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LETTER FROM SECRETARY GENERAL

Hi everyone!

Before I introduce myself, I would like to give a quick thank you to everyone that made this possible. Thank you to Dr. Arguelles for her constant support of LelyMUN as a team and for TrojanMUNC I as a conference. Thank you to Ms. Bledsoe for approving this project of the Model UN team and to all of the administration that supported us throughout the way. Thank you to the social studies department for your support in advertising this event as well as for educating us on important world-wide matters as well as to the Lely staff for contributing to our growth as the Lely Model UN team. Thank you to all of our volunteers who are helping us throughout this conference and the biggest of my thank yous goes to my staff. You all put in a lot of effort to make the conference a possibility and have been listening to me talk about the idea of Lely hosting its own Model UN conference since my freshman year. I am very appreciative of all of you (:<3.

My name is Alejandra Ramos and I am your Secretary General for TrojanMUNC I! I am so excited to welcome you all onto Lely's campus for our first ever conference. I have been a Model UN Delegate since my freshman year and have successfully participated in all types of rooms including General Assemblies, Crisis Rooms, and Specialized Rooms. Although I was born in the USA, I lived in Mexico during my childhood so although English is not my first language, I developed my interest in international relations from an early age. Outside of Model UN, I am involved in a variety of activities some of which include debate, teen court, spanish honor society, national honor society, and student government. Outside of school though, I love traveling, listening to Taylor Swift, watching Gossip Girl, and hanging out with friends.

TrojanMUNC I is something very special to me as it is something that I have dreamt of since my freshman year. Since Lely High School is a Title I school, extracurriculars like Model UN are not accessible to many students due to the high prices and fees that come with participating. This was one of the main reasons why I first thought of hosting a Model UN conference of our own and why the Lely Model UN team and Lely High School staff was so supportive in this endeavor. After this conference officially starts, Lely High School will be the only Title I school in the county and one of the few schools on a regional, state, and national scale to host its own model un conference. At first, this conference started off as something that was going to be specifically tailored for Lely students. Having this opportunity to train delegates and introduce students to what Model UN is like is something that will allow students to enrich their social studies knowledge outside of the classroom. Additionally, students will be exposed to world-wide issues and will have to analyze them through different lenses, developing who they are as people. Ultimately though, opening up this conference to more schools will allow these benefits to be applicable to all students that wish to participate.

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TrojanMUNC I, as a result, has a purpose of providing equal access to opportunities for all students that are willing to learn and are driven to succeed. As part of your TrojanMUNC staff, I speak on behalf of all us when stating that we are all more than willing to help you and your team seek out any external resources to help fund your club and to look for more opportunities to help the delegates of your club grow. This conference revolves around the idea of helping one another and establishing strong connections as delegates, as students, and as people.

We at LelyMUN are lucky enough to have delegates that work hard in order to fundraise money for the club as well as the very generous support of The Cooper-Bos Family, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, and the Lely High School SAC. With an increase in fundraising and community outreach this year, my freshman year dream will finally come true with the start of this conference and the beginning of TrojanMUNC.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you and cannot wait to hear about the amazing performances that are going to be seen at TrojanMUNC I.

Best of luck and please reach out if have any questions at alejandrarry239@gmail.com or lelyhsmun@gmail.com

Appreciatively,

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Hello delegates. My name is Miranda Ramos and I am your chair for this conference. I have been in Model UN for two years now and am the student relations officer for LelyMUN. I am very excited to be chairing for this conference. I usually do technology based rooms so this is something that I am looking forward to being a part of. I cannot wait to meet you all and to discuss all of the technology aspects of cyberterrorism. This is a topic that I am personally very passionate about, especially because I am a woman in STEM and most of my extracurriculars revolve around technology and engineering. Outside of school I am in the Spanish honor Society, am in the Engineering club, and participate in Teen Court. If you have any questions please let me know and feel free to reach out at mirandaramos980@gmail.com

Hello delegates, my name is Kensy Nova and I will be your co-chair for this room. I joined MUN to spend more time with friends but have grown very fond of Model UN. I am very excited to make the Secretary General's dreams come true by helping be part of this conference. I look forward to hearing all of your ideas to combat the issue at hand. Please feel free to reach out throughout the conference and come up to me at any time for help in getting directions or help in trying to understand MUN terminology.

Both Kensy and I are strong believers of a sound foundation before a conference being a fundamental piece to success in the conference. We also understand, however, that people may struggle to do this due to a lack of resources or experience in Model UN. Please reach out to us at any point with any questions you may have. We want this to be a fair experience for everyone.



