

# "I have a dream..."

You are participating in the MUN (Model United Nations) and you are representing ACS. You have been asked to speak about a global issue of concern or violation of a fundamental human right. You choose to speak about the .....(the topic you have done your research on)

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## I have a dream..... C. B.

### I HAVE A DREAM

Hello everyone! My name is C.B ..... and I am a seventh grade student at ACS Athens. I am here today thanks to the assistance of the UN to talk about slavery. I am happy to join you here today outside of the Greek Parliament, in something that is going to go down in human history! As a day of a new era, a day without slavery!

I have searched the internet and especially on sites of the UN and governments around the world. These sources are trustworthy and my research revealed that 45 million people are held slaves around the world. Those people have been taken from their homelands and sold to other people like animals. In America there are still slaves. This shows that slavery hasn't stopped even in countries that are supporting the UN and everything it stands for. Even in those civilized countries people don't respect human rights. Nowadays, slaves are taking care of houses without getting paid. Even worse, they are being sold from one owner to the other and are even being forced to reproduce so their kids can be sold as slaves as well.

Were you aware of this situation? Did you know that this brutality and atrocious acts are still happening in our days? And most important of all, do you think this is fair? Don't you want to help? When I found out that slavery still exists, I decided that I was willing to help the UN stop this. And I know some of you might be wondering "why should I care about these people? They won't help me in any way." Well, if you were in this condition, wouldn't you want the government and other people to help you get out of it? Don't we all have the same rights? Freedom and equality are rights that all people deserve. Together, we can give everyone in the world freedom and equality. This goal is achievable.

We need to take action immediately. We can't wait for more people to get in this situation. If we start now, we will have less people to free which means that it will be easier and more feasible for us to end it. As soon as I realised this fact, I understood I should raise awareness to other people who might not be aware of this reality. So the best action is to give your knowledge to others and if we gather a lot of people that are willing to help, then we can solve this problem once and for all.

I believe in our ability to solve this problem. We solved similar issues before; we have decreased poverty from 35% to only 18%. We have helped people all over the world with many serious problems such as starvation and poverty, and we managed to accomplish all those great things thanks to your help and support. Now, I will ask you once again to help the UN, as you did back then.

The way to stop this unfair situation for mankind is first to spread awareness so more people can help. The UN initiative to solve this problem will be way more efficient when more people decide to support it. Therefore, I encourage you all to inform everyone you know and be part of our plan to stop slavery and ensure freedom and equal rights.

I have a dream that one day all people will be free and respected. I imagine a world where everyone is free and able to accomplish their goals in life both personal and professional. I hope that one day all people will have equal opportunities to become whatever they want in life and they won't be born in a place where they won't be able to be educated and respected.

I have a dream that one day no people will be suffering from slavery and captivity. I dream that very soon people will not be sold as slaves and be workers without getting paid. I believe that the payment for a job should be based on the quality of work that someone offers and not based on their skin color or origin.

I have a dream that one day all the people in the world will live in peace. Mankind should stop fighting and become one united force, so together we can have a peaceful future and progress will be assured.

My dream is not achievable without your help. I believe in us! Together, we can do this. With the help of the UN and with your help, I believe that my dream will come true and we will end suffering together. Thank you.

## Y.O. I have a dream speech

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

I am Y.O and even though I am just 12 years old, I know that one of the major problems on earth is pollution that kills animals, makes people sick and only does bad things to the world. To stop it, we will have to persuade the world not to do harm to the environment and keep it clean. In fact, there are 100 million

deaths of marine animals from plastic every year and 543,000 children younger than 5 years old have respiratory disease because of air pollution. If we don't have less pollution by 2030 everything will get even worse.

I live in Athens Greece and I can see plastic on the ground. There are countries with a lot more plastic than others. In fact, according to the website IQair Greece is only the 48th most polluted country. But plastic is not the only cause of pollution; cars, planes and more things that use fuel pollute the environment too. The pollution increased 5.5 percent from 2016 to 2018.

Together as a world we can collaborate and work together towards this goal and we are going to achieve it and earn it, we will feel relieved and most importantly proud of ourselves and we will tell this story of how we saved the world by working together.

