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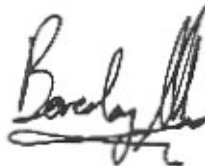
Delegates to the Twenty-fourth Model OAS
General Assembly (MOAS)
for High Schools

Dear delegates:

¡Bienvenidos! My name is Beverley Mbu and I am the President-elect for this year's MOAS. I am a senior at *The Madeira School* and am originally from Nigeria. This is my second year at MOAS, and unfortunately my last, but I hope to have a few wonderful days of fun, learning, and great experiences.

First and foremost, welcome new delegates and welcome back returning delegates! If MOAS 2005 is anything like last year's model, every delegate is in for an excellent experience. I look forward to meeting all the well-prepared delegates and listening to some of the fascinating debates that will surely take place over the course of the weekend. Last year was certainly quite busy, hectic, and exciting, and I hope to see that energy back again this year.

As you all prepare to arrive from your respective states and countries, I urge you to bring a few items in your "backpack." Bring an open heart and open ears to hear debate and learn from the people around you. Bring your ability to compromise and your talent for respecting others. Most importantly, bring your mind and your ideas. Not only will you learn from others, but people will also learn from you. The MOAS offers a challenging yet respectful learning environment, and everyone should feel comfortable speaking from the viewpoint of his or her country. A positive atmosphere makes for a positive experience. I can't wait to see you all there!



Beverley Mbu
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