

Esteemed Delegates,

It is my honor to welcome you to Yeshiva University's National Model United Nations XXVIII! My name is Ilan Atri and it is my further honor to serve as chair to the World Food Programme.

A little bit about me: I was born on a cloudy Wednesday morning two days before *Yom Kippur* in ABC Hospital in Mexico City, Mexico. No, my mom did not have to fast. Before reaching the age of two, my parents relocated to the glorious city of Los Angeles, California. To start off my educational career, I attended Montessori Pre-School of Los Angeles. For those of you who don't know what Montessori is, look it up. My mom claims it is the source of all my success. After graduating pre-school, I pursued a further degree at Harkham Hillel Hebrew Academy in Beverly Hills, California. Due to my vast knowledge of shapes, colors, numbers, and letters, I skipped Kindergarten (#Montessori) and was admitted into the Pre-K class of 2001. I remained in Hillel for a total of nine years, after which I entered Yeshiva University Boys High School of Los Angeles, more commonly known around the conference as YULA. Save the jokes, I've heard them all. I participated as a one-and-done senior member of the notorious YULAMUN team (#Montessori) as a delegate representing Togo in UNICEF. In December of my senior year at YULA, I applied as an early decision applicant to Yeshiva University and was accepted two months later (#Montessori). After being lucky enough to graduate with a YULA High School Degree, which is admired across the country, I shifted my educational focus to a more spiritual theme at Yeshivat Torat Shraga in Jerusalem, Israel. Once there, I studied under HaRav Avishai David (*Shlita*) and benefitted from his vast Talmudic and Biblical knowledge. Following that, I took my talents to North Manhattan and began my college education at YU. Currently, I am a junior still deciding on majoring in either Finance, Marketing, or Business Intelligence in Marketing Analytics (I still have time to decide, I promise), double majoring in Psychology, and minoring in Writing. Last year, I was an administrative assistant in WFP (#Legacy).

Now that you have heard basically everything there is to know about me (don't worry, you'll learn more at the conference during icebreakers), let's focus on the reason we are really here. I don't know about you guys, but I know that I love food. From Golan, to Chop-Chop, to Subaba, we have it all in Washington Heights. However, not all are as fortunate.

WFP assists 80 million people in around 80 countries each year. It is the leading humanitarian organization fighting hunger worldwide, delivering food assistance in emergencies, and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience. The international community has committed to end hunger, achieve food security, and improve nutrition by 2030. The clock is ticking and 20 million people are on the brink of starvation, it's our time to act.

In our committee sessions, we will focus our mission on deviating a plan to alleviate hunger through the strengthening of global partnership and finding a manner to utilize technology and innovation to combat hunger. If you have any questions about the topics (or really anything in life), want to introduce yourself, make me laugh, or generally improve your chances of winning, I encourage you to reach out to me through email at [iatri@mail.yu.edu](mailto:iatri@mail.yu.edu). Bring your "A" game, and if you are looking to win, bring the rest of the alphabet too. Also, I have to remind you that all position papers will be submitted to turnitin.com for plagiarism review.

Can't wait to be a part of the best WFP to ever walk the halls of the Hilton Stamford Hotel and Executive Meeting Center! Also, if one of you can guess my middle name in an email, you will probably win.

Best,

Ilan C. Atri  
Chair, World Food Programme  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ilan C. Atri', written in a cursive style.