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A Letter From Your Director...

Dear delegates,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Ad-Hoc Committee of UTMUN. Now that the niceties are out of the way...I suppose I'll tell you what you're in for.

Many years ago, toxic waste in the oceans off of the Bikini Atoll gave rise to a terrible monster. Its name was Ad-Hoc and it demanded but one thing: the blood of high schoolers.

...I'm kidding.

What really happened is that many years ago, international politics was born. Its better looking, lesser-known sibling, Ad-Hoc, was born shortly after. When you think about it, the entirety of human history is like one grand unmoderated caucus, and we're just here to prepare you for that.

But I digress.

In truth, Ad-Hoc is similar to international decision-making in many ways, but with its own unique twists. For example, in Ad-Hoc, it is perfectly legal to assassinate your political opponent using a brainwashed ex-Communist and a blue knit scarf. It's basically like the Purge, but with a classier dress code.

Actually, it's more like a never-ending stream of, "stop calling on me to speak, I'm trying to write a private message to Richard Nixon!"

Ad-Hoc is, at the end of the day, all of the above definitions and more. For years, it has been both the bane of my existence and one of my greatest joys. Ad-Hoc changes people, in a way. I was on the path to becoming a well-adjusted young fellow when I wandered into my first Ad-Hoc back in 2011. The person who emerged would go on to be voted by his graduating class as "Most likely to defect to Russia and bring back the Soviet Union".

If you, too, find yourself on this path, I bid you the warmest of welcomes. My hope for UTMUN Ad-Hoc 2017 is that you will discover something new about yourself – be it a talent for improvised speaking, an ability to convince your fellow delegates to support your views, or a capacity to craft astonishingly well thought-out propaganda campaigns to discredit your rival(s).

There is little I can do to prepare you for this conference – after all, you'll be receiving the topic shotgun. That being said, I will advise that you do the following.

Bring your wits. Bring your charm. Bring your intellect. Bring whatever talents you can find.

If you can muster those, then I am fully confident that you will emerge from the model UN meat grinder that is Ad-Hoc, stronger than you came in.

Now I must bid you farewell until the conference – as I'm typing I'm noticing a red laser dot appearing on my forehead. I've said too much.

Looking forward to February,

Adam Bauer, Director of UTMUN Ad-Hoc 2017



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