

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Dear delegates,

Welcome to SIMUN 2020. Our names are Alexa, Fernanda, Claudio and Daniela, and we are the chair of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Committee. It is a great honor for us to be part of this new experience that we have long wanted. Like you, we have participated in different MUNs as delegates and being in a model has been a very rewarding adventure, full of challenges, new knowledge and great experiences that have helped us develop new skills that undoubtedly have and will continue to be very useful. However, it is time for us to face a new challenge by leading a committee.

We hope that you'll have a great experience. Try to be the best version of yourself during this model so, that you can be able to grow as a person and to broaden your horizons about different issues that affect the world. Do not forget that we are here for you and if any questions come up, please feel free to approach us.

Always remember that your participation in this kind of debates will teach you how to raise your voice so, that maybe tomorrow someone will be touched by your words and inspired to make a change in the actual world. The ideas that you bring to our committee today, may create a difference tomorrow in the lives of those who have lost everything, for those who were victims of injustice and inequality and for those who are in need of better care. The effort you put throughout these days of discussion will transform you in a positive agent of change that can make a difference that will endure along the history of humankind.

Sincerely,

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's Chair.

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Abstract:

UNESCO is a specialized organization of the United Nations, which was created on 1945 for the promotion of international collaboration in education, science, and culture. It has 195 Member States and 10 Associate Members, its permanent headquarters are in Paris, France.

UNESCO's General Conference reunites global leaders every two years to discuss certain aspects related to its budget, to its program of activities and to address the compromises that the Member States have made to the Organization. Each Member State has one vote throughout this meeting. Also, there is the Executive Board which is made of 58 members and gathers twice each year to assess the efforts that UNESCO is trying to enforce around the world.

Therefore, UNESCO works to create the conditions to establish a dialogue between civilizations, cultures and peoples, based on the respect for common values. It also contributes to the conservation of peace and world security through the promotion of cooperation between nations regarding matters of education, science, culture, communication and information.

Consequently, the activities of the Organization have been mainly facilitative, aimed at assisting, supporting, and complementing the national efforts of member states to eliminate illiteracy and to extend free education. UNESCO also seeks to encourage and support the free exchange of ideas and knowledge by organizing conferences and providing clearinghouse and exchange services.

UNESCO devotes its resources to problems that affect developing countries, such as poverty, high rates of illiteracy, and underdevelopment. Besides its support of educational and science programs, UNESCO is also involved in efforts to protect the natural environment and humanity's cultural heritage.

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