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Dear Delegates,

My name is Carolina Castilla, and I'm incredibly excited to welcome you to the World Health Assembly at NHSMUN 2027! My amazing Co-Director and I have been working hard to prepare this background guide, and we truly can't wait to see the discussions, ideas, and solutions you will bring to the committee.

I'm from Chile and currently studying to become a Dentistry Surgeon at Universidad de los Andes, with the dream of specializing in pediatrics and maxillofacial surgery. My studies have made me especially interested in health and in understanding how access to healthcare can have such an important impact on people's lives. This is one of the reasons why being part of the World Health Assembly this year is particularly meaningful to me. A fun fact about me is that I have three nationalities. I was born in England, my family is from England and Spain, but Chile has always been my home. Outside university and NHSMUN, I love spending time with my friends and family, going to the beach, traveling, and meeting people from different places and cultures.

My journey with NHSMUN began in 2022 as a delegate, and I returned as a delegate again in 2023. In 2025, I had the opportunity to serve as Assistant Director for the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) during Session II, and in 2026, I returned as Director of UNICEF during Session I. Each of these experiences has shown me a different side of NHSMUN and has challenged me to grow, both personally and as a leader. Now, returning as Director of the World Health Assembly, I am extremely grateful to continue being part of a community that has meant so much to me over the years.

Living in Chile also makes NHSMUN a particularly special experience for me. Being able to travel to New York and meet delegates and staff members from so many different countries is something I never take for granted. Some of my favorite memories have come from the people I have met through this conference, and I hope WHA can become an equally meaningful experience for all of you.

Whether this is your first NHSMUN or you have participated before, I hope you take full advantage of everything this experience has to offer. Do not be afraid to speak, challenge yourself, meet new people, and step outside your comfort zone. Some of the most valuable parts of NHSMUN happen not only during debate, but through the friendships, experiences, and memories you make along the way.

All the best and see you in March!

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Hi Delegates! My name is Joaquin Orquiola and I will be the director for World Health Assembly Session II! My co-director and I have worked so hard to provide this background guide to fully assist you in the start of your research and preparation for the conference.

I am from Manhattan Beach, California, which is right outside of Los Angeles, and I attend Santa Monica College. I am currently in my sophomore year and am studying political science however I am planning to transfer in this upcoming year! As a political science major, it is so interesting to see topics I have learned be translated and applied to the topics discussed within the background guides. I am particularly the most excited to see delegates discuss how international agencies and organizations can develop policies on the global challenges presented. But besides school, some things about me are that I work at a restaurant called Zane's, love hanging out with my friends and going to the beach, working out, and listening to new music!

My Model UN career started when I began High School which was in 2021 and has continued ever since. I have been lucky enough to be invited to travel to places such as Yale, Montreal, Washington D.C., and more! During my senior year of High School, I was picked to be a Teacher's Assistant for the "Intro to MUN" class offered to freshmen. It was definitely my favorite aspect of my Model UN journey as I was able to teach all of the things I knew to the younger grades! In regards to NHSMUN, this will be my second time staffing as I was the Assistant Director for C34 Session II, last year. I was never able to attend the conference in High School therefore I am so glad to be able to be a staff member for two years in a row!

This conference should be an educational experience to help push delegates out of their comfort zones. I urge you all to take advantage of NHSMUN completely whether that be through advocating your ideas, improving public-speaking, or simply just talking with others.

I am so excited to meet all of you in March and hear your ideas and contributions within the World Health Assembly! I wish the best for you all and I can't wait!

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