

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to Yeshiva University National Model United Nations XXX! My name is Hannah Levitin and I am so excited to be serving as your chair of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) at this year's conference.

A little bit about myself: I am from Cleveland, Ohio, where I attended Fuchs Mizrachi School. After I graduated in 2017, I attended Sha'alvim for Women. I am currently in my second year at Stern as a Biology major in Stern's joint nursing program with NYU, and a Studio Art Minor.

This will be my fourth year participating in YUNMUN. In high school I served as a delegate on both WFP and IMO, and last year I served as Administrative Assistant of DISEC. My first YUNMUN experience started off a little rough, as I was told I would be attending the conference only a week before it took place (wouldn't recommend it). I sat in the committee sessions as my friend Brooke Ratner, one of our esteemed Undersecretaries this year, puts it: "like a baked potato someone forgot to press start on." (If you've lost me here -- and frankly I'm a little lost myself -- I'm saying I was very unprepared.) The next year, I came back determined to do better, and I did, although to be fair, it didn't take much.

Now, let's talk about why we are really here: the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. UNICEF was established on December 11, 1946, and was initially founded to provide food, clothing, and health care to European children in the aftermath of WWII.<sup>1</sup> Since 1946, UNICEF's mission has broadened tremendously, and their full mission statement can be found [here](#).

The stated purpose of UNICEF is as follows:

"UNICEF promotes the rights of every child, emphasizing the most disadvantaged, excluded and vulnerable children. UNICEF and its partners work to provide all children with opportunities to survive, develop and reach their full potential to the benefit of the sustained growth and stability of countries and a global standard of human rights for all."<sup>2</sup>

In our committee sessions, we will be focusing on the issues of protecting children from the dangers of the internet and improving conditions for children without parental care. I am really excited about these topics, and I am confident that we will have some awesome discussions and debates during our sessions. Please note that this year UNICEF will be operating as a technology committee. For more information on technology committees, please see the FAQ sheet, Technology Committee Procedure Guide, and YUNMUN Technology Committee Explained which have all been posted on the YUNMUN website. If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to introduce yourself, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [hlevitin@mail.yu.edu](mailto:hlevitin@mail.yu.edu). I look forward to hearing from you and reading your position papers.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/thisday/dec11/unicef-founded/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.unicef.org/publicpartnerships/files/UNICEF\\_Mission\(1\).pdf](https://www.unicef.org/publicpartnerships/files/UNICEF_Mission(1).pdf)

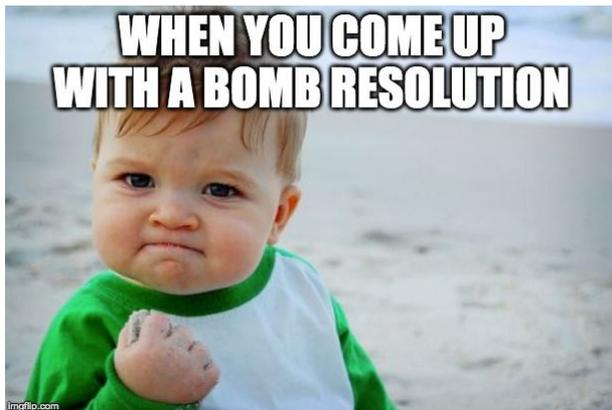
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Can't wait for an incredible conference!

This kid knows what's coming at YUNMUN XXX:



You after UNICEF committee sessions:



All the best,

Hannah Levitin

Chair, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)  
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