

My fellow delegates,

I am delighted to welcome you to the 8th HHHSMUN, and especially to the International Labor Organization Committee. My name is Ghia Zatar, and I am 16 years old. For this year, I am more than thankful to continue my MUN journey but this time as a president to guide and help you start your own.

On a personal level, my MUN journey has started in grade 8 and I can't but admit it has contributed immensely to the shaping of my personality. MUN has been the pathway towards my goal in life since it offers a sort of diverse community that further expanded my sphere of knowledge. In addition, to me, attending conferences and forming resolutions are small steps towards my bigger goal in changing today's sad reality.

Beginning as a passionate delegate and now a president, I know how it feels when you start. But all I ask you to do is to research well and come prepared. Just like you three years ago I stood in my first conference with shaky legs and a cracked speech, but with every conference I improved reaching this prestigious position. And since then I believe in "Practice makes perfect".

There is this inspiring scene in the movie "We Bought a Zoo" where a boy, who is too embarrassed to tell a cute girl that he likes her, gets this advice from his dad. He says, "You know, sometimes all you need is twenty seconds of insane courage. Literally twenty seconds of just embarrassing bravery. And I promise you, something great will come of it." The boy's twenty seconds of courage got him the girl. My twenty seconds of courage got me out of my chair and onto the stage in my first conference. For you, it takes twenty seconds of courage to raise your placard and say your speech.

Finally, having experienced the benefits and achievements that the world of MUN can bring to one, I hope you take this opportunity seriously and use your abilities well whilst enjoying your time. I am beyond excited

to meet you all and enjoy my first committee as a president. Add to this, I am eager to work with each member of our dedicated team to fulfill an unforgettable experience for all of you! The best of luck and do not hesitate to contact me for any inquiries.

Sincerely,

Your courageous president,

Ghia Zatar

