

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to Yeshiva University National Model United Nations XXX! My name is Scott Weissman, and it is my great honor to serve as your Chair this year for the World Food Programme (WFP)!

For the last 3 years, I have been a student here at Yeshiva University, majoring in history. I originally hail from the small farm town of West Hempstead (there's a farm there I promise), and went to DRS for high school and then to Yeshivat Torat Shraga for a year and a half. Here in YU I dabble in a number of things, such as the Roller Hockey team, the history journal, and last but not least, YUNMUN, where I spent last year's conference as an administrative assistant on WHO.

People need food to survive, simple as that. However, 1 in 9 people worldwide do not have enough to eat. Founded in 1961, the WFP is the leading humanitarian organization and seeks to reduce the previously mentioned number and ensure that everyone has what to eat. Assisting 80 million people in approximately 80 countries, the WFP focuses on delivering food assistance in emergencies, and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience. The WFP relies entirely on volunteer donations, and in 2018 it raised a record US\$7.2 billion.¹

In our committee sessions, we will focus on how to go about replenishing food supplies in the Bahamas following Hurricane Dorian, as well as the distribution of GMO's (genetically modified organisms). Our goal for these topics is to have an understanding about the factors behind them, and how we, as the WFP, should go about achieving them. I encourage you to research these topics thoroughly to best represent your country's views on the issue. I also want to remind you that plagiarism is bad and only not-cool kids do it, so please make note of that.

¹ <https://www.wfp.org/overview>

If you have any questions, comments, puns, just want to introduce yourself, or if you found the secret message in this, I encourage you to reach out to me at sweissm3@mail.yu.edu and let me know! Special prizes at the conference to those who found the message. Looking forward to meeting all of you come February!

Best of luck,

Scott Weissman

Chair, WFP

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