

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Delegates,

Welcome to HAMUN 50 and more specifically, the Sixth Committee: SPECPOL. My name is Kevin Smith, and I will be your chair for this year's SPECPOL!

My backstory: I am currently in my freshman year at the University of Texas at Austin studying business under the McCombs Business Honors Program. During my years in high school, I've participated in a total of 8 conferences, chaired a committee at a mock conference in my senior year, and held positions of leadership in my MUN chapter for two years.

Over time, I noticed that SPECPOL has been one of my more favorite committees. I've always had an interest in interdependent international relations and I feel that SPECPOL in particular gives me one of the greatest opportunities to study that. Since the beginning of my career in MUN, I've participated in SPECPOL 3 times: France at TWHS MUN III, Sweden at HAMUN 48, and China at HAMUN 49... And I can't wait to add a 4th experience in SPECPOL with all of y'all!

During our sessions, we will discuss the political reforms that rapidly developing countries can implement to combat corruption and instability, along with the socioeconomic impacts caused by sanctions. I chose these topics because they are among the many reasons much of the world's population lives in poverty and many nations remain unstable.

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!

Best regards,



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