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What is your past Model UN experience?

Last year I enjoyed the wonderful opportunity of participating in the Harvard MUN Conference on the Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Committee (SOCHUM) representing the delegation of South Africa. I have also gone to the Eagle MUNC 2014 (Boston College's crisis conference), where I represented the delegation of Mexico once more at the SOCHUM committee. Furthermore, this is my second year as the President of Research at my school's MUN club, an honored position which I feel passion for.

What do you think will cause the next major global conflict?

I believe the next major global conflict is likely to take place, or at least begin, in the Middle East. I see this region with certain concern for it has explosive properties, that is its instability should be carefully addressed with precise diplomatic actions in order to avoid a confrontation with catastrophic effects. Despite of their hardly extensive territories, Middle Eastern countries are heavily armed. Sadly, many states there have for long been in conflicts mainly caused by the evident religious and political differences. Although these conflicts have already received a lot of attention on the international scenario, their scales have not been too impressive until now. Yet, it is rational to cogitate the possibility of a major global struggle to take place. The current situation regarding the newly-formed Islamic State can even be used as proof that underestimations have been taking part in world leaders' point-of-view when looking at the Middle East unsteadiness and danger.

What is your favorite utopian future and why?

My favorite utopian future is actually a capitalism ruled mainly by meritocracy and fundamented in equal educational opportunities for all. The idea of social mobility and essentially of a society which attributes a higher value to people's hard work and intellectual respect sounds not only serene, but normatively virtuous. I personally like future's uncertainty - it truly fascinates me -, and I believe it is a lot easier for people to be motivated in their lives if they can see the possibility of improving quality of life as an approachable goal. What is your favorite dystopian future and why?

My favorite dystopian future is one of a society ruled under a totalitarian regime. People would not make choices of any sort by their own free

will and individualism would be a long gone concept. We would not have goals nor dreams, ambitions nor thoughts. In my opinion, instead of living we would be merely existing, and this idea is truly repugnant.

Is it easier to imagine the end of the world or the end of capitalism? Briefly imagine one of them.

In my opinion, it is easier to imagine the end of capitalism. Even though it is not hard to imagine the end of the world, the idea of non-capitalist societies is already the present reality in some nations and therefore it is extremely easy to picture these country's situations in a global scale. When I imagine that scenario, I see a world with extremely scarce resources, incredibly low quality of life, and where poverty in all of its aspects reigns with glory. A good example of what I think about when I see the end of capitalism is the George Orwell's admirable piece of art: his respected book, 1984. Where will you be in 2050?

In 2050, I see myself in charge of a major motion picture company. I will have many published books, and my opinion will be highly respected throughout the whole entertainment business. My works will be admirable examples of extraordinary filmmaking pieces.