

Dear Delegates of the 8th HHHS MUN UNWomen,

I'm Yasmine Osta, the president of this year's UNWomen committee. I'm 17 years old, and this will be my last HHHS MUN experience, so I'd love to make it as memorable as I can for both of us. I am thrilled to welcome you to this committee that aims to ensure both equality and equity between females and males. I was an 8th grader when I first participated in an MUN conference, and it was luckily an HHHS MUN conference. In the past four years, I participated in many national conferences and one international conference that took place in New York City. Every conference taught me something special and different, but one thing that is for sure is that all of these conferences changed me. These experiences shaped me, built my confidence, and developed my speaking skills, and I hope this conference will help shape you as well. As a president, I encourage you to be confident and share everything you have, diplomatically; for I am certain that you will surpass my expectations. I was once you; I was a delegate that used to hesitate every time I go up to speak, but I promise to teach you everything MUN has taught me to face that. Last year I had the chance to be a dais member in the UNWomen committee, and I am fortunate to be a president this year. My goal is to be a UNWomen goodwill ambassador one day, and hopefully this experience would be one step closer to my goal.

For this year's topic, my fellow dais members and I chose "Rural Women and their protection Against Sex Trafficking" for a specific reason. The UN's Sustainable Development Goals are seventeen, and the fifth goal is achieving gender equality. 193 countries agreed to set these goals and fulfill them, and the promise of these SDGs is to leave no one behind, but they can't be accomplished without ending violence against women. The ones who are furthest behind are the people who live in poor and developing countries, and the UNWomen decided to take action to leave no woman behind. For this reason, we chose the topic of rural women and their protection against sex trafficking, which is one of the many issues they are facing. Every woman in the world is at risk of facing violence, but the poor rural women who are left behind for more than just violence shouldn't be unnoticed. I truly hope that this conference will be a fruitful one for all of you, and don't hesitate to ask me if you have any questions. Good luck and let us fight for equality!

Sincerely,

Your very flattered feminist president

Yasmine Osta