



THE YEMENI CONFERENCE ON UNIFICATION: SANA'A 1989

The year is 1989. George W. Bush has just become the President of the United States. One gallon of gas costs \$1, and a barrel of crude oil sells for \$18.33. And, just a few years ago, oil was discovered near the border of the Yemen Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen. Since then, relations between the former rivals have thawed considerably. Today, there exist many bilateral economic ventures, including the Joint Investment Area and the Yemen Company for Investment in Mineral and Oil Resources. As a result of these ventures, the Yemen Arab Republic and People's Democratic Republic of Yemen have, together, prospered. Politicians and laymen alike have thus wondered, "Could one Yemen be better than two?" And, as the Cold War comes to a close, so too could the age of two Yemens! It is up to you to negotiate oil rights, draft power-sharing agreements, define the character of a new Yemeni state, and, ultimately, determine the future of Yemen. This will be a challenge unlike any other Yemen has faced; patriots, how will you serve your people?

Please Note: Delegates will be drafting a constitution and will compete as single-delegates.

Position Papers are required and must be sent to jsyochai@gmail.com by Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 11:59pm CDT.

BACKGROUND GUIDE

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CHAIR

Jordanna Yochai is a fourth-year in the College, double-majoring in Political Science and Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations. Jordanna is also, for reasons unbeknownst to her, a first-year Master's student in the Center for Middle Eastern Studies. She is from Long Island, though she prefers not to dwell on it and asks that you please do the same. More importantly, Jordanna is remarkably excited to be overseeing ChoMUN's first single-delegate General Assembly. Last year, she was an Under-Secretary-General. Prior to that, Jordanna served as Chair of "The Near East Wing: Ottoman Imperial Harem, 1560" and as an Assistant Chair on "The European Conference on International Organization." In addition to ChoMUN, Jordanna researches multi-state conflict, edits the Chicago Journal of Foreign Policy, and chairs the Ad Hoc at MUNUC, the university's high school Model UN conference. In her free time, Jordanna daydreams about traveling, drinks a terrifying amount of coffee for someone so small, and actively worries about the future of the Middle East. If you want to talk about ChoMUN, the Middle East, Chicago's best coffee shops, etc., feel free to reach out to Jordanna at jsyochai@gmail.com.

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