

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hello Delegates,

My name is Manan Khandelwal, and I am ecstatic to serve as your chair at HAMUN 48 this year for the Disarmament and International Security, or DISEC, Committee!

A little about me: I am a sophomore aerospace engineering major with minors in business and math at Texas A&M University. During high school, I attended seven conferences as a delegate, chaired one mock conference, and served in a leadership position two years in a row. I have participated in DISEC on multiple occasions - representing Nigeria at HAMUN 45, France at NHSMUN 2022 in New York City, and the United Kingdom at Rice MUN 2022 in Houston. Last year, I also chaired the chair of the Special, Political, and Decolonization (SPECPOL) Committee at HAMUN 48!

In this committee, we will be debating over the control and regulation of autonomous weapons systems and the creation of a global framework for arms classification and illicit trade control. I selected both topics for this year as the issue of arms oversight has become increasingly paramount in the age of strategic arms development and rising global tensions.

My expectations for all of you as delegates are not to know everything, nor to be the first to signal a motion every time. Instead, I expect you to have fun debating topics you truly enjoy and want to learn more about, and the best way to do that is to simply stay updated and ask questions whenever you can!

If this is your first time at HAMUN, welcome, and thank you for choosing DISEC! If you are a returning delegate, welcome back, and I hope to see how you can use your experience to shape this committee! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me and I will do my best to get back to you ASAP. Good luck!

Sincerely,



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