



**Message from the Governor General
on the Occasion of the
Canadian Online Model United Nations 2020**

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone participating in the Canadian Online Model United Nations!

This year, our lives have been greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Faced with a problem of this magnitude, we quickly realized, first, that the virus knows no borders and, second, that dialogue between nations is the key to turn knowledge into action. To defeat the invisible enemy—and this is true of all issues facing our planet—we must join forces and work together.

By taking part in this conference, you have accepted a responsibility not only to listen and learn, but also to speak and be heard. Today, you will have the opportunity to experience diplomacy and global co-operation while practising the art of debate and problem solving.

The real work begins after the discussions, after you have explored the important issues affecting us. Be sure to stay involved and make things happen! It is up to you to be a leader that enacts change.

Aim high and dare to dream!



Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette
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