

# DSAMUN 2018

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*Special Conference  
on  
political corruption*



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**21st DSAMUN**

DEUTSCHE SCHULE ATHEN  
MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

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**ADMINISTRATIVE HANDBOOK**



## **Acknowledgments**

DSAMUN is proud to be a THIMUN (The Hague International Model United Nations) Affiliated Conference.

Being a member to the THIMUN, which is the biggest and most famous Youth Conference in the world, provide us the opportunity to contribute as DSAMUN Conference in promoting awareness of international relations and issues for young people in an open-minded atmosphere in which students can develop and refine their communication skills, where they can gain insights to further their understanding of and learning about, politics in a global and international manner. Therefore, we would like to thank the Board of THIMUN, especially Linda Dubock and Irwin Stein for their permission to use their Instructional Guide and their support.

We would also like to thank our school administration, our colleagues and administrative personnel, students, parents, alumni and sponsors who have made every year this conference possible and a successful one.

We wish you all a pleasant conference.

The Board of DSAMUN Directors

## **Preface**

The 21<sup>st</sup> DSAMUN conference finds the world in rough waters. While wars are tormenting and displacing large populations in various parts of the world, the signs of climate change are increasing exponentially indicating that urgent action will need to be taken to avoid irreversible harm to humanity. At the same time, globalization as a way of addressing worldwide poverty and inequality seems to be losing support even among its formerly most enthusiastic supporters, who seem to find certain forms of protectionism more appealing. The impact of this change could be severe for many countries and, more importantly, for the developing countries. For the latter, the course to prosperity could be interrupted if they are excluded from the major markets.

For these reasons, it is imperative that political leaders take responsibility and work closely together to timely find solutions to humanity's growing problems. However, are politicians able to assume this responsibility or are they so consumed by their own worries and ambitions that the lives of their citizens and, by extension, the world's population come second? A few decades ago, "political corruption" was largely associated with totalitarian regimes in under-developed or developing countries. Today, citizens of democratic countries, including some of the most developed ones, have growing concerns about the integrity of their 'representatives'. They fear that lobbyism poses a great threat to democracy and institutions. They disapprove of media manipulation as a means of securing election and demand more accountability and transparency in public finance. These concerns should not be ignored. A change of course for humanity requires a relationship of trust between citizens and their governments. This can only be built on a foundation of rules. For this reason, this year's Special Conference is dedicated to the issue of political corruption.

Many further topics of equal concern will be dealt with, and students will have the opportunity to engage in debates about them and suggest solutions. As citizens of the world they have the responsibility to take matters in their hands and help to initiate immediate action. Together, they have not only the opportunity to acknowledge the problems but also to share their values and beliefs and work together through dialogue towards a common end: a better world.

MUN Team of the Deutsche Schule Athen

**Secretary  
General's preface**

At the time of the 21st DSAMUN conference delegates are once again tasked with finding solutions to the problems plaguing our world. However, the problems of the modern world are in many ways different from the problems in the past and with an entirely different level of complication. Whereas in the past there were totalitarian leaders, although these exist today too, there is also the problem of corruption within democratic countries. Politicians in many places around the world are in some way abusing the democratic system whether through electoral fraud or media manipulation, essentially turning their “democracies” into totalitarian regimes. This in its turn causes problems such as a loss of faith in the democratic system and therefore apolitical citizens are becoming increasingly common.

Additionally, we live in an era where wars rage, despite the large number of them and new technologies, directly claiming fewer lives than before. However, their impact has remained just as large due to the crises that they cause. Destruction of cultural heritage and a global refugee problem are but few of the problems caused by wars and it is vital that they are combated efficiently before their effects are irreversible.

Of course, there are multiple other problems which do not sound quite as dramatic but are of vital importance for us. A prime example is the protection of the environment, which should be a top priority, since its rate of degradation combined with the exponential growth of the human population will soon leave us with too few resources to sustain the people on Earth and this is something that is already beginning to show its consequences in the LEDCs.