OVERVIEW OF THE ROOM

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Across the globe, the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) leads and coordinates an all-of-UN approach to prevent and counter terrorism and violent extremism. As the COVID-19 pandemic swept the world, UNOCT scaled up its efforts to help Member States achieve a world free from terrorism by adapting and innovating to meet this challenging moment. In the unprecedented 2021 environment, promoting multilateral cooperation remained at the center of UNOCT's work. Now in 2022, this agenda is still something that is on the mind of the UNOCT but its applications might take more time and will definitely require the cooperation of any nation willing to work together as one with others.



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INTRODUCTION

There are a lot of forms of terrorism and can be dated way back in time. Now in modern terrorism since technology has been advancing cyber terrorism has been seen more often. Historically many nations can't defend themselves due to lack of resources or funds. The opposing country might be overly powerful and can cause major harm to those who live in a nation that can't defend themselves. UNOCT has used funding to help provide technical assistance delivered by other branches of the UN. Although nations are receiving help they are still missing the knowledge and skills other nations have (United States Institute of Peace Special Report). For example, nations that are typically wealthier in terms of economic resources tend to have more investments in technological structures. Unfortunately, not all countries have these resources but cyberterrorism does not discriminate. Any nation, regardless of their economic capabilities is susceptible to cyber terrorist attacks.



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THE ISSUE

Technology has had great advancements in recent years giving people more access to better lives. Although technology has had great benefits there is one downside which is people using technology for the wrong things. This can be done in different forms but a constant issue that can go back decades is terrorism. With technology developing and becoming smarter people are taking advantage of it and using it for the wrong purpose (Use of Internet For Terrorist Purposes) . There has to be more proper and better control on what is happening but whether that is allowed or not by different nations without violating the sovereignty of nations is something that also must be considered. The regulation of technology is something that needs to be discussed by different nations and one upon which nations need to be fully aware of as technology is not something physical that is solely in one nation or can be limited to borders but rather it is borderless and independent.

Due to the flexibility and the no-limits that technology offers, there are a lot of opportunities but at a great cost. Any sort of international guidelines would be interfering with different ideas and beliefs of each individual nation so be careful with what you propose as plans. The main goal of the UNOCT is to combat terrorism through the use of cybersecurity (Office of Counter-Terrorism). This new and powerful tool is something that can successfully used by different nations but all nations are on a different level of technology and there are other issues that have to be addressed first.



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SUBTOPICS

Infrastructure

It is important to note that many of the nations that have encountered cybersecurity attacks and experience the most impact do not always have the strongest infrastructure and are very vulnerable to outsiders (Funding and Donors). This is one of the main issues that must be addressed throughout the conference. Allowing nations to build on their already existing infrastructure to help create something stronger could help reduce and mitigate the impacts of cybersecurity attacks. It is encouraged that you as delegates also provide your own ideas and solutions to the infrastructure issue and where the funding will come from. Please remember that NGOs do not fund so do not rely on them for monetary purposes. Please also be cautious about what nations are willing to and which countries are not willing to accept money.

Education

Knowledge on technology and its proper use is something that the people and government of a nation must know. This type of knowledge has to be shared with people in a trusting and reasonable as well as accessible way. Whether this is something that the room must focus on to combat cyberterrorism as a whole is up to the delegates and the dependency on education in plans is also up to delegates. Being able to incorporate different accepts into a multifaceted solution is vital to the overall success of combatting cyberterrorism.

Access to Technology

Although many countries do not have access to strong technology, it could be argued that other nations have too much access to technology. The power that nations with a larger access to technology have might put at risk nations with less technology. Boundaries on technology cannot be put in place without the overall support of a majority of nations (Funding and Donors). Nations are often not willing to compromise on their advances but, at times, are willing to provide other resources to other nations and could be something useful to nations to try and establish a stronger technological structure.



GOALS OF COMMITTEE AND GUIDING QUESTIONS

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The goals of the committee

- To find an effective way to combat cyberterrorism.
- Establish stronger infrastructure to try and place nations on a similar foundation.
- Gain majority or all support of the nations present.

Guiding questions:

1. How can corruption be limited in cyber-terrorism?
2. Is technology causing more harm than good?
3. Where will funding come from to establish stronger infrastructure?
4. Should education be a solution?
5. How can we make sure that countries providing infrastructure and aid do not add vulnerabilities to this infrastructure to take advantage of it later?



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