Good morning. Oh behalf of the Secretariat and staff, we are delighted to welcome you to CHAMUN 2016. This year, the CHAMUN theme “Acknowledging the Past Innovating the Future”, urges all delegates here and inspired people worldwide to learn from the past while pushing the limits in order to take action, and ultimately produce change. A famous phrase spoken by George Santayana states that “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it”; at CHAMUN 2016 our goal is to inspire all to recognize the mistakes and accomplishments from the past, and to use these experiences as a way to take initiative to achieve success in the future.

Every single CHAMUN member currently present has worked tirelessly to ensure that your experience over the next two days will be encouraging and beneficial towards your overall development as a global leader and collaborator. CHAMUN is an opportunity for you to apply your knowledge in order to creatively craft resolutions through teamwork in regards to three different global issues, which include Nuclear Energy and Disarmament, Privatization of Water, and Cyber Security and Net Neutrality. Collaboration is key; therefore using the minds of others to formulate solutions to these problems is a critical role for success.

I have been a member of CHAMUN since grade nine, and looking back now I have only begun to realize how quickly time has moved, meaning that there is little time to waste. Yet, through this reflection I have also appreciated how much I have learned, and how this club has motivated me to be an active participator in change. It is my greatest hope that this conference motivates you in the same way CHAMUN has influenced me. There are so many people that I cannot even begin to thank, as they have done so much for me that I can never repay them.

On behalf of all the CHAMUN Staff, Secretariat and Faculty Advisors, I wish you the best experience at this year’s conference.  For the duration of this delegation, the CHAMUN Secretariat and staff welcome you to approach any member of the team with any concerns you may have. Please remember, there is no food or drink or allowed inside the committee. Delegates, this is your moment; rise to the challenge. I officially pronounce CHAMUN 2016 to be in session.