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## Honored delegates, teachers, and guests of the Model European Parliament,

It is our pleasure to welcome you all to the traditional Danish city of Sønderborg! A city with cobblestone streets where bikers flick by like birds, and where the charming seaport with its beautiful cafes truly embodies the Danish term ‘hygge’. Sønderborg though, is far more than an alluring destination. By looking under the surface we encounter a confronting history; in 1864 just outside of the town of Sønderborg, in Dybbøl, a fatal battle took place between the armies of Prussia and Denmark.  Even though the battlefield now blooms with flowers, and the area does not show any signs of its former horrors, Dybbøl serves as a manifestation of why we truly rely on the international collaboration to ensure peace.

Today the EU addresses issues varying from ‘Security and Defence’ to ‘Culture and Education’, despite the great differences, all committees succeed in serving member states by solving pressing issues, moreover they inspire the rest of the world. MEP serves as a simulation of the official EU procedures, where young bright minds may challenge themselves by collaborating to solve some of the issues which still puzzle the brightest leaders of the EU. That said you will not only obtain knowledge and acquaintance yourself with friends from foreign countries during MEP, you will be capable of helping the EU by addressing issues from a youthful point of view, which the EU and its citizens truly call for.

In the MEP BSR, as a delegate, you will be challenged during the diplomatic committee work, where international collaboration and hard work lead to a topic-resolution, which will be debated during the General Assembly. We are delighted to present the most excellent committee presidents, who will guide you through the procedures in your assigned committee. In short, an outstanding delegate in MEP BSR is not necessarily an expert in the MEP BSR rules, but an outstanding delegate strives to collaborate during the committee work and learn from fellow delegates, as well as committee presidents, with excitement. Be curious, be open-minded and be prepared!

Best of luck,

*Simon Ulvsgaard & Maria Buhl Christensen*

Your Presidents of The General Assembly

 