

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to the 50th Annual Houston Area Model United Nations conference! My name is Rida Qazi, and I am very excited to be serving as your Chair for the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

I am a junior at University of Houston pursuing a major in Public Health. My interests beyond college include traveling, reading, and making people feel welcome. This is my second year as part of the staff for HAMUN, and this conference will be my third time acting as a Chair! I have really enjoyed my time as a delegate serving on committees like W.H.O. (World Health Organization). I am certain this will be a conference full of engaging and eye-opening debate, and an excellent learning experience for everyone. As scary and anxious this conference might be, I look forward to having a wonderful learning experience with all you delegates! Here we will engage in eye-opening debates and acquire new skills of interaction and defending.

The main objective of CSW is the aid and protection of women globally. On that mention, we will be focusing on 2 topics this year: 1) The call to action for the decline, ultimately the end, of honor killings in conservative based countries. 2) The call to action to address the gender gap in artificial intelligence. Though the topics mentioned may seem different, their issues address the sole ambition of CSW, the safety of women caught in the midst of hierarchy, technological change, and conflict.

I urge you all to take this as an opportunity to use your creative minds and come up with inventive initiatives that can take on these topics for the safety of women you all plan on taking care of. I am confident that you all will come up with some exceptional remedies. I look forward to seeing you all!

Best,



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