

KULMUN 2018

Welcome letter by the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General

Dear MUN-enthusiasts, dear prospective chairpersons, delegates and journalists,

It is our utmost pleasure to welcome you to the 8th edition of KULMUN which will be held from March 6 to 10 2018 in Leuven. We are pleased to introduce to you the theme of this year's conference "**Refocus: Changing the scene of international politics**". KULMUN 2018 will be a conference that gives you the chance to learn about international politics and decision making, but also to question the paths that are often taken in diplomacy and negotiations on an international level. Our aim is to change the focus of international politics, to explore new perspectives and different approaches to long-standing conflicts and issues that are often overseen in today's discussions.

The landscape of international politics has changed in many ways during the last years – we have seen how roles that seemed to be clearly distributed between members of the international society have changed, ground-breaking compromises and commitments have been made but have also been broken, and developments of a quality that many believed certain has overcome unfolded.

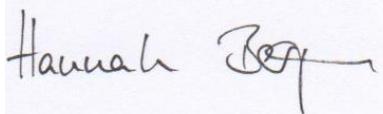
Against this background, we will change the focus and give attention to regions that are being dismissed, conflicts that are forgotten and groups that are often overseen in the discussions of today's international politics. Not only are these regions, conflicts and groups influenced by the developments we see on the news every day, they also have an impact on the bigger stage of international relations. Therefore in the uncertainty that has embraced the international relations at all levels, now more than ever do we have to learn to put our attention on these regions and on these conflicts. As regional stability is always a part of global stability, and as local conflicts and issues always bear the risk of spreading and turning into a broader conflict, it is important to recognise the crucial role these regions, conflicts and groups play.

To not only recognise, but to deal with these issues, there are a number of challenges the delegates of KULMUN 2018 will face. The ability for cooperation and compromise, mutual understanding, appreciation and tactfulness are some of the skills you will train as a participant.

We are dedicated to make this conference a great learning experience for every participant, and appeal to you – take the chance and join us, become a part of KULMUN 2018, get involved, discuss and make an impact!

We are very much looking forward to KULMUN 2018, to refocusing and exploring, to challenging both ourselves and the future participants – you!

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Secretary-General of
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