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Hello Delegates!

Welcome to NUMUN VII! It is my great pleasure to specifically welcome you to the General Assembly Committee on Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian Affairs, hereafter abbreviated SOCHUM. My name is Katherine Dearing and I will be one of your co-Chairs for the duration of the conference. I served as a Vice Chair in the Security Council last year at NUMUN VI, and participated in Model United Nations simulations here and abroad in the Hague for seven years prior to that conference.

I am so excited to meet you in a month! In the interim, I do have the expectation that you will prepare coherent, thorough position papers. The topic papers provided are merely starting points to the research with which you should come prepared. Please take the time to comprehensively examine your own country's position as well as the background of the overall topic. Delegates will be required to adhere to their respective country's viewpoints on each issue at all times. A well-organized position paper can be a valuable asset to discussion as well as the starting point to a resolution, so I highly encourage you to work on these as you prepare for the conference.

While I anticipate a good deal of fun throughout our time here, I do have extremely high expectations for you in terms of professionalism and respect as well as preparation. You are all qualified students, and you should treat each other as such at all times. I believe you will find, as I have, that professionalism makes debate flow much more smoothly, thereby creating an environment of charged intellectual discussion at a level pleasing to all delegates. I consider respect to be an integral part of our committee's debate as well. This includes not only both moderated and unmoderated caucuses, but also all of your interactions with each other throughout the conference. You will discover that this actually makes befriending other delegates (and the dais staff) considerably easier. I, in turn, will treat you like the exceptional delegates you are.

I hope that this letter finds you well, and I simply cannot wait to meet you all in person. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions prior to the conference. I am here to make your experience the best it can possibly be.

Sincerely,
Katherine Dearing
Co-Chair, SOCHUM