

United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

MetMUNC XLIX

Welcome Letter



Chairpeople: Skylar Cowen, Ari Kalinsky, and Olivia Schmidt

Dear Esteemed Delegates,

Welcome everyone to MetMUNC XLIX! We are so excited to be your chairs for UNCTAD, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, which discusses pertinent international issues regarding commerce and development.

My name is Skylar Cowen and I am a sophomore. I am so excited to be chairing for the UNCTAD Committee for my first time. I am very passionate about environmental protection and am involved in the environmental club and the school's science research program, where I conduct research pertaining to the environment. I also have an avid love for acting and singing, being a drama cadet and a member of POBJFK's treble choir and acapella groups. I am so excited to be one of your chairs and can't wait to hear all of your well-thought-out resolutions. Happy researching!

My name is Ari Kalinsky and I am a sophomore, this is my first year chairing and my second year in Model UN. I joined MUN since it is a great way to learn about the geopolitics in the world around us, and I am certain UNCTAD will do just that! I am in my school's robotics team and in Science Honors Society. Outside of school, I play games like Minecraft with my friends and I enjoy learning about topics like science and history from the internet. Hopefully we have a great conference! Good luck researching!

My name is Olivia Schmidt and I am a junior! It's my second year chairing and my third year in MetMUNC! Aside from MetMUNC, I'm involved in my school's science research program and am on the board of the Animal Rescue Club and the Peer Mentors Club. Outside of school, I have practiced karate for the last 11 years, and I also love to spend time with my friends, family, and pets! I am so excited to be your chair this year and hear all of your wonderful ideas!

This committee will focus on two topics: **The Northwest Passage and Northern Sea Route Opening** and **The Resource Curse**. We encourage all of you to get involved and become knowledgeable on your country's views! Every delegate is important, so please be active debaters! Remember to stay respectful towards other delegates and have fun! We can't wait to see what you come up with in committee! Get ready for a great conference! See you all soon!

Your Honorable Chairs,

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