**I have a dream that one day the world will not be polluted**

**I have a dream that the seas and the oceans will be full of fish and colorful reefs**

**I have a dream that all animals will continue to exist instead surrendering to death**

**I have a dream that the air will be clean and every living thing will be able to breathe normally and live a happy life!**

## **I have a dream-J.A.**

I have a dream that we can stop Human Trafficking. What If the world suddenly changed. Imagine all people, being able to have access to freedom. People of all races, color and gender. Then, the world we call our world would be full of peace and justice, something that hasn't been settled yet. My name is J. A and ,-I'm a Greek citizen. Today I am talking in front of an audience, here in the MUN, because I believe we can change our world into a non-violent society.

I have a dream that the citizens will listen to what I say here today, and eventually take action. I am here at this very moment to talk about Human Trafficking, an issue that has been unfortunately going on for years. This shouldn't be happening. People are being mistreated, we need to act immediately. Human rights are decreasing, I must let you know that even though its easy to say that we can do something, in reality things are really bad. Based on numerous articles I have read torture is included, women are being raped, some of the cases even lead to murder.

I have a dream that all people should be equally treated. Some of the cases are based on poverty and slavery too. They don't deserve this. We are humans, we should not mistreat our kind.

I'm passionate about this topic because I believe that someone has to speak up for others who are being badly treated. As I said before this is an urgent issue, due to the fact that people are dying.

I have a dream that we can find solutions and take action. Although not much has been done, apparently there are a few goals. The following goals are: to prevent this situation using public awareness, outreach and education, as well as advocacy campaigns, in addition, countries are trying to provide training and technical assistance (police, prosecutors, judges). Here are some of the solutions I suggest taking action on: Citizens should speak up, educate people from their point of view, share their stories, some people may have seen situations like those. Spreading awareness is always important.

I have a dream that we can make the world a better place. We can stop torture and finally we can give mercy to the victims. Lets start from today, a new beginning to spread awareness! When the goal we set today has been achieved, our world will look brighter full of mercy, justice, love, peace and so much more, that can only improve a society's representation. Thank you for your attention.

## **"I have a dream ..." S.O.**

Hello, my name is Sofia Overland, and it is an honor to speak here at the MUN on behalf of the students of the American Community Schools of Athens, Greece.

Just like Martin Luther King Jr, I also have a dream. My dream is real gender equality.

Gender equality has still not been achieved. Women do not have equal rights and are not treated equally. We can not accept that in 2021.

Women's rights have been a struggle for a very long time. Some battles have been won and there has been progress. In many countries women have better protection of their rights through the legislation, but we are still far away from fair and equal treatment.

One of the first times women in the US organized a movement for their rights was in 1848. Still 173 years later women's voices

and representation in society are still clearly inferior to men. Women are often paid less for the same job and are underrepresented in higher political and economic positions. For example a woman can win the world cup in football and still earn less than a man that got third or fourth place in the same tournament. There have been several examples of female athletes over the recent years demanding the same pay and same prize money as their male colleagues.

Women's rights to control their own body is still challenged in many countries. One of the most prominent topics is the right to abortion. Another issue is harassment. Most women have experienced harassment in their lives. Recently this led to the Me Too movement, where a lot more cases have been revealed. The issue is now out in the open, and action must follow words.

Many women fear domestic violence. This happens in all countries all over the world, but in some countries it's more widespread and accepted. Especially in some countries in Asia, the Middle East and North Africa. These places not only have a high rate of violence, there are also other negative issues such as unequal pay, men are favoured by law and the general lack of equality for women.

Afghanistan is one of the worst countries to be a woman in. Many Afghan women are victims of domestic violence. They rarely speak up, because they're afraid that something worse will happen. One story that shows this, happened to Khadija from Afghanistan. For four years she tried to flee from her abusive husband without succeeding. In desperation she poured kerosene from a copper lamp onto herself. She was badly burned and got sent to the hospital where she told her story to one of the doctors. Khadija explained how her husband had mistreated her for a long time. Her husband was sent to jail for only 6 months, during which time Khadija's parents in law did not allow her to see her three-month old son Mohammed. After her husband was released from jail, Khadija went into hiding, not being able to see her son.

The story of Khadija is just one of many sad and unbelievable stories of mistreatment and lack of protection around the world.

It is time to make a stand. This is why I want to launch a campaign in the United Nations. We must raise awareness of domestic violence, and get world leaders to join the fight. Leaders must be held accountable for the situation for women in their countries.

**I have a dream that one day men and women are treated equally and fairly. I have a dream.**

**I have a dream that one day women are not afraid of domestic violence or harassment. I have a dream.**

**I have a dream that one day women do not have to be afraid of walking alone on the street.**

**I have a dream.**

**M.A.**

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## I HAVE A DREAM, E.X.

