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Final Report

Dear fellow delegates,

HamMUN 2015 was my first Modeled United Nations Conference ever and it was a lot of fun. I got to be a judge for the International Court of Justice. Together with twelve other judges, I spent the time from the 3rd to the 6th of December listening to the advocates speak up for their side on the issue of the United States of America potentially undertaking military and paramilitary activities in and against Nicaragua and then debating with my fellow judges.

The first day of debate was a tough one because our original chair had a terrible car accident and was not able to make it to the conference. We then got a chair from the Netherlands, who jumped in last minute. On the 3rd of December we spent most of the day, figuring out the rules of the court because neither of our chairs had been in the ICJ before.

However, we managed to work through the struggle together and really bonded as a group. The best night of all was the masquerade ball on the 5th. Our entire committee danced together on the ballroom floor and we had a ton of fun. The next morning we wrote an official judgement for the case of military and paramilitary activities in and against Nicaragua and all the judges signed it, ruling in favor of Nicaragua.

The weekend was very educational and I got to meet a lot of great people from many different countries. I am very thankful for this experience and opportunity.

Best Regards,

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