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United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC): Welcome Paper
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To the amazing delegates of UNODC:

Hello! My name is Aaron Sisser. I am from Queens, New York (#Hillcrest), went to MTA for high school, and spent a year learning at Yeshivat Hakotel in the Old City. I'm now in my third year at YU as a biology major, and I intend on, IY"H, starting Einstein Medical School this fall. This year will be my sixth YUNMUN: in high school I was on UNEP once and SPECPOL twice, and in my first year at YU I was on CSTD. Last year I had the privilege of serving as an Undersecretary General, and I'm so happy to be back in the committee room with all of you for one final ride!

Outside of YUNMUN, I am a member of many student organizations, including the Scientific Journalism Society and the Gift of Life Campus Ambassador Program (make sure you're swabbed!). I also enjoy watching movies, Harry Potter (books>films), trivia, sports (Let's Go Knicks!!), playing piano – maybe I'll bring my melodica to the conference and we can jam out 👀 – and having a nice steaming plate of poppers from Golan after a late-night lab (not sponsored).

Drugs. Crime. Offices. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime deals with many important issues that relate to these topics and how they shape the entire global infrastructure (okay maybe not offices as much). UNODC aims to make the world safer by promoting justice and security and combating organized and international criminal networks.[1] During the conference, we will discuss two topics relevant to these global security issues: Our first topic is **illicit trade in precious metals**. Delegates will conduct research into how precious metals such as gold and silver are illegally mined, smuggled across borders, and used for profit by criminal organizations, to the detriment of society. Responses that UNODC can take to these widespread and varied issues should be considered. Our second topic is **counterfeit medicines**. Delegates

[1] https://www.unodc.org/documents/Advocacy-Section/UNODC-making-the-world-safer-Oct-2025-WEB.pdf

will discuss how falsified medical products contribute to public endangerment, regarding both health and trust in the healthcare system. Delegates will propose ideas focused on stopping the organized production and sale of these products, directly saving lives while improving drug and medicine security worldwide.

I look forward to a fun and exciting conference where we will debate relevant issues and reach novel and effective solutions about how to change the world for the better. I also hope this is an enjoyable experience for all. For me, YUNMUN built my confidence in public speaking and strengthened my ability to formalize logical arguments, while also helping me meet many great friends. I hope it has amazing effects on all of you as well! In order to best help facilitate this, please keep in mind the following:

- As delegates, you are tasked with thoroughly researching your country's opinion on the topics and deciding how to craft resolutions that balance those beliefs with the rest of the world's.
- Cooperation and collaboration are keys to success, both in the conference and in life as a whole. Working with your fellow delegates (through working papers, resolutions, and caucuses) is a great way to demonstrate effective communication.
- Throughout the conference, you are representing the opinions and views of your country, not your own personal beliefs.
- Knowledge of the procedure to the best of your ability will help ensure the conference runs smoothly.
- You should provide citations for your position papers[2] and follow the AI policy delineated in the delegate handbook.[3] We're all here to learn and have fun – don't have Chat take those opportunities away from you!
- Plagiarism is a big no-no.
- Have fun! (I'm eagerly awaiting all of the shtick you bring!!)
- Please let me know if you find the secret message in this document[4] :)

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[2] Any format is fine. You can use footnotes like this if you want.
[3] YUNMUN follows the YU Level 1 AI policy: "Polish, with disclosure. You may use 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." Please find the full AI policy guidelines in the delegate handbook.
[4] Let me know if you want a hint!

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If you have any questions, comments, concerns, points of inquiry, points of order, points of view, 3-pointers, amendments to the US Constitution, or anything else you'd like to notify me about, please don't hesitate to reach out :) I would love to talk about anything from Kiwi Strawberry Snapples 🔥🔥 to why Phineas and Ferb is the greatest show of all time (it still holds up!!). My email is asisser@mail.yu.edu.

Looking forward to meeting you all soon and hopefully sharing in an incredible YUNMUN XXXVII conference!

All the best,

Aaron Sisser

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