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Hello Delegates,

I am so excited to welcome you to the United Nations Security Council B (UNSCB) at NHSMUN 2027, the largest Model UN conference in the world! My name is Colin Freelin, and I will be your Director for Session I. I cannot wait to meet every one of you and witness all the hard work that you've put into your preparation and debate!

I began my journey with Model UN in my freshman year of high school, and I couldn't be more grateful for all the opportunities that it has provided me. Through MUN, I've been able to travel the country, meet some amazing people, and most importantly, gain a set of skills that I have relied upon throughout my life. Abilities such as deep research, public speaking, and collaboration are unique and important, and Model UN provides an arena in which you can practice these skills repeatedly.

I am originally from Los Angeles, but right now I am a sophomore at UC Berkeley (Go Bears!), where I am majoring in both urban studies and political science. On campus, I am also a member of BMUN, which is Berkeley's Model UN conference, as well as CalACLU, a student activist group that works to protect civil liberties. Outside of school, I enjoy using BART to explore the Bay Area, as well as going to Emeryville to watch new movies with my friends. I am also a huge fan of board games, and I am always looking for new ones, so feel free to reach out if you have any recommendations!

Our staff has put an incredible amount of research and preparation into your background guides, which cover two topics that are very important to the modern world. Our first topic is the Situation in Nigeria, which should be approached in the context of rising Islamic extremism, resource conflicts, and instability throughout the Sahel. On the other hand, our second topic, Peace and Security in the Age of Cyber Warfare, is an issue affecting the entire globe, especially as nations wrestle with the increasing capabilities of artificial intelligence. I expect that you will put in as much preparation as our staff has, and I look forward to seeing some interesting and creative solutions discussed in committee.

See you soon!

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Hi Everyone!

My name is Ekam Mann, and I am incredibly excited to be serving as one of your directors for the United Nations Security Council B this year! I am looking forward to meeting all of you in person and seeing everything you bring to the committee.

I am currently a sophomore studying mechanical engineering at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver (yes, I am Canadian). Outside of school, I am part of our solar car design team, where I work on the aerodynamics and mechanical design of the university's solar-powered race car. When I am not spending an unreasonable amount of time in the engineering building, I love travelling, hiking, and spending time with friends. I am originally from Calgary, right near the Canadian Rockies and Banff, so I've been lucky enough to do some incredible hikes there. I also spent part of this past summer traveling through Asia, so if you are into traveling too, I am always happy to talk about it!

I first got involved with Model United Nations in high school, and it quickly became one of the most meaningful parts of my high school experience. Over the years, I had the opportunity to compete at conferences, organize and run committees, and eventually help lead conferences of my own. Some of my favorite memories from MUN, though, have very little to do with awards or speeches. They come from the people I met, most of whom I still talk to today. There is something about working together in high-pressure situations that lets you skip past that initial awkward phase and form friendships surprisingly quickly.

The Security Council has always been one of my favorite committees because it forces you to think on your feet. The problems you face rarely have perfect solutions, and success requires negotiation, compromise, creativity, and sometimes a willingness to completely rethink your approach. Serving as a director for the UNSC also feels like a full-circle moment for me, as my final high school committee as a delegate was also the Security Council. I hope UNSC-B gives you the chance to challenge yourself, take risks, and become a more confident delegate.

Most importantly, enjoy the conference. You've already put a huge amount of work into getting here, and it'll go by much faster than you expect. Speak up, meet people, try something new, and do not be afraid to make mistakes. I am always happy to answer questions, give advice, or help however I can, and I cannot wait to see you all in committee!

See you in the Big Apple!

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