I am a young girl, I am a sister, a daughter, a granddaughter, a friend. I've come here today, in this meeting having a great purpose, wishing my voice to be heard. So WE'VE come here today to dramatize a shameful condition. I am here today to remind, educate and highlight the discrimination and violence women in third world countries have to fight against every day. I am here to shout for the women who are not allowed to have a voice. Referring to all the women who have forgotten who they are and what they are capable of doing, I am here to tell you! We won't stay silent, not anymore! We are empowered, strong women and we won't let our gender be underestimated. We are all together in this, we won't tolerate a compromise till we get justice for every woman

Today, I am going to talk about the violation of women's rights and what it means to be harassed. I am also going to talk about how women are treated in the countries with the highest rate in gender inequality. Human rights are also women's rights. The Declaration wasn't only about men, it was referring to women as well. Women should have the right to vote, be educated, have freedom of speech, own property and be equally respected. Despite the existence of human rights, till today millions of women still face discrimination based on their gender. Women and girls from all over the world, are still sexually harassed, receive less or no education and healthcare and are paid less than men. I feel like all this situation has gone too far. Now is the time to act and claim and shelter women's rights once and forever! We should not sit back and allow women to be harassed, raped and receive fewer opportunities than males. Till now, for

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**"I have a dream..."**

**Speech by K.F. at the Model United Nations, March 2021**

I am Kallirroï Floraki, I am representing Greece in this event of the model united nations and I am so happy to be here. I am currently standing here in front of this audience today to hopefully make a change by educating everyone about this very important topic. I am going to talk about education for all, specifically about how inaccessible education is in Pakistan. I researched a lot by looking at many different websites and news articles and I am going to share the knowledge I acquired with all of you. This topic is very important because people being educated is necessary for a functioning and innovating society. **I have a dream that one day, all children in Pakistan will receive the same education as every child in Europe. Education is very important for everyone. according to a news article currently, the Pakistani government is failing to educate a huge proportion of the country's girls. This needs to be changed since everyone has the right to education. over 200 million children are out of school yet the Pakistani government is not doing anything about it.**

**I have a dream, that everyone should have the right to education regardless of their gender. This dream is not only about education but gender inequity altogether. For a better and more fair society, gender inequity should be solved. Should this happen, this will be the day when there will be no more discrimination when it comes to education and everyone would go to school regardless of gender.**

**I have a dream that one day gender won't stop someone from going to school, thus far, the Pakistani government is not taking any action against discrimination, although many brave activists like Malala have protested about the issue and spread awareness. This protesting has resulted in many organizations taking donations to make more schools in order for education to be more accessible**

**I have a dream that the Pakistani government would help with this issue. There are some suggestions like protesting, donating money to organizations that are raising money for this cause or spreading awareness should all this happen, education would be more accessible to everyone regardless of gender. Many brilliant children will have a chance to become the future doctors, scientists teachers etc and contribute to their country. This would be a step forward to reaching gender equity. A huge step forward towards a fair world without discrimination and inequalities. The world would be a much better place for all people.**

**Thanks to all of you for listening to my speech.**

## **I.P. I have a dream..**

Hello My name is Ilias Panagiotou and Right now I am in the MUN. Today I am going to talk about how the North Korea Government which is in East Asia, violates all citizens' human rights.

*I am standing in front of you all today because It is a dream of many people to leave North Korea as they suffer in a narrow jail cell, in their own country.*

*The North Korean government violates all citizens' human rights. There is no free speech or free media. People are not allowed to believe in god. They have to work all the time for the government. People who suffer most are women, children and people with disabilities.*

*I have done a lot of online research of North Korea and how they suffer from Covid-19 and the Government people deserve rights. I am passionate about this problem because in 2021, people and especially children should not suffer. Also some links that helped me were <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2020/country-chapters/north-korea>. This link came out very useful and also had a lot of information about North Korea suffering.*

*It is urgent to be solved because people die, nothing has been done so far. I have a dream that people of North Korea will get education and work on whatever they want to.*

**I have a dream that people from North Korea will be free to express their opinion. I have a dream that people from North Korea will be treated with respect.** *If all of the things I said happened, the citizens of North Korea would be happier and free.*

