Honourable Delegates of the Security Council,

The Security Council (SC) acts as one of the six main organs in the United Nations (UN). The council is tasked with maintaining international peace and security, resolving global conflicts, fostering diplomatic cooperation between nations, and harmonising the actions of the UN's many committees.

The committee is composed of 15 members: 5 permanent, non-rotating members with veto power - Russia, France, the United Kingdom, the United States, and China as well as 10 non-permanent members elected on a rotating basis. The Security Council is also one of only two committees in the UN that entertain ad hoc debate, along with the Advisory Panel, meaning the requests for follow-ups aren't required; delegates can keep questioning until stopped by the chair. SC is also the only committee in AMMUN where delegates can declare war against other delegates. Moreover, the SC is the only committee where delegates have a Right to Reply if they were mentioned or attacked by another delegate in a speech, giving delegates the chance to defend themselves.

The SC is also unique in its power to implement its resolutions into binding international law, which member states are required to follow or face real-world consequences. This power is what gives the UN the ability to uphold peace within the international community and translate diplomatic talks into concrete action in our world. Furthermore, the SC is often tasked with addressing the world's most urgent and volatile crises, many involving active violence and instability. To help enforce this authority, the SC has access to significant resources, including UN peacekeeping forces, which have been deployed in operations such as MONUSCO, UNIFIL, and UNFICYP.

This year's theme, "Moderating Morality," carries particular weight in the Security Council. The SC often has to decide whether to intervene in a crisis, sanction a state, or authorise force. These decisions, as well as the theme, push delegates to think about how far the Council should go, who gets to make the call, what happens when powerful nations disagree, and where lines in the sand should be drawn.

Sincerely,

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