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Hello Delegates,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to NHSMUN 2027 and to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development! My name is Alexander Lopez, and I am very excited to be your Session 1 Director for UNCTAD this year. There is no doubt in my mind that every individual researching these amazing topics will work hard to curate some awesome solutions. As such, I am most excited to meet every delegate and bear witness to our committee working together to create conference-shattering resolutions!

I am currently a third-year History and Philosophy student at the University of California, Los Angeles. Studying the humanities has highlighted the importance of advocating for marginalized populations, not just in my own community but all around the world.

In my everyday life, I would say that I am just a chill dude. I enjoy going to the gym, going on hikes, and having my everyday coffee. Unfortunately, despite living in Los Angeles, I am not a matcha person and instead love to go to different coffee houses and indulge in overpriced iced vanilla lattes. I also love reading! While I will read just about anything, my favorite genres are literary fiction and philosophical dialogues.

This is my third year with NHSMUN, having participated in the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) my first year and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) the following year. This year, I have the privilege of serving as a Director for UNCTAD and feel very proud of the journey that has led up to this point. Something I have learned along the way is that NHSMUN has a unique quality that allows every delegate, staff member, and advisor to learn and create meaningful experiences that can have a lasting impact on our lives.

In committee this year, we will explore “Medical Patents and the Cost of Healthcare” and “Foreign Investment and Economic Independence.” By examining these topics, we will be challenged to consider how access to medicine and economic independence benefit the actors within the global system and who, in particular, would be disadvantaged by them. I encourage all students to think critically about these complex and important issues beyond the information provided in the background guides in order to create comprehensive solutions in accordance with the delegation you represent.

I have no doubt that NHSMUN will be filled with unique solutions, amazing speeches, and unforgettable memories. Whether this is your first conference or your hundredth, there are always moments to challenge ourselves and learn. At times, we all may find ourselves with questions or concerns; if that is ever the case, please do not hesitate to reach out!

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Dear Delegates,

Hello! My name is Hudson Sagadevan, and I am so excited to serve as your Session II NHSMUN Director. This is my second year staffing NHSMUN and my first year as Director!

I am currently a sophomore at Stanford University studying economics. I am originally from Manhattan Beach, California, where I was a Model United Nations delegate for four years. I participated in many committees, and continue to debate at the collegiate level with Stanford Model UN. I also serve as the Secretary-General for my school's conference, preparing educational experiences just like those at NHSMUN. My passion for Model United Nations runs deep, and I look forward to sharing that passion with you delegates.

Outside of Model United Nations, I like to stay active; I ran Cross Country and Track for three years, and continue to run recreationally now, with my goal to run at the Los Angeles Marathon next year. As a California native, I love playing beach volleyball and spikeball; a recent obsession of mine has been playing recreational pickleball. Besides the outdoors, you might find me hunched over a chess board studying opening moves, or rolling dice in a game of Dungeons and Dragons. I love learning about niche topics and fun facts, which has made preparing for these topics especially interesting.

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development is a unique forum with so many factors at play. At NHSMUN, we value creativity and collaboration, so don't be afraid to put yourself out there and be confident in your preparation. I am looking forward to hearing all your creative solutions!

Sincerely,

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