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Secretary-General

Dear Faculty Advisors and Friends,

Welcome to NHSMUN 2019! This letter contains important information about the registration process, details regarding our committees and specialized agencies, as well as an explanation of our fees and timeline of important dates. Please review the information carefully, as it is critical to a successful registration. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions that you might have.

I will begin with a few important details about requests to register and how we will process them. **Registration will be conducted online beginning on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 12:01 AM (Eastern Time Zone).** To register, please go to our website ([www.nhsmun.org](http://www.nhsmun.org)), where you will see instructions on how to complete your submission. As an overview, you will utilize our online form to submit your school information, number of students, and country/committee preferences.

As always, country requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. As such, we recommend that you register early to have the best chance of receiving your top-ranked countries of preference. Additionally, you will be able to confirm your preference for conference session (March 1-4 or March 6-9). Some schools do not have a preference and desire whichever session can accommodate their top country choices. You will be able to specify this as well.

We will do our very best to accommodate your country requests and preferences. Often, however, several schools request the same countries, and therefore, it is not possible for a school to be guaranteed its top preferences. Additionally, for all schools that request seats on a specialized agency, we will do our best to accommodate your requests, but since the specialized agencies are typically in high demand, we again cannot make any guarantees in advance. All requests will be processed in the order in which they are received. When selecting your country preferences, please consult the **NHSMUN 2019 Country Matrix**, which lists each of the countries and the committees on which they will be represented.

In the NHSMUN 2019 Country Matrix, you will note that there are maximum and minimum numbers of participants, per country, listed on the right-hand side of the spreadsheet. **Please pay particular attention to these maximum and minimum numbers**, as they are to be used to guide your country preference rankings. For example, if you plan to bring 15 delegates to the conference, please choose a country for which 15 is between the minimum and maximum numbers. Please do not request countries that cannot accommodate the size of your delegation, as these countries cannot be assigned to you and will make it difficult to accommodate your preferences. Similarly, please try to ensure that your delegation size is as close to the maximum size as possible (e.g., if you are bringing 10 delegates, please do not request a country that, hypothetically, can hold 24 delegates at its maximum).

As always, NHSMUN will host a diverse range of engaging committees that will fully immerse students in the world of international relations. In addition to committees that are regular favorites, such as DISEC and the Security Council, we are also offering new committees that are sure to engage students whether they are novices or veterans. I am particularly excited to announce that this year, we will be hosting a simulation of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII). The UNPFII is an important body that discusses topics often neglected by other deliberative bodies, so we are excited for delegates to be able to focus on the lives of indigenous peoples in this committee. In addition, we will be featuring the Council of the European Union (CoEU) and the League of Arab States (LAS). These regional bodies play an important role in the international system and allow delegates to look at topics through a different lens than a committee with global representation. We also have some new additions among our specialized agencies. This year, we will be hosting a simulation of the IAEA Board of Governors for the first time. In the past, IAEA has been simulated as a larger body with its full membership. However, the 35-person Board of Governors, which we will simulate with crisis elements, will allow delegates to deeply explore the controversial and nuanced use of nuclear power today. We are also bringing back our popular ICC simulation, which will allow students to examine grave human rights abuses around the world and determine if the perpetrators can be brought to justice. For more



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information on these and other committees, please see the full listing on our website. Additional information about the committees, including Background Guides and Preparation Guides, will become available with country assignments in November!

The participant fee for NHSMUN 2019 will remain the same: \$105 per person. This applies to students, as well as faculty or chaperones. **A deposit of \$55 per person** will be due by November 1, 2018, in order to secure placement at the conference. Within 48 hours of submitting your registration requests online, you will receive an invoice for your deposit payment. It will be possible to pay your deposit via check, credit card, or wire transfer. Please note that deposits are not refundable. The remaining conference fees will be due in mid-January and will be invoiced later in the fall. Please visit our website for a complete breakdown of conference fees.

As a reminder, please be aware of the following important NHSMUN policies:

- 1) With the exception of NYC-based schools, all schools registering for NHSMUN 2019 are required to stay at the New York Hilton Midtown, where the conference is headquartered. This policy is in effect for multiple scheduling and logistical reasons. Instructions for making reservations at the Hilton will be distributed in early November after registration concludes and assignments are released. Rates are published on the NHSMUN website under the “Conference > Hotel and Venue” menu. Please contact us if you have any questions in the meantime.
- 2) It is highly recommended that each school have at least 1 faculty advisor or adult chaperone present for every 15 students attending. For example, if your school wishes to bring 40 delegates, we would suggest bringing a minimum of 3 adult chaperones. The chaperones are not required to all be teachers from the school.

Finally, here is a summary of the important registration-related dates, for your convenience:

- **September:** The NHSMUN 2019 Country Matrix and Registration Guidelines are released. Groups familiarize themselves with the process and ask any questions they may have.
- **October 1:** Registration opens on our website. You submit your school information, number of participants, preferred countries, and other miscellaneous details and requests. Within 48 hours of your registration, you receive an invoice via email for the deposit payment.
- **November 1:** Deposit payments are due via check, credit card, or wire transfer.
- **November 12:** Acceptance notifications are released, as well as corresponding country and committee assignments. Background guides for all committees are published and available on the NHSMUN website, as well as training guides and preparation manuals. NY Hilton Hotel reservations begin.
- **January 18:** Remaining conference fees are due.

I hope that this letter and the Country Matrix are helpful in preparing you for the start of our registration process next month. In the meantime, I encourage you to contact us with any questions or concerns that you might have. We are looking forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

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