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Hello delegates, my name is Arianna Ramirez, and it is my honor to serve as the Director for the first session of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) at NHSMUN 2027. Whether we are investigating “Combating Corruption in Humanitarian Aid” or “Countering the Role of Corruption in Human Trafficking,” both topics strongly emphasize and raise awareness of how corruption directly affects human well-being.

I am from Venezuela, as most know the country is facing devastating circumstances due to the earthquakes that occurred, but that suffering does not define us. All my life I have loved volunteering across states, often sleeping in orphanages or in monasteries to help those in need. Most notably, after the earthquake we experienced, I worked on a project addressing displacement and in various humanitarian aid centers for days by donating as much as possible, filling trucks with donations, and traveling all over to make sure it reached those in need, witnessing the destruction and displacement firsthand. During high school I also developed and presented my project Ecobrick in front of a panel of sustainability experts. It was based on creating sustainable and long-lasting construction materials to be used in construction inside various communities in Caracas.

Model UN has defined a large part of my life. My journey in high school began in 2021 and finished in 2025 by me being the Director of Relations for my high school Model UN conference. I went to NHSMUN twice, first to Legal in 2023 and UNTOC in 2024 then I staffed DISEC as an Assistant Director in 2026. Which makes me understand the nervousness, passion, and love that comes with this activity. My goal for everyone in our committee is for you to leave, surpassing their own expectations and for you to feel fulfilled by your experience.

I love watching movies, reading, and listening to all types of music (Taylor Swift is my favorite artist). In college, I am studying business in Miami. I have three dogs, my Husky and Husky-labrador mix were rescued, and my German shepherd was adopted. Most of my life I have lived between Miami and Venezuela so there is nothing I love more than the beach. I grew up swimming competitively, snorkeling, boating, and kitesurfing. I do karate, so my Japanese is very limited but I’m very close to my black belt.

Hopefully, this background guide that Ava and I have worked so hard on for months gives you a strong introduction to both topics. We hope this guide gives you the resources for a successful NHSMUN experience, whether this is your first conference or your last. Beyond committee, take advantage of the opportunity to meet people from different countries and cultures. I cannot wait to meet you all, hear your debates and perspectives, and finally see those opening speeches you have practiced millions of times! As your director, please feel free to reach out with any questions, advice, or concerns as you prepare for the conference.

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Hello NHSMUN delegates!!!

My name is Ava Federici and as I am sure you can tell from how you found my letter, I am very excited to be the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) Director for Session II! I really enjoy everything that NHSMUN stands for and I can't wait to give you guys the best committee experience!

A little bit about myself, I am 19 years old and I was born right in the home city of NHSMUN: Manhattan, New York. I bounced around the United States until I was around six or seven years old when my family moved to Los Angeles, California. I spent middle school and high school in the one square mile city of Hermosa Beach and wouldn't trade it for anything.

Throughout high school I was a big student council and Model United Nations kid. I also played softball although I hate to admit I was not very good. MUN was by far my favorite activity. I believe it has the unmatched ability to bring people together and create a positive, enriching community. Being in the committee room and debating was always the most exciting part for me. Which is why I am super excited for March to come around! By the time I had graduated, I ended up gaveling at five conferences with streaks of Outstandings in between. I served in many positions for our conference but the most fun was serving as one of our Secretaries-General.

I am now in my second year at New York University studying business and I absolutely adore it. The city, the people, and the vibes are what I cannot wait for each of you to embrace and enjoy while you are here. I happily chose to continue debating in college and am a part of NYUMUN's Competitive Team. I have chaired both our high school and collegiate conferences, so I have continued to explore debate from both sides of the dais.

This is also going to be my second-year volunteering for NHSMUN! Last year I was an Assistant Director for the Committee on Narcotic Drugs (CND) for Session 1 so I can't wait to see the energy Session 2 brings! Our topics for UNCAC this year are incredibly relevant to millions of lives. Something I always recommend to debaters is to address who, what, where, when, and how of a solution. Details and statistics to back up need will go a long way when it comes to a multi-faceted issue. As a chair, I truly believe confidence is key! When I first started public speaking, I had a hard time with memorization and speaking without notes so I would get really nervous. But I learned that practice makes perfect and overtime I needed my notes less and less. Eye contact can be difficult but on committee I want everyone to push themselves to learn as much as possible.

Happy prepping and I can't wait to meet each of you!

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