

I have been involved in Model United Nations since 2023. I jumped into Model UN because all of my friends were a part of it, and going on trips to compete seemed like fun. At my very first conference I was in a crisis committee, and I fell in love with the process of committee and debate. I proceeded to participate in many other conferences around the country, winning best delegate 3 times. After competing, I became a crisis manager in the backroom at my local high school conference, and in my sophomore year of college I joined NHSMUN staff for the first time where I was the Assistant Director for UN-Habitat.

I am currently a student at Bentley University in Massachusetts, but I was born and raised in Miami, Florida. I am pursuing a degree in human resources with a minor in law, and my ultimate goal is to attend law school and become an attorney. I have a particular interest in sports and entertainment law and hope to work in the NHL and make that my career post-grad.

This year, OSCE will be highlighting two topics: Combating Transnational Terrorist Networks and Environmental Rehabilitation in Ukraine. As you read through this background guide, make sure to engage with both topics. Do not just research the topics; do your best to fundamentally understand each one. This can help shape your debate and resolutions once we get to committee.

I hope to make this conference your best Model UN experience yet, and I cannot wait to meet you all! If you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out to me or my amazing co-director Emilia. I am already counting down the days until the conference.

See you in March!

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Dear Delegates,

Welcome to the 2027 National High School Model United Nations! My name is Emilia Lazo, and I am thrilled to be your Session II director for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). I will be working alongside my co-director, Isabel Walchli, and our ADs to make these sessions the best of your MUN careers.

I am from Mexico City and currently a senior at Universidad Iberoamericana studying international relations with interests in international security, foreign trade, and humanitarian aid. I am especially excited to be directing this committee! When I am not in the world of international relations or MUN, you can find me listening to music, hanging out with friends and family, playing the piano, painting, taking photos, and playing/watching football (soccer).

I have been a MUNer since middle school. Throughout the years, I have had the opportunity to serve in various roles, from delegate of various countries, chair of many committees, even Secretary-General of some conferences. Now, I am incredibly excited to be directing this year's OSCE committee. This is my second year with NHSMUN as a staff member. Last year, I served as the Crisis Director for the Interim Government of Bangladesh for Session II, but before that, I attended as a delegate, just like you!

What I love most about MUN is the opportunity to see delegates think creatively, challenge ideas, and develop solutions together. I cannot wait to share what we have been preparing with you and see how you navigate the complexities of our committee while bringing your own unique perspectives to the table.

Our committee will focus on two main topics: Combating Transnational Terrorist Networks and Environmental Rehabilitation in Ukraine. Topic A will explore how countries can work together to address terrorist networks that operate across borders, including through intelligence-sharing, disrupting terrorist financing, and preventing radicalization. Topic B will examine the environmental consequences of the war in Ukraine and how OSCE states can cooperate to assess, restore, and protect ecosystems, water systems, and other resources affected by conflict. Both topics will challenge you to balance national interests with the need for regional cooperation and long-term security.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions about the topics or need clarification on anything. We are here to help and make the most out of this committee and for it to be a rewarding and enjoyable experience for all of you! I cannot wait to meet all of you in New York City next March!

Best wishes,

Emilia Lazo

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