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Hi delegates! My name is Callia Toriz and I am 18 years old. I was born and raised in Panama, a tiny country in Central America. I have been in MUN since I was in 8th grade. At first, it wasn't my favorite after school activity but later on I grew to love it. In freshman year I went to my first conference and became bound to the responsibility of being in the MUN club. I went from being shy to voicing my opinion any chance I got, respectfully of course. In junior year I got the opportunity to be part of my school's MUN club board of directors. It was truly an opportunity I never thought I would get. That opportunity taught me what I needed to know about running a conference, from writing IBs to giving uplifting feedback.

I came across NHSMUN during my senior year. I knew my school attended the conference, but I was always scared of going. I finally seized the opportunity and went to NHSMUN, and safe to say, it was the best experience I ever had. The 3 months of preparation me and my double del had before the conference allowed me to learn so much. When we arrived at the conference, I made so many friends in and out of the committee room, those who I still talk to this day. It was truly the experience of a lifetime, and I am so glad all of you will get to experience it!

I am currently an undergraduate at Purdue University and I am studying Kinesiology. I come from a tropical country, so I am definitely scared for my first midwest winter. I love being outside in nature. You can always catch me hiking, at the beach, badly surfing, or cliff diving, my favorite. I also love playing flag football, running, and anything outdoors. But aside from sports, I have many other hobbies. I love cooking, reading, gardening, making pinterest boards, and watching F1. Yes, my team is Mercedes, but long before Kimi, although I love him. Lastly, you will always catch me listening to Noah Kahan, Gracie Abrams, jigitz, Danny Ocean, etc; and watching B99 constantly. My taste is super varied and I love any new music and show recs!

To conclude, I truly can't wait to meet you all this spring! I am excited to see what you delegates have researched and what innovative solutions you bring to the table. I hope you enjoy reading the Background Guide, as much as I enjoyed writing it! Additionally, I was once a nervous delegate who had a lot of questions. Don't be afraid to reach out and ask any questions you may have while reading the BG, doing your research, or writing your position papers. We are here to help! Best of luck delegates and see you soon!

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Dear Delegates,

Welcome to NHSMUN 2026 and the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission (UNPBC)! My name is Diya Patel and it is my pleasure to serve as your Director for Session II. I am very excited to meet you all in committee and see what you have prepared!

Currently, I am a second year Mechanical Engineering major and Business Management minor at the University of California, Riverside. I began MUN in my sophomore year of high school on a whim and since then, I have had the privilege to attend 13+ conferences and chair 5+ committees! I even competed at NHSMUN in 2024 and it is good to be back on the other side of the table. While Model UN frequently pushed me and opened doubts of staying, I began mentoring my cohort of freshman as a senior which allowed me to recognize the impact I could have, motivating me to remain engaged and continue meeting new people

Beyond MUN, I live, breath, and exist for cars, racing, and motorsports. My dream car is any Audi sedan and my favorite team is Mercedes! Inspiring my career goals, I hope to work as a race engineer and contribute to the developing automotive industry. I am an avid reader and always working towards my goodreads goal but classes are unfortunately against me. I am also honored to be the captain of my school's raas-garba dance team, UC Raas, centered around traditional and folk dances from Gujarat, India. I am truly a chameleon and enjoy anything and everything so my interests span over random categories and do not really correlate to one another so we may be interested in some of the same things!

When researching these topics and preparing material for debate, I encountered numerous developments and events that have a profound impact on both regions. With this, I encourage delegates to approach each issue as a collection of subtopics rather than one problem. If one element remains unaddressed, progress becomes more difficult. With an open mind, determination, and preparation, I believe in the success of all delegates!

I look forward to welcoming you all to the lively city of New York and witnessing passion, tenacity, and most important of all, fun. NHSMUN has continued to have an impact even after I competed and I hope you all also experience it in the same unforgettable way and for all your hard work to pay off! Please reach out with any questions or concerns and best of luck!

Sincerely,

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