Cabinet of the Republic of Liberia

1. What is your past Model UN experience?

I have participated in Model UN for all four years of my high school career. Past conferences that I have attended include: the University of Pittsburgh, Westminster College, Duquesne University, as well as Model European Union at the University of Pittsburgh. Beginning in my sophomore year, I have attended travel conferences at Johns Hopkins University, where I was Germany in the Security Council, and Princeton University, where I was the United States in the Historical Security Council. I have also participated in my own high school’s Model UN training conference for four years, two years of which I was a chair of SOCHUM and the futuristic Security Council.

2. Why are you interested in joining this committee?

I am interested in joining this committee because although I have participated in crisis committees, I have been eager to attend my first conference as a roleplaying character. I am also very intrigued by a topic involving Africa, especially the aspect of civil war that was occurring in Liberia in 2005. After participating in the historical Security Council at PMUNC last year, I feel ready to take on the challenge of a historical crisis committee.

3. Do you have any prior knowledge about the topic? If so, please provide examples.

A base of knowledge about internal conflict during the first Liberian Civil War in 1989 is important to provide context about the situation in 2005. One important factor of the first Civil War was the heavy involvement of the United Nations in attempts to resolve it, including the deployment of peacekeeping troops. Similar measures can be taken when discussing solutions to the second Civil War being discussed in this committee. For me personally, the most interesting aspect of the Liberian conflict in 2005 was the organization: “Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace”, a delegation of Christian and Muslim women who came together to perform a series of nonviolence protests. Being interested in women and gender studies, I think the aspect of women empowerment throughout this crisis is essential to include in this committee.

4. What do you hope to get out of this committee?

As well as additional Model UN experience for future conferences, I am hoping to benefit from enriching discussions about a topic that greatly interests me.

5. What is your favorite word?

Sanguine (adj): optimistic or positive, especially in a bad or difficult situation. Not only is this my favorite word, but I also feel like it is an accurate description of my typical disposition. I strive to provide a sense of light during stressful and challenging situations.