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UNODC: Welcome Paper

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Dear UNODC Delegates,

My name is Yael Polotsky, and I am delighted to be your chair this year. I am very excited to welcome you to YUNMUN XXXVI, and I am especially thrilled for you to join the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime committee!

Before we delve into the topics, let me introduce myself: I am from Denver, Colorado, and I went to Denver Academy of Torah for high school. I then spent a year and a half at Midreshet Harova in the Old City of Yerushalayim (also known as the best place in the world). I am currently a senior in Stern College, majoring in Biology, and I am planning to pursue a career in the medical field. I am proud to share that this will be my seventh YUNMUN conference! I spent my high school years as a dedicated participant of YUNMUN, I worked in the Media Center as a sophomore in Stern, and I served as the chair of UNODC last year (that's right, I am a returner). Outside of YUNMUN, I am an NCSY advisor, a Bertha Kressel Research Scholar researching male infertility, and a Colorado notary. Some of my other passions include anything connected to the holy land of Israel, spending time with my big (and crazy) family, and chefling up a storm in my Stern dorm.

I am beyond excited to chair UNODC this year and to have insightful conversations and debates discussing **corruption in law enforcement** and **combatting cyber-extortion networks**. Get ready to bring your A-game to these relevant conversations, and to work collaboratively to find innovative solutions to our issues at hand.

Our first topic will be corruption in law enforcement. This issue focuses on the widespread misuse of authority and lack of accountability within police and justice systems around the world. Delegates will be asked to explore how corruption undermines public trust, enables organized crime, and weakens the rule of law. As delegates, you will consider what reforms can promote transparency, how oversight mechanisms can prevent abuse of power, and

what international cooperation is needed to ensure integrity and fairness within global law enforcement.

Our second topic will be combatting cyber-extortion networks. This rapidly growing form of transnational crime poses a serious threat to global security, as hackers and criminal organizations exploit technology to steal data and demand ransom payments. Delegates will explore how ransomware and digital extortion operate across borders, assess the effectiveness of current cybersecurity measures, and consider what global reforms are needed to strengthen cooperation between nations. You will also be challenged to propose new solutions that enhance cyber defense, regulate cryptocurrency transactions, and protect governments and civilians from digital threats.

As you begin your research, look into your country's position, allies, and priorities regarding these topics. Be creative and propose practical solutions that are consistent with your country's policies. Keep in mind that position papers should represent the perspective of your assigned country and not your personal opinions. I encourage you to explore the topics thoroughly, approach our discussions with an open mind, and work collaboratively to develop effective resolutions. Lastly, plagiarism and the use of AI are strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification from award consideration—all sources must be properly cited, and papers will be put through Turnitin.

If you have any questions, thoughts, or just want to introduce yourself, feel free to reach out to me at ypolotsk@mail.yu.edu. I am looking forward to meeting each of you, engaging in meaningful debate, and making this an incredible YUNMUN XXXVI conference!

All the best,

Yael Polotsky

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