It is our hope that the delegates will cooperate in order to find effective solutions to these problems which now threaten so many aspects of our lives.

Nicolas Stamatopoulos

## President of the GA 's preface

*"H.G. Wells once wrote: "Am I dreaming? Has the world gone mad, or have I?", and now we live indeed in peculiar times. 2018 finds us in the height of medicine, as we experience revolutionary discoveries every year. And yet, male baldness receives higher funding than malaria, a disease that was the cause of almost half a million deaths last year.*

*We have access to such advanced technology, that not only can we send people to space, but we can also see as far back as the big bang itself with the help of telescopes. Even so, we cannot see far enough to realize that our planet's condition deteriorates more year by year.*

*The amount of food production wasted every year boils down to almost 1/3 of the global production, whereas 650 million people suffer from obesity. On the other hand, 12.9 percent of the global population is malnourished.*

*"Though this be madness, yet there is method in it", as Shakespeare wisely wrote, since it is the intricate and often immoral world of politics that hides behind all such matters. Our world is currently plagued by wars, terrorism, natural disasters and international crises, and the worst part is that it rests upon a flimsy structure of inability, lack of insight and corruption in the political foreground.*

*It is impossible to attempt to cooperation on an international level, in order to resolve all of the crucial issues at stake, if the people responsible for making decisions and leading are selfish and corrupt. Furthermore, the mere thought that in addition to all pre-existing problems, history seems about to repeat itself, judging by the rise of populism internationally, is absurd.*

*This is why we deemed it appropriate to tackle the root of the problem in the 21st DSAMUN conference, by making the special conference about political corruption. It is exactly the young, open-minded people, who will be attending our conference, that should be debating such a crucial topic, in addition to a number of other interesting and important topics, in order to "shun the way madness lies", and through fruitful dialogue, cooperation and hard work and to lay a stronger foundation for our world in the future."*

Danae Zolota

## Programme

### *Thursday 18 October*

- 10.00-13.00 Acropolis Museum – guided tour, cost: 5 Euros for advisors - 3 Euros for from non-EU countries, with current identification card to confirm age - free for students from EU countries, with current identification card (optional, **register per email**), meeting point metro station Acropolis at 10.00 o'clock.
- 15.00-18.00 Chair workshop at GSA (**mandatory** for all Student Officers)

### *Friday 19 October*

- 08.00 Buses departure from Hotel President to GSA
- 08.30-09.30 Registration (Foyer)
- 08.30-10.00 Lobbying
- 09.30-10.00 Advisors Meeting (Atrium)
- 09.45-10.30 Seating (Auditorium)
- 10.30-12.00 Official Opening Ceremony
- 12.00-18.00 All committees in session
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch
- 15.00-18.00 Approval Panel in operation
- 15.30-18.00 Lobbying, final Draft of Resolutions
- 18.00 Buses departure to Hotel President from GSA parking site close to "Avenue" shopping mall

### *Saturday 20 October*

- 08.00 Buses departure from Hotel President to GSA
- 08.30-10.00 Lobbying
- 08.30-15.00 Approval Panel in operation
- 10.00-12.30 Committees, SC and ICJ in session
- 12.30-13.15 Lunch
- 13.15-13.30 Group photograph
- 13.30-17.00 Committees, SC and ICJ in session
- 17.00 Buses departure to Hotel President
- 09.00-16.00 Optional for Advisors (**register per email**): Excursion to Chalkida (Castle, grave of the famous Greek writer Giannis Skarimpas, ancient theater in Eretria), lunch included, free

### *Sunday 21 October*

- 08.30 Buses departure from Hotel President to GSA
- 09.00-10.45 Committees in session
- 09.00-15.30 SC, ECOSOC, Special Conference, ICJ and Youth Assembly in session
- 10.45-12.45 General Assembly in session
- 12.00-14.00 Lunch available for SC, ECOSOC, Special Conference, ICJ and Youth Assembly
- 12.45-13.30 Lunch available for GA committees
- 13.30-15.30 General Assembly in session
- 15.30-16.30 Closing Ceremony
- 16.30 Buses departure to Hotel President

