

Dear Delegates,

If you're reading this, congratulations to you on being a part of the best committee on YUNMUN! It is going to be an incredible experience, and I am looking forward to meeting you all!

My name is Jonah Chill (bonus points if you come up with a clever pun). I grew up in New Rochelle, NY, attended Yeshivat Frisch for high school, followed by two years at Yeshivat Har Etzion. I am currently in the middle of my second year in YU, majoring in Political Science and minoring in Finance. This is my second year at YUNMUN, last year having been the Administrative Assistant for UNHRC.

Established in 1997, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, UNODC, has been at the forefront of fighting terrorism, illicit drugs, organized crime, and corruption. By partnering with the member states, we offer guidance and practical advice to states through various programs. Our goal is to collectively make the world safer from these issues and not allow them to serve as an obstacle to state development. This year, we will specifically be tackling the issue of prison reform.

As delegates for your respective countries, you should familiarize yourself with your country's views and records on drugs and crime. Even if your country does not have specific information relating to the topic at hand, you should be knowledgeable about your country to be able to contribute profound and insightful ideas that are consistent with your country's belief. Every delegate should have an understanding of your country's allies and rivals, and who ideologically supports your country's stances. Most importantly, a strong delegate should understand that success at the UNODC is not created through the individual, but rather through collaboration and teamwork among all participating delegates. And, of course, a good delegate **doesn't plagiarize**: it would be quite ironic to cheat as part of the crime committee.

In addition, note that this year, the UNODC has the privilege of functioning as a technology committee (cue applause!)? Although you may laugh at that, as the conference as a whole is taking place over technology, there are some slight differences in how our committee will operate. To learn more, please see the FAQ sheet, Technology Committee Procedure Guide, and YUNMUN Technology Committee Explained, all of which is posted on the YUNMUN website.

I wish you all luck in preparing for the conference over the next few months. If you have any questions, whether about our committee or the issue-at-large, feel free to reach out at jchill@mail.yu.edu. I expect nothing but greatness from each of you.

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