

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hello Delegates,

Welcome to HAMUN! My name is Ish Mehta, and I am honored to serve as the Chair of this year's United Nations Human Rights Council committee.

I am currently a freshman at the University of Texas at Austin studying Finance. I have been a part of Model UN for over 4 years and have had the opportunity to compete in 9 conferences across the country, from Houston to Chicago. Model UN has been an integral part of my high school experience, helping me become more confident, improve my public speaking skills and learn how to think about complex global issues. But most of all, Model UN gave me the opportunity to meet some of my closest friends and has helped me form priceless memories.

I chose to chair the United Nations Human Rights Council as human rights is an extremely complex and debated topic in the world. I look forward to hearing the different perspectives that each delegation brings to the committee, and aim to create a space where delegates are challenged into thinking deeply, debating respectfully and are encouraged to work out thoughtful compromises and solutions to solve the issues.

In the end, I would emphasize the importance of having fun and enjoying the conference - meeting new people, making new friends and making some priceless memories. We want to make sure each one of us makes the most of this conference, so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any other member of HAMUN staff.

I can't wait to meet and work with all of you!

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