

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to Yeshiva University National Model United Nations (YUNMUN) XXXI! My name is Zach Tuchman, and it is my great honor to serve as your chair for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)!

For the last two years, I have been a student here in Yeshiva University, majoring in accounting. I originally hail from the small unheard-of town in New Jersey called East Brunswick. I went to Kushner for high school and then Yeshivat Netiv Aryeh for a year and a half. Here in YU I dabble in a number of things, such as being Vice President of the Sy Syms Student Council, a Color Commentator for Macslive Broadcasting, and of course YUNMUN, where I spent last year's conference as an administrative assistant for WFP.

Animals have been around since the day humans were created. At the beginning of time famous biblical characters such as King David were shepherds and showed kindness towards animals. Now, as we sit here in the 21st century, filling the shoes of our beloved King David are the likes of Joe Exotic and other modern day heroes.

In our sessions, we will focus on different aspects of hunting animals and wildlife crime. Should it be allowed all the time? Sometimes? Never? If yes, what about selling them? Our goal for these topics is to have an understanding about the factors behind them, and how we, as the UNEP, should and will go about achieving them. I encourage you to research these topics thoroughly to best represent YOUR countries views on the issue (Even if your friend got a cooler country). I also want to remind you that plagiarism is bad and only not-cool kids do it, so please make note of that. Don't be that guy or girl.

Note that UNEP will be operating as a technology committee this year. Be sure to understand the technology committee procedure, as outlined on the YUNMUN website.

If you have any questions, comments, found the secret message in this letter, or are just bored of the circumstances life has put us in, feel free to reach out and introduce yourself to me

at zach.tuch@gmail.com. Bonus points at the conference for those who found the message. Looking forward to meeting you in some way, shape, or form at some point in the coming months.

Best regards,

Zach Tuchman

Chair, UNEP