

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hello Delegates,

Howdy! Welcome to the 50th annual Houston Area Model United Nation conference! My name is Arya Kordia, and I'm beyond excited to be serving as your chair for the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) committee this year.

I am an undergraduate freshman majoring in nutritional science and pursuing the pre-med path at Texas A&M University. I joined Model UN my freshman year of highschool amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. Despite having all the meetings and conferences through Zoom that year, I instantly fell in love with Model UN leading me to become the vice president my junior year and the president my senior year of my school's chapter. Model UN has been a transformative experience that has not only taught me the importance of international diplomacy, but has also improved my public speaking skills, refined my research abilities, and compelled me to expand the horizons of my creativity. I really enjoyed my experience as a HAMUN delegate these past four years and hope that you all will too this year. I am certain that this conference will be full of astonishing discussions and incredible diplomacy.

Within this committee, we will be focusing on two main topics: 1) promoting climate smart agriculture through biotechnology and 2) globally enhancing responsible business conduct (RBC) within fisheries. As these topics are multi-faceted, they will require inclusive and innovative solutions in order to be addressed.

A few last minute tips: Do not procrastinate! I know that is easier said than done but to truly succeed and do your best at the conference, it is imperative to start early. Try to push yourself outside of your comfort zone and actively participate! This conference is a safe learning experience for all delegates. Please research in advance and come to the conference prepared! Thoroughly exploring information about your own country as well as other countries in the committee with similar views to your country.

Researching beforehand and writing your position paper is a great way to get the most out of your conference experience as well as make allies and find people to work with. Lastly, have fun! HAMUN is a great way to meet new people and make lifelong friendships.

Best of luck delegates!

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