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1. I have been doing Model UN since I was in the 8th grade, being in one GA committee and the rest in crisis committees. I am currently a sophomore at Stuyvesant High School in New York City. I represented Ghana in 8th grade in the International Maritime Organization during the UNA-USA Model UN Conference. As a freshman at Stuyvesant, I attended the conference at Horace Mann in New York in the Sengoku Jidai Crisis Committee. I then attended Brown University Simulated United Nations and participated in the JCC: Pacific Theater that was held, representing a Japanese interior minister. In terms of awards, I have one Outstanding Delegate award from middle school and two Best Delegate awards from Horace Mann and Brown.
2. The main reason I am interested in joining this committee in particular is because I feel like, as a Filipino immigrant, a lot of the problems that confront Liberia are similar to a lot of the ones that the Philippines faces today.
3. In practice committee sessions, we have discussed a lot about common issues that plague third-world countries like child soldiers and corruption. In middle school when I represented Ghana in the International Maritime Organization, Liberia was discussed extensively in relation to its laws of flags of convenience.
4. I hope to leave with a better understanding of how African cabinets approach different problems and with a better understanding of the problems themselves. Obviously, I hope to meet a lot of cool, interesting, new friends as well!
5. My favorite word is “periwinkle”