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Hello everyone,

My name is Henry Michael, and I am excited to welcome everyone to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. I am thrilled to have you join us for what is shaping up to be a compelling and thoughtful committee experience. Writing this guide took a lot of preparation, and I am confident that you will be challenged by both topics to think critically about these very important issues. These topics shape communities around the globe, and I am excited to delve into them with you!

I am currently a sophomore at Fordham University studying business and real estate. I am involved in student government, where I work in the finance division and help with programming. I also help in the Student Admissions Program, where I greet prospective students and their families before their tours. Lastly, I am involved in a few other programming organizations and special interest clubs that have shaped my time here!

I am originally from Manhattan Beach, California, where I have grown up my whole life! I like to spend my time going to the beach and adventuring around the Los Angeles area. I also like to play pickleball, watch movies, and hang out with friends. I also did Model UN all throughout high school and competed at many conferences around the country, including NHSMUN!

With these two topics at the intersection of equity, sustainability, and resilience, there is a lot of information to uncover and ideas to be created. Topic A addresses Women's Land and Property Rights, a subject that reaches into questions of economic empowerment, legal reform, and social justice in areas that face deep inequality in land ownership. Topic B discusses urban disaster preparedness, examining how rapidly growing cities can build the infrastructure, policy, and community resilience needed to fight against natural and man-made crises. I strongly encourage every delegate to look closely at how their country's policies and priorities will intersect with both issues, as no country is untouched by these topics.

In order to have a lively debate, I hope that every delegate comes prepared with strong research. The more preparation each delegate has done, the better a delegate can get their ideas across. I strongly emphasize the need for strong speaking, projection, and engaging rhetoric in committee. All participants should be putting their skills towards working together in a way that will make a seamless forum to share ideas.

I cannot wait to see the creativity and dedication that you will bring to committee. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have. I am here to help make this committee experience the best it can be!

Best of luck, and see you in March!

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