

Security Council

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Welcome Letter

Chairs: Ian Irushalmi & Christopher Tzimopoulos



Distinguished Delegates,

Welcome to Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School's 48th annual Model UN Conference! We are delighted to be your chairs for the Security Council—debatably the most important organ of the United Nations. Established after World War II, it is the only part of the UN authorized to enforce its decisions, so it plays a crucial role in maintaining peace and ensuring prosperity worldwide. Also, its unusually small size (15 members) allows for more rapid decision-making while still taking into account the different perspectives of its members. We hope that you all will enjoy this unique and exciting committee!

My name is Ian Irushalmi, I'm a junior here at POBJFK, and this is my third year participating in Model UN. This is my second time chairing, and I am also a chief chair. Outside of MUN, I participate in the school's trivia team and in the Spanish and Science Honor Societies. I wish to study health-related sciences in college and eventually apply to medical school. I am also interested in traveling, chess, cooking, and many sleepless nights of video games. I am so excited to meet all of you, and I can't wait to see your creative ideas to address world issues!

My name is Christopher Tzimopoulos, I'm a junior here at POBJFK, and this is my second year participating in Model UN. I am excited to be chairing for the first time! Aside from MUN, I compete with Ian on the trivia team and love to get into debates on math, science, history, and politics. I take an interest in business, participating in DECA and Business Honor Society, but I'd like to focus on medicine as I enter college. Beyond that, I enjoy reading, writing, playing video games, but most of all, learning about history. I am thrilled to see this committee in action, and I am positive that great intellectual discourse will take place!

This committee session will focus on the following three topics: **Persecution of Christian Minorities**, **The War in Darfur**, and **Peacekeeping Reform**. Before the conference, please research all three topics to the best of your ability and understand your country's views/roles in each one. We encourage all delegates to participate in deliberating these topics, so please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about committee. You can reach us at ian.irushalmi@gmail.com and gmputter2@gmail.com. We hope that with the diverse group of countries that is the Security Council, we can achieve a fun and enriching debate session! See you on December 14!

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