

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Creetings Delegates,

My name is Yumn Qazi. I am one of the co-chairs for CSW and also serving as Deputy Director General for HAMUN 49. I am a junior at the University of Houston, majoring in psychology with a minor in business administration.

I started Model UN in 7th grade when I used to live in Doha, Qatar. My older sister was super involved in MUN and was also my mentor in 8th grade. I participated in many conferences in Doha, got to meet so many amazing people. MUN keeps me aware of current events and I love to practice my public speaking skills. I moved back to Texas in 11th grade and joined MUN at Seven Lakes High School. My first year with HAMUN was last year when I was fortunate to be vice chair for UNEP.

The reason why I chose to chair the Commission on the Status of Women is because ever since I was middle school I was always involved in a club pertaining to women's equal rights. In high school I became super involved in an organization called Girl-Up Qatar. It focused on raising money to provide women in underdeveloped countries with education. When coming up with the topic Feminization of Poverty, I thought back to a sociology class I took where I had learned about it. Ayesha and I focused on current events/injustices women face globally when coming up with the topics.

The best advice I got from my MUN teacher is that doing good research will make writing position papers so much easier. It will help you so much more when creating blocks and resolutions because you will be familiar with your countries allies. Another piece of advice I have is to put yourself out there, no idea is a bad idea in MUN. Do not be afraid to voice your opinions, and if you make mistakes it's okay because everyone is learning. Most importantly, meet new people and have fun!

All the best,



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Dear Delegates,


My name is Ayesha Baloch, and I am excited to be co-chairing for CSW this year. I am currently a sophomore at the University of Houston, majoring in psychology on the Pre-Medicine track.

I got involved in Model UN my freshman year of high school, and my first conference, which was HAMUN 44, convinced me that MUN was something I wanted to pursue. I attended multiple conferences throughout high school, and each conference was a different, enjoyable experience. As I approached my graduation, I realized that instead of continuing as a delegate on a collegiate level, I wanted to provide students interested in Model UN with a positive experience..

I chose to chair the Committee on the Status of Women because I believe that challenges faced by women across the globe deserve equal attention. It is essential to shed light on diverse issues in every country, and I hold a strong conviction that solutions to these issues should be applicable to countries with limited resources. Yumn's and my goal with our topics was to spotlight issues that are so prevalent they are often overlooked in favor of tackling a more manageable issue.

My biggest tip for Model UN would be to focus on what you, as a delegate, would want out of the conference, and then working towards that goal. Other delegates may seem intimidating, but as long as you have adequately prepared to meet your goal in conference, you will achieve it. Your presence at our conference is invaluable, and as your chairs, we are here to support you every step of the way.

Best,



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