



Dear Delegates,

Welcome to the Northwestern Model U.N. Commission for Social Development! To all those delegates who are returning to our conference, welcome back. And to those who are coming to Northwestern for the first time, and to those who are coming to their first conference of any kind ever, don't worry—we try and make the time you spend here as fun and interesting as possible. My name is Visraant Iyer, and I will be the chair for the committee.

From April 8th to the 11th, all of you will be coming to Evanston to begin a series of debates as representatives of the various nations you have been assigned to. In preparation, I highly recommend that all of you write position papers in response to the three topic papers the Commission will discuss. The purpose of these position papers is to give all of you an easier time when you actually get to Northwestern to begin debating. They lay the groundwork for what your ideas in response to the topic papers are, what you hope to accomplish as a representative of your assigned nation at the conference, and give you something substantive to refer to when the debate gets more involved. Also, a little bit of research in developing a unified, comprehensive argument will go a long way, and make your debates here at Northwestern much more intense and absorbing.

Furthermore, when debate is in session, please remember that you are asked to act as a representative of your respective nations to the United Nations. Therefore, you are expected to conduct yourself in a professional, courteous, and polite manner. In return, you will be treated with the utmost respect and in accordance to your positions as foreign ambassadors. I promise that I, and my Vice-Chairs and Moderators, will hold each debate in the highest regard.

I hope that you are looking forward to coming to NUMUN VII, and that you find the topics we have selected to be engaging and relevant. I know they will spark a lot of great debate, and I am sure that with your enthusiasm, we can make this year's conference the best that Northwestern has ever held.

Sincerely,

Visraant Iyer