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Security Council (SC): Welcome Paper

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Delegates of the Security Council,

My name is Tiferet Strulowitz, and it is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to Yeshiva University's National Model United Nations, YUNMUN XXXVII! I am honored to serve as Chair of the Security Council at this year's conference.

I am originally from Passaic, NJ, and after spending a gap year at Michlalah, I am currently a senior in Stern's Honors Program, studying political science. On campus, I serve as Beren President of the Dunner Political Science Society, sit on the boards of the Yeshiva University Undergraduate Law Review and the Yeshiva University Political Action Committee, and tutor at the Beren Writing Center. This will be my third YUNMUN conference. I previously served as Security Council junior staff and, last year, as an Undersecretary. I am thrilled that my YUNMUN journey has come full circle and that I get to return this year to chair the very council where I began.

Established in 1945, the Security Council is one of the six principal organs of the United Nations and is responsible for maintaining international peace and security. The council is composed of fifteen member states: ten rotating non-permanent members and five permanent members who hold veto power over substantive resolutions.[1] Unlike other bodies of the United Nations, the Security Council has the authority to issue legally binding decisions, impose economic sanctions, establish peacekeeping operations, and authorize the use of military force.[2] Given this authority, the Council holds an immense amount of power and influence in the international sphere.

Our first topic will examine the ongoing civil war in Sudan, focusing on the humanitarian crisis, regional instability, and the international community's role in addressing the devastating conflict. The second topic will explore the future of nuclear deterrence following the expiration

[1] https://main.un.org/securitycouncil/en/content/current-members
[2] https://main.un.org/securitycouncil/en/content/functions-and-powers

of the New START Treaty, including the implications for arms control and the risk of nuclear escalation.

As you prepare these topics for the conference, remember that you are representing the official positions of your assigned countries, not your personal views. Please note that YUNMUN follows Yeshiva University's Level 1 AI policy, which permits the use of AI to check and correct the grammar, vocabulary, spelling, and mechanics of text you have already written. AI may not generate, rewrite, or restructure your content. All position papers will be submitted through Turnitin, and any use beyond what is allowed will affect your eligibility for awards.

Please also keep in mind that Security Council delegates should be juniors, seniors, or select students with relevant prior experience.

If you have any questions or just want to introduce yourself, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at tstrulow@mail.yu.edu. I look forward to meeting you all and hearing the ideas and perspectives you bring to the committee!

Sincerely,

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Chair, Security Council

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