Honourable Advocates and Judges of the International Criminal Court,

The International Criminal Court (ICC) represents more than a committee; it represents justice, accountability, protection, and the principle that no one is above the law. The ICC was established in 2002 under the Rome Statute, the core foundation of the ICC. The court investigates and prosecutes individuals accused of the gravest international crimes, including Article 6: genocide, Article 7: Crimes against humanity, and Article 8: War crimes. The ICC is headquartered in The Hague, where the court seeks to ensure accountability among those responsible for crimes violating international law.

The ICC's work isn't purely one of punishment but involves topics of great complexity and ensuring justice by recognizing the suffering of victims, discouraging future atrocities, and strengthening the international legal system. However, the ICC often faces challenges involving state sovereignty, political influence, legal responsibility, and the boundaries of international justice.

This year's AMMUN XXV theme, "Moderating Morality," closely reflects the purpose of the ICC. Morality can shape our understanding of justice, but it can also differ across societies, governments, and individuals. Advocates and judges must consider how international law can moderate these contradictory moral perspectives and transform them into fair and enforceable laws. Throughout the conference, delegates will be challenged to balance justice with impartiality, accountability with sovereignty, and moral conviction with legal reasoning.

As members of AMMUN XXV, a THIMUN-affiliated conference, all members are expected to arrive at the conference prepared and ready to engage and actively participate in meaningful and powerful discussions where conclusions are drawn and justice is served in a respectable manner. Advocates and judges are both expected to come to the committee having read and understood the research report, in addition to understanding their roles in the conference and completing any pre-conference assignments. Every participant is expected to maintain a respectful and professional tone while contributing actively to debate. The chairing panel will support advocates and judges throughout the conference, ensure equal support, and guide the committee toward thoughtful and productive discussions.

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