## **Agenda**

### ***GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA)***

#### **Disarmament and International Security Committee**

- The disarmament of Eastern Ukraine
- The issue of clearance of biological weapons
- Incorporation of child protection provisions in peace agreements

#### **Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee**

- Proposing strategies against the loss of intangible cultural heritage in the era of globalization
- Eliminating slave trade of immigrants and refugees in Libya
- Prohibiting any form of torture based on discrimination

#### **Special Political and Decolonization Committee**

- The question of South Soudan
- The rising phenomenon of apolitical citizens
- The role of women in conflict prevention and resolution in Africa

#### **Environmental Committee**

- Measures to prevent ocean acidification and melting of polar ice
- Preserving the biodiversity of the Amazon Rainforest
- Tackling the issue of plastic waste

### **SECURITY COUNCIL (SC)**

- The Rohingya crisis
- The situation in Yemen
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### **ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC)**

- Implementing a legal framework for cryptocurrencies
- Improving food security to support the return, reintegration and resettlement of displaced populations
- Supporting public transport systems to improve sustainable urban development
- Resilience building in areas affected by the Caribbean hurricanes

### **SPECIAL CONFERENCE ON POLITICAL CORRUPTION**

- Prevention of electoral fraud
- Media manipulation techniques as an expression of political corruption
- Promoting transparency and accountability in public finance
- Combatting state terrorism

### **YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

- Action paper I on social acceptance of mental illness
- Action paper II on education in undemocratic regimes

### **INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE ( ICJ )**

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## Student Officers

<b>Secretary General</b>	Stamatopoulos, Nikolaos	(Deutche Schule Athen)
<b>Deputy Secretary General</b>	Özaktaş, Ekin Güneş	(Bilkent Laboratory and International School (BLIS))
<b>President of the GA</b>	Zolota, Danae	(Deutche Schule Athen)
<b>Deputy President of the GA</b>	Laios, George	(Deutche Schule Athen)

### General Assembly

#### Disarmament and International Security Committee

<b>Chair</b>	Christoforidou, Sofia	(Deutche Schule Athen)
<b>Co Chair</b>	Papachristou, Konstantinos	(Richard Taunton Sixth Form College)
<b>Co Chair</b>	Paraskevopoulou, Niki	(H.A.E.F. Psychico College)

### General Assembly

#### Social Humanitarian and Cultural Committee

<b>Chair</b>	Michalis, Bill	(Costeas-Geitonas School)
<b>Co Chair</b>	Kassari, Melina	(Deutche Schule Athen)
<b>Co Chair</b>	Adamaki, Stavroula	(Deutche Schule Athen)

### General Assembly

#### Special Political and Decolonization Committee

<b>Chair</b>	Laiou, Alkmini	(Deutche Schule Athen)
<b>Co Chair</b>	Deliporanidou, Maria	(Deutche Schule Thessaloniki)
<b>Co Chair</b>	Konstantinou, Konstantinos	(Deutche Schule Athen)

### General Assembly

#### Environmental Committee

<b>Chair</b>	Mouzaki, Katerina	(Deutche Schule Athen)
<b>Co Chair</b>	Athanassiadis, Nicolaos	(Deutche Schule Athen)
<b>Co Chair</b>	Mavropoulou, Evangelia	(Pierce, American College of Greece)

<b>Security Council (SC)</b>		
<b>President</b>	Dougalis, Asterios	(ACS Athens)
<b>Deputy President</b>	Alexopoulos, Alfred	(H.A.E.F. Psychico College)
<b>Deputy President</b>	Petrovas, Angelos	(Deutsche Schule Athen)

<b>Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)</b>		
<b>President</b>	Papadimitriou, Nicolaos	(Deutsche Schule Athen)
<b>Deputy President</b>	Malta, Roy	(Pierce, American College of Greece)
<b>Deputy President</b>	Ersoy, Emre	(Kabataş Erkek High School)
<b>Deputy President</b>	Sypsis, Evangelia-Maria	(Earl Haig Secondary School)

