

Dear Delegates,

I am honored and excited to welcome you to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space of YUNMUN XXX! I am looking forward to solving the international community's space-related crises together through collaboration and debate.

A little bit about me: I'm from Lawrence, NY, went to DRS and Hafr for high school, and then learned in Netiv in Jerusalem. I'm now a senior in Yeshiva College majoring in Biochemistry. Last year was my first time at YUNMUN, and I had a blast (pun intended) as the Administrative Assistant of COPUOS. I can't wait to be back as the chair of my favorite committee!

COPUOS is unique among our committees at YUNMUN in that while it's core goal remains the same over time, it is constantly evolving as space technology advances. COPUOS was originally created in 1959 "to govern the exploration and use of space for the benefit of all humanity: for peace, security and development."¹ As space exploration and technology makes advancements, we see both potential and great responsibility. As members of this committee, your countries are called upon to provide opinions about and solutions to making space a peaceful venture. Please make sure to research your country's opinion on our topics thoroughly so you can add the most to our committee sessions.

This year, we will be discussing using space technology for sustainable socioeconomic development and space-system based disaster management support. I am looking forward to meeting you in February, and I would love to hear from you if you have any questions or concerns. Feel free to email me at tgettenb@mail.yu.edu.

Best,

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¹ <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/copuos/index.html>