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Dear Honored Delegates,

I would like to welcome you to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHCR) at the seventh Northwestern University Model United Nations Conference (NUMUN VII). My name is Annemarie McDonald and I will be the chair of your committee. I am a sophomore majoring in Spanish and Environmental Science and Model United Nations has been a tremendously enjoyable and fascinating experience for me. I participated in the Johns Hopkins Model United Nations Conference (JHUMUNC) for three years in high school and this is my second year as a chair at NUMUN.

I am so excited to meet you and begin debate in just a few weeks. During the time leading up to the conference, I expect you to prepare for debate by writing position papers that will outline your nation's stance on the three topics our committee will discuss. Our topics this year will be Child Labor, Somalia, and Discrimination Against Women in South Asia. I hope you will find these topics as interesting and important as I do. A thorough, coherent position paper will be a valuable reference for you during debate. I encourage all of you to use the topic papers only as jumping off points for your research; please take advantage of the tremendous quantity of information available on the Internet. Because delegates will be required to adhere to their nation's viewpoint on the topic at all times during debate, it will be important for you to have an extensive understanding of each topic as well as your nation's role in international affairs.

During the conference itself, I expect the highest standard of behavior from all of you—you will be treated as delegates from your nation at all times, and thus should maintain a professional



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demeanor both in debate and in all your other interactions with delegates and staff. I look forward to meeting you in person and I encourage you to contact me at any time before the conference with questions you may have. Your enthusiasm and passion for international affairs will make the conference our best yet and I am here to facilitate that experience in any way I can.

Sincerely,

Annemarie McDonald

Chair, UNHRC