<b>Special Conference on political corruption</b>		
<b>President</b>	Pierakea, Chrysa	(Deutsche Schule Athen)
<b>Deputy President</b>	Petroglou, Antonis	(Deutsche Schule Athen)
<b>Deputy President</b>	Derveni, Eleni	(Deutsche Schule Athen)
<b>Deputy President</b>	Tsolakis, George	(Deutsche Schule Athen)

<b>Youth Assembly</b>		
<b>Action Paper I on social acceptance of mental illness</b>		
<b>Head</b>	Patsatzi, Faidra	(Deutsche Schule Athen)
<b>Co Head</b>	Giavridis, Philipp	(Deutsche Schule Athen)
<b>Action Paper II on education in undemocratic regimes</b>		
<b>Head</b>	Sarantellis, Michalis	(Deutsche Schule Athen)
<b>Co Head</b>	Dimaraki, Emmeleia	(Arsakeio School)

<b>International Court of Justice</b>		
<b>President</b>	Gavrogou, Thaleia	(Deutsche Schule Athen)
<b>Deputy President</b>	Koulouri, Lydia	(Deutsche Schule Athen)
<b>Registrar</b>	Grigoriou, Dimitrios	(Deutsche Schule Athen)

## International Court of Justice

### Participants

<b>President</b>	Gavrogou, Thaleia	(Deutsche Schule Athen)
<b>Deputy President</b>	Koulouri, Lydia	(Deutsche Schule Athen)
<b>Registrar</b>	Grigoriou, Dimitrios	(Deutsche Schule Athen)
<b>Advocates (Appl.)</b>	Kollia, Maria	(Pierce, American College of Greece)
	Manteli, Pinelopi	(Pierce, American College of Greece)
<b>Advocates (Resp.)</b>	Ioannou Makrynikolas, Giorgos Ermis	(Deutsche Schule Athen)
	Kordas, Ioannis	(Deutsche Schule Athen)

### Judges

1. Zotos, Vassilis (Doukas School)
2. Anagnostopoulou, Efpraxia (Ekpedeftiki Anagennisi)
3. Georgantis, Andrew (A' Arsakeio Tositseio Lykeio Ekalis)
4. Giakoumi, Anna Eleni (Doukas School)
5. Tsakali, Evangelia (HAEF Athens College)
6. Mechtidou, Sophia (Pierce, The American College of Greece)
7. Stamatopoulos, George (Deutsche Schule Athen)
8. Pierakea, Niki (Deutsche Schule Athen)
9. Tsolakidou, Christina (Deutsche Schule Athen)
10. Gerantoni, Katerina (Deutsche Schule Athen)
11. Chronis, Antonis (Deutsche Schule Athen)
12. Smyrilliou, Aikaterini (Deutsche Schule Athen)
13. Angelopoulou, Angeliki (Deutsche Schule Athen)
14. Papadomichelaki, Christina (Deutsche Schule Athen)
15. Ebeid, Layla (Deutsche Evangelische Oberschule)

**International  
Court of Justice  
Programme**

***Friday 19 October***

- 09.00 - 09.45 Brief Meeting
- 09.45 - 10.30 Seating (Aula)
- 10.30 - 12.00 General Assembly: Official Opening Ceremony
- 12.00 - 13.30 Opening Statements, Stipulations & Admission of Applicant Party's Evidence
- 13.30 - 14.30 Lunch
- 14.30 - 17.30 Presentation of the case by the Applicant party- Examination of Witnesses and Deliberation

***Saturday 20 October***

- 08.45 - 09.00 Brief Meeting
- 09.00 - 09.30 Deliberation
- 09.30 - 12.30 Admission of Respondent Party's evidence & Examination of Witnesses and Deliberation
- 12.30 - 13.15 Lunch
- 13.15 - 13.30 Group photograph
- 13.30 - 14.30 Deliberation
- 14.30 - 15.15 Rebuttal
- 15.15 - 16.15 Deliberation
- 16.15 - 17.00 Questions by Judges

