

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hello Delegates,

Howdy! My name is Siddhi Bavare and I'm a sophomore Electronic Systems Engineering Technology major at Texas A&M University.

I joined my high school's Model UN chapter when I was a freshman in high school and have loved it ever since, thanks to HAMUN. I became my chapter's Secretary and Secretary General and am immensely grateful for all the opportunities it gave me. Model United Nations gave me the confidence, public speaking, and research skills I have today and it got me out of my comfort zone of STEM to try something completely different. I ended my high school journey of MUN with nine awards from various conferences and am truly grateful for the avenues it led me to!

I wanted to chair GA Plenary because it was the committee that made me love Model UN. I respected that there is no set topic so the committee could always reach a consensus on an impactful topic creating good conversations. GA Plenary was the only committee I ever did at HAMUN and it brought me important life skills, friends, and memories I still hold today. It's a dynamic committee with surprises every time.

Lastly, here are some quick tips! I would recommend getting a good grip on what policies your country likes and doesn't like. GA Plenary is a dynamic yet large committee, you could research one topic and end up in a session with another topic. Have all your bases covered and do your research to find accurate allies! The best part about the committee is the networking and lobbying. Additionally, don't hesitate to ask for help from your fellow delegates and if you are afraid to say something, say it anyway. Always raise your placard, you never know the impact you can make. I made some of my closest friends during my HAMUN experience so put yourself out there, it'll be a fun 2 days.

All the best delegates!

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