

Dear Delegates of CTC,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to YUNMUN XXX! My name is Shana Adler and I am excited to serve as Chair of the Counter Terrorism Committee this year.

A little about me: I am a senior at Stern College, double majoring in history and biology. The history is just for fun, but I hope to pursue a career in medicine so biology is pretty relevant in that department. I hail from the small town of Teaneck, NJ, where I attended Ma'ayanot for high school. I then spent a year studying at Midreshet Nishmat in Yerushalayim. This is going to be my sixth YUNMUN conference, but my first time as a Chair of CTC. As a high school student, I was a delegate on ICC and DISEC, and spent the last two years serving as an assistant chair on ICC and WHO, respectively.

The Counter-Terrorism Committee was founded by the United Nations Security Council in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks, to unite countries in preventing future similar attacks. CTC has four main stated goals; to address conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism, take measures to prevent and combat terrorism, build individual states' capacity to prevent and combat terrorism, and to ensure respect for human rights and rule of law as the fundamental basis for the fight against terrorism.¹

In our committee this year we will focus on two main issues relevant to the goals of CTC stated above. Terrorist attacks on soft targets has risen in recent years and a goal of the committee will be to address how best to prevent future attacks and prepare countries to deal with their aftermath when they do occur. Secondly, we will discuss how countries should address foreign terrorist fighters who travel abroad to join terror organizations and then return to their countries of origin.

I urge you to begin your research for the conference by familiarizing yourself with the goals of CTC, as it will inform and direct your research for our upcoming debates. While researching and writing position papers, please keep in mind that at this conference you will be representing a country and your position should reflect that country's view, not your own. Please be sure to follow the guidelines listed in the YUNMUN Student Handbook when writing your position papers, especially those regarding plagiarism, as each paper will be checked for plagiarism through Turnitin. Feel free to email me with any questions at sadler2@mail.yu.edu and I look forward to meeting you in person in February.

All the best,

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¹ <https://undocs.org/en/A/72/840>