

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings Delegates,

Welcome to HAMUN, and more specifically, OPEC. My name is Ahsan Aziz, and I will be your chair for this year's Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries!

I am currently in my sophomore year at the University Houston studying Electrical Engineering under the Cullen Engineering Honors Program. Throughout my Model UN career that began in 2022, I've participated in a total of six conferences and this will be my first conference as chair though I've Vice-Chaired before, including right here at HAMUN. Since I've begun, MUN has always had a special place in my heart, playing a major role in my ability to look at a problem and genuinely ask myself why someone in a completely different situation, with completely different pressures and priorities, would approach the same problem in a different way than others would. That way of thinking has altered my perspective on a lot of things. In the way I currently understand today's world and absorb fresh knowledge. When used effectively, Model UN offers a perspective that enables you to see multiple points of view.

I chose to staff OPEC because I love the dynamic this committee brings. It's specialized enough that the debate stays focused and substantive, but the nature of the topics means there's real room to dig into the nuances of each country's position and motivations. Given that most of you aren't new to this, I'm expecting the debate to reflect that, and I think it will.

You're going to hear this a lot from me, your teachers, and other HAMUN staff, but the most important part of this conference is to enjoy it and make a memorable experience for yourself. We're all here to help y'all grow and prosper. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me!

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