

Dear Delegates of the Security Council¹,

Welcome to the first step of your YUNMUN XXVIII² journey!! My name is Rena Kleiner³, and I am beyond honored and excited to be serving as your chair of the Security Council this year.

A sneak peak of the first chapter of my autobiography⁴: I grew up in the holiest of holies, Teaneck, New Jersey and attended (Rosenbaum) Yeshiva of North Jersey and Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls. I then spent a year in Israel studying at Midreshet Lindenbaum where I majored in both Talmud and Waffle Bar. I have since spent the last three years as a student of Stern College for Women studying Public Health and Women's Studies. Although this will be my sixth and final YUNMUN conference, I have had the honor of serving as a delegate on the: UNODC, COPUOS, and the Security Council, and for the last two years, as the administrative assistant of the Security Council and the chair of the World Food Programme. I am extremely excited to spend a third conference in the Security Council⁵, and overjoyed that I get to spend it with all of you.

At this year's conference the Security Council will be working slightly differently than it has in years past as I am sure you have noticed seeing as the topics our committee will be discussing are: Denuclearization of North Korea and an Open Agenda. All information necessary to understand how the Open Agenda will work can be found in the topic paper itself. But enough about you and me, let's get down to business to defeat the Huns.

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) was founded in 1946, and takes permanent residence at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York City. As one of the six main organs of the UN, the UNSC has four main purposes, “to maintain international peace and security; to develop friendly relations among nations; to cooperate in solving international problems and in promoting respect of human rights and to be the centre for harmonizing the actions of nations.”⁶ As required per the UNSC charter, all members of the UN are obligated to accept and implement any decisions of the Security Council as opposed to the other organs of the UN. The UNSC has five permanent members and ten elected non-permanent members that rotate every two years.⁷ The victors of World War II, Russia, United States, United Kingdom, France and China make up the five permanent members of the committee, otherwise known as the “P5”.⁸ These members have unlimited veto power over any resolution proposed in the UNSC including candidates for

¹ ...and everyone else who Googles my name for the next 5-7 years

² Colloquially known as the “Beyonce of YUNMUNs”

³ Formally known as “the Notorious RDK” or to my immense Instagram fan base of 311 followers, @renakleinerandthedeathlyhalows

⁴ On shelves everywhere books are sold, April 22, 2116 (I want to make sure I am more famous in death than in life.)

⁵ They say third time's the charm, right?

⁶ <http://www.un.org/en/sc/about/>

⁷ <http://www.un.org/en/sc/members/index.shtml>

⁸ <http://www.un.org/en/sc/members/index.shtml>

Secretary General and admission of new member states. I urge you to review the functions and powers of the UNSC, as it is important as delegates that you understand the scope of your abilities as the Security Council⁹.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything relevant to the conference, our committee proceedings, or how the Open Agenda will work, please feel free to reach out to me at rena.kleiner@mail.yu.edu

I am looking forward to reading your position papers, meeting all of you, and having an intense, productive and successful committee.

Best of Luck,

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YUNMUN XXVIII



⁹ <http://www.un.org/en/sc/about/functions.shtml>