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1. Welcoming Letter

Dear delegates,

We would like to extend a welcoming hand to all of you who decided to take part in this innovative committee. We, your chairs Juan Pablo García and Externo Marymount, are looking forward to a lively debate that can alter the course of history. Both of us have had an extensive history with technology, and we noticed that some most important issues in the world right now are those about AI. That's why we decided to tackle a topic that truly demonstrates the impact that AI has had on the world. Whether you are only beginning your MUN career, or already have several prizes under your belt, we made the committee in such a way that all delegates have an incredibly important role to play, and if you do it right, you may change how our future will unfold.

Since this committee is about a relatively new topic, we strongly encourage you to think outside of the box, especially since we are striving to make the committee as innovative as possible. While staying realistic, try to think outside the current constraints of technology, and don't be scared to create something no one has thought of before.

We are personally looking forward to all the creative strategies and solutions that we're sure you will come up with. As chairs, we will strive to

keep the committee as creative and fluid as possible. Because of this, if you have ideas that could change the flow of the entire debate, don't be afraid to propose them and put them into action. This is a great opportunity to improve your skills, especially due to the flexibility and room for creativity that we are allowing. That being said, we are extremely grateful for your participation, and we wish that we have an excellent committee, engaging debates, and most of all, a memorable experience.

Looking forward to hearing you all

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2. Introduction to the Committee

a. Historical Context

AI or artificial intelligence has been increasing in popularity and influence ever since its conception back in 1952 when the program's only purpose was to play checkers and learn, getting better with each game. The next milestone important to the theme of our committee was in 1961 when a robot named Unimate began working in an assembly line at General Motors, tasked with doing work that was deemed too dangerous for humans. In 1966, Joseph Weizenbaum created the first chatbot which used

natural language processing or NLP to have a conversation with humans. Then in 1979, the first example of an autonomous vehicle was created and successfully tested. From that point on from 1980 to the present day, technology surrounding AI has been growing at an ever-growing rate. From the creation of the first autonomous drawing program in 1985 and the creation of the first true driverless car in 1986 to Deep Blue being the first program to beat a human chess champion in 1997 and the release of Siri in 2011. While 2011 sounds near, the current era of AI is a very different one with new advancements like ChatGPT and its DALL-E and the two AI chatbots that developed their language, which led to them being permanently shut down.

b. Objectives

The main objective of all delegates is to provide an effective and thorough solution to the problem the committee is faced with.

Important documents to have in mind:

- What is the history of artificial intelligence (AI)?
    - https://www.tableau.com/data-insights/ai/history
- Choosing AI's Impact on the Future of Work
    - https://ssir.org/articles/entry/ai-impact-on-jobs-and-work
- Choosing AI's Impact on the Future of Work

- https://www.nexford.edu/insights/how-will-ai-affect-jobs

3. Topic: The impact of artificial intelligence on employment: Exploring the balance between progress and job substitution

a. Key Concepts

1. **Artificial Intelligence:** The thing causing our argument, artificial intelligence is a computer program that can learn on its own and perform tasks that would normally require human levels of intelligence.
2. **Limitation of the technology:** While the technology could be incredibly beneficial for our society, considering the introduction of certain limitations should be considered and is a recommended topic to explore.
3. **Balance:** While the point of the debate is to discuss AI's impact on people's jobs and think of ways to stop AI from substituting humans, delegates should understand that there should be a balance. While we want to limit the technology, it should still be usable and useful.

b. Introduction to the topic

Artificial intelligence's sudden rise in popularity and complexity has

raised many questions and worries, the question we hope to answer is, will artificial intelligence take our jobs? The committee takes place in the present day and any advancement that has been done up to the day of the committee is considered in the debate. Be mindful of any breakthroughs presented in the days leading up to the committee as they can be used in the debate. Remember to maintain a balance between using AI to increase the progress done in our jobs and stopping it from substituting humans altogether. Innovation is welcome and encouraged, proposing the creation of new technologies is allowed and might even be the solution the committee needs.

c. QARMAS

1. What is your delegation's position if any on the topic? If your delegation does not have one, what do you think your position should be?
2. How will your position be affected by the outcome of the debate?
3. Does my delegation require the help of artificial intelligence or should they abandon it?
4. How would the outcome of the debate not only affect my delegation but the rest of the world as well?

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d. Support material and links

- https://www.tableau.com/data-insights/ai/history
- https://ssir.org/articles/entry/ai-impact-on-jobs-and-work
- https://www.nexford.edu/insights/how-will-ai-affect-jobs
- https://edition.cnn.com/2023/09/05/opinions/artificial-intelligence-jobs-labor-market/index.html