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Northwestern University Model United Nations

Greetings fellow comrades,

As Paramount Leader of the People's Republic of China, I'd like to welcome all of you to the Standing Committee of the Chinese Politburo! My name is Michael Yang and I'll be playing the role of President and Party Secretary Hu Jintao during our four-day simulation of the most powerful decision-making body of the most populous nation in the world.

To briefly introduce myself, I'm a sophomore here at Northwestern majoring in Political Science and Economics: my studies reflect a deep interest in Chinese Politics, economic development, and international relations. I'm originally from Edison, NJ, where I was a leader in my high school's Model UN Club. Aside from my duties at our annual conference, I also proudly serve as Head Delegate of NUMUN's Collegiate Delegations team. After studying abroad at Beijing's Tsinghua University this past summer and taking numerous courses related to Chinese Politics, I hope to provide all of you with an exciting and challenging Model UN crisis simulation.

Now let's get down to business. As a member of the Politburo Standing Committee, you will be tasked with the dual challenges of safeguarding domestic prosperity and managing China's increasing role in the international arena. Although the topic papers serve as excellent launching pads for the start of your research, by no means do they represent an exhaustive outline of the issues that will face us. With four days of continual crisis simulation ahead of us, I urge you to approach your preparation for this conference with the same level of tenacity as the CCP cadres who overcame the perils of the Long March and freed China from the shackles of foreign oppression and domestic unrest.

If you have any questions about the substance of the committee, don't hesitate to email me at michaelyang@u.northwestern.edu. I can't wait to meet all of you in Evanston for four days of amazing debate and simulation. Until then, I wish you best of luck with your research and preparation. In the words of Chairman Mao Zedong, "Revolution is no dinner party!"

Michael Yang

Chair of Chinese Politburo Standing Committee