

To my esteemed delegates,

It is with great delight that I welcome you to YUNMUN XXXIII. This year's conference is set out to be the best in YUNMUN history, and you have the incredible privilege of being on the newest committee to join the negotiations: the Committee for the Development of Science and Technology.

My name is Leia Rubinstein, and it is an honor to serve as your chair this year. As this is my third and last year at Yeshiva University and participating in YUNMUN, this last hoorah will certainly be one for the books. Before my career at Stern, I was fortunate to have attended Shaalvim for seminary and Ma'ayanot for high school. My plan is to graduate with a major in biology, a minor in english, and hopefully attend medical school.

The Committee for the Development of Science and Technology holds a forum to discuss pressing issues relevant to science and technology worldwide. As Steve Jobs said, "Technology is nothing. What's important is that you have faith in people, that they're basically good and smart, and if you give them tools, they'll do wonderful things with them." We are fortunate to be living in a time with such advanced technology that the world is at our fingertips, however, we are also at an increased risk of abusing this power that has been invested in us.

Your task is to work together with the other countries to address some of the most pertinent global issues relating to science and technology including the recent US sanctions on Chinese access to semiconductor chips and whether the Iran Nuclear Deal should be renewed. I am confident in each and every one of your abilities to be creative and thoughtful in your discussions and proposed solutions.

It is no surprise that the Committee for the Development of Science and Technology will be operating as a technology committee. Please see the YUNMUN handbook for clarification on what that entails. Please keep in mind the rules in the YUNMUN handbook especially as they relate to plagiarism and academic integrity; all papers will be scanned for originality by Turnitin to detect plagiarism. Any questions or concerns you may have that are beyond the scope of YUNMUN handbook may be directed to me via email: [lrubins1@mail.yu.edu](mailto:lrubins1@mail.yu.edu).

Good luck and always remember, "technology is best when it brings people together."

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