*Thank you for your attention!*

## **R.P, I have a dream....**

*I am a girl that lives in Greece and I am going to talk about how disappointed it was not to let us vote and how proud I am for the women that changed all of this and made us have the right to vote. Today, I am standing in front of this audience because I believe that it was unacceptable that women didn't have the right to vote and I am really glad that this has changed. Some women in the world still don't have the right to vote and it's really unfair. As with many issues related to women's rights, women's suffrage has been a matter of public discussion in Saudi Arabia in recent years, with strongly held views on both sides. It is the last country in the world to retain a gender-specific ban on political suffrage. The topic I am going to talk about is women's rights and how women rights weren't always that acceptable, how Elizabeth Cady Stanton changed that and that people think that we still don't have the same rights that men have and they underestimate us a lot. This is a problem that I am really passionate about. I can't accept women not having equal rights as men and women to be treated wrongly and being treated like something worse than men. Both genders can do equal things and both genders are capable of doing the same things. This problem is really urgent to be solved because everyone is a human and no one should be treated that way. Women rights and men's rights are the same and are both human rights. Both genders should be allowed to have the right and live free from violence. They both need to have a good mental and physical health in order to feel good in their lives. Lastly ,they both need to get educated, to be able to own property, to vote and to earn an equal wage. The woman who fought for us and made us have the right to vote was Elizabeth*

Cady Stanton. There were also two other women that helped and fought for women rights and they were called Susan B. Anthony and Lucretia Mott. I believe that we should be really proud of them *And never forget what they did for us, If all of this happens and rights become more equal, men are going to treat women more equally and they will never say again that we "belong to the kitchen", that we are supposed to clean the house all the time and cook and do only things for others and for men. Both genders should do these things like cook and clean the house and no one should be allowed to say that only women are supposed to do these things, that men should do the actual jobs, because we are all humans and we all can do equal things. So if the things that I explained before happen, it's going to be a big change for our society and it's going to affect our world in a good way.*

## **L.G., I have a dream...**

Hello, my name is Ling, the representative of ACS, Athens. It is my pleasure to be here with everyone. I am here in Hague, MUN and today I am here to talk about slavery, something that most people around the world believe that has already disappeared for a long time, but not the case anymore. I will show you how it still exists today among our society, and how urgently we need to get rid of this "modern" slavery and how it connects to slavery hundreds of years ago.

It all started during the 15th century. Slavery first started between the Spanish and the Portuguese's, by capturing the Native Americans and taking them back to Spain and Portugal to sell and trade. About 1,500,000 men were taken from their land and became slaves. This continued for about a century and ended up with no slaves alive. Due to my research, there is are still a small percentage of people who still own have slaves and are slaves. This percentage might get even bigger when time passes because this problem is has been eventually ignored by everyone. This problem must be solved as soon as possible before it goes back to the way it was centuries ago.

I have a dream that one day, humanity will understand that no man shall be held slave as slaves. I have a dream that one day, slavery will be wiped out of existence. As an expectation for our world, no Man shall be held as a slave, all mankind shall have their freedom. Slaves are something not claimed as a human, but as an animal or worst. Slaves are something people use to work until they die, slaves are still humans but treated worse than animals with no respect, no human rights no nothing. Slaves aren't a type of maid or worker that just do work and get paid.

They don't get paid, the only thing they get is a little bit of food to at least survive. Male slaves get to be taken away from their family, the female slaves usually get raped by their slave owners and the fact this is still happening around us is unacceptable. 40 million people who are held as slaves are suffering from this, we can do this all together, we can change this, by raising awareness so more people can help us. We don't need sympathy, we need actions.

This is urgent and let's speak up to end this disaster before it actually starts. The world will be collapsing, there will be people who are trying to raise their voice so that others can hear when it is too late, there will be people held as slaves suffering for breaking apart with their child and family and getting beat up. Disease will occur once human slavenly trades starts all over again and poverty will be everywhere. People will be suffering for no reason, human rights will be wiped out of everyone's memory and existence, humanity will be lost. If this is really our future, and how the world will look like if this is happening right now, then is time we speak up now.

I would like to read my speech to every single girl in this world that is scared, and thinks that she doesn't have the right to vote or the right to have human rights. I think that this is a very big problem and I would like to help the girls and make them more confident about who they are.

I want to raise awareness about human rights by reading my speech to everyone girl that gets these kinds of problems and help them know that they are worth it. I would also let everyone in the world know that they have human rights and no one can tell them other wise.

**Hi everyone! This is the link of the video of me recording myself reading my speech! - A.S**

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