



Delegation Name: Republic of Lebanon

Ambassador Name: Asım Özgür PEKMEZCİ



Dear Delegates; Honourable Student Officers, Chairs; Distinguished Secretary General;

In recent times, humanity welcomed it's **8 billionth member**. Although it might sound astonishing and remarkable at first glance, it causes to unfold fundamental cracks in the system of most nations.

As the population increased, **a refugee crisis emerged** due to the increased number of **wars, terrorism**, and not being able to get a hold of **basic needs**. For instance, in the 1982 war, **nearly 50,000 refugees were killed** in our soveirgn land, the Republic of Lebanon, **and more were dislocated from their homes, further impacting the refugee crisis**.

With the influx of refugees, economies and the infrastructure of the neighboring regions were tested **and were ultimately crushed**, resulting in instability of most governments and organisations, **and a political vacuum was the by-product**. **Capitalizing on this opportunity**, terrorist organisations such as the Taliban and ISIS got more power in said regions. One of the more blatant terrorist operations that happened recently was the Beirut bombing of 2015, conducted by ISIS, **killing more than 40 people**, only a day before the attacks in Paris that **killed more than 130 people, again conducted by ISIS**.

And now we are gathered here to find the solution humanity needs to resolve said issues. We are gathered here as the hope of the people. Humanity counts on us to work together to be stronger and come out better than ever before, and reminding everyone again, that speaking, talking, discussing; and **diplomacy actually works**. Diplomacy is, was and always shall be the way to deal with issues rather than pursuing a militaristic method. **"A pen is mightier than the sword"** as the renowned British writer Edward Bulwer-Lytton said in his book.



We, as the delegation of the Republic of Lebanon, wish that this conference will be efficient, full of solutions and enjoyable for all delegates. Thank you.