

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to the 2010 UCBMUNC conference.

My name is Asya Aretskin, and I am honored to be your chair for this year's Security Council in my last year of MUN. I am a fifth-year transfer student, majoring in Mathematics and Psychology, with an emphasis on neuropathology and topology.

I have been involved in MUN in some capacity for the last eleven years. In particular, I specialize in disarmament, nuclear non-proliferation, and international security. For the last two years I had the honor of being the Under-Secretary General of Crisis at this conference, and the year before that I was one of the Crisis Directors for this very committee. Before transferring, I was the Secretary General of SCIMUN and a chair of the Disarmament committee at the UCSC high school conference for two years, as well as the Crisis Coordinator at the UCSC conferences. I have also been a delegate at various conferences throughout the past decade.

This year's Security Council will focus on the grave security concerns in Somalia. Although the nation has been in the news quite often in the past months due to piracy issues, it is the underlying political instability in a nation with nearly twenty governments taking control in as many years which lies at the core of this nation's security woes. With this in mind, my dais and I have some lofty goals for your Council. It will be your job to secure the nation and hopefully ensure political stability for years to come. Of course, you will also be expected to deal with all of the crises that will be thrown at you throughout your weekend here.

Finally, I hope that you enjoy this committee as much as I have, and that you all enjoy being delegates as much as we have loved creating your committee.

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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