***Sunday 21 October***

- 09.00 - 09.45 Questions by Judges
- 09.45 - 11.00 Closing Arguments
- 11.00 - 14.15 Deliberation/Lunch
- 14.15 - 15.00 Writing of the Verdict
- 15.00 - 16.30 Closing Ceremony/Presentation of the Verdict

**Assembly  
Meeting Rooms**

<b>General Assembly</b>	Aula	Ground floor
<b>Special Political and Decolonization Committee</b>	Aula	Ground floor
<b>Disarmament and Security Committee</b>	G204	New building, 2nd floor
<b>Social Humanitarian and Cultural Committee</b>	Aula Grundschule	New building, Ground floor
<b>Environmental Committee</b>	110	1st floor
<b>Security Council</b>	116	1st floor
<b>ECOSOC</b>	117	1st floor
<b>Special Conference</b>	G203	New building, 2nd floor
<b>Youth Assembly (AP I/II)</b>	110 & 113	1st floor
<b>International Court of Justice</b>	115	1st floor
<b>Computer Rooms</b>	Com1 & Com 2	Ground floor
<b>Photocopying (for Delegates)</b>	Library	Ground floor
<b>Photocopying (for Staff)</b>	Main entrance hall	Ground floor
<b>Approval Panel</b>	Computer room 1	Ground floor
<b>Press Room</b>	Computer room 2	Ground floor
<b>Staff Room</b>	Faculty Room	Ground floor
<b>Information Desk</b>	Main entrance hall	Ground floor

## Important Information

### General Rules of Conduct

It is assumed by virtue of the fact that participants are here for a serious programme that they are mature enough to respect others and to provide a framework within which all MUN participants can operate, with each action in good taste and appropriate to the primary purpose of their being here. Failure to follow these simple guidelines may result in schools not being invited to future sessions.

### Dress Code

As a serious simulation, DSAMUN expects personal appearance to be appropriate for a professional setting. Participants should not wear clothing, jewellery, or accessories which are distracting, inappropriate, or which may call attention to themselves – either individually or as a group.

Inappropriate dress includes, but is not limited to:

- Sports shoes & denim clothes
- National costume or military attire

Boys should be dressed in a formal suit, shirt, tie, or similar alternative i.e. blazer or jacket with formal trousers. Girls should be dressed equally formally in suits, smart separates (whether trousers or skirts) or dresses. Low necklines and/or short skirts are not considered appropriate.

Concerning those who take part in **the Social and Humanitarian Committee:**  
**There are no high heels, stilettos or any other shoes allowed that might damage the wooden floor!**

### **PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND LOBBY ON THURSDAY and FRIDAY**

#### **STUDENT OFFICERS: PREPARATORY MEETING ON THURSDAY:**

The student officers will meet for a preparatory meeting where they will get to know the DSAMUN procedures during our conference. This preparatory meeting is mandatory (Library).

#### **BRIEFING**

There will be a briefing for all the student officers before and after the committees' session which will take approximately half an hour (AULA).

#### **PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND LOBBY**

Preparatory meetings and lobby will be held for all committees except SC, and ICJ on **Friday starting at 08:30**. These meetings are mandatory and serve for introductions and explanations of procedures by the various chairs. Attending these meetings will greatly facilitate the lobby process for the remainder of the day as well as ensure a swift start of the sessions the following day. Delegates are expected to be actively involved in the lobby process of their committee until the start of the Opening Ceremony at 10:30.

## **OTHER MEETINGS:**

**EARLY REGISTRATION ON THURSDAY: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 from 16:00 till 18:00 in the Foyer of our school.**

### **ON FRIDAY:**

MUN-Directors meeting 9:30 in the atrium of our school.

### **ON SUNDAY:**

MUN –Directors meeting 9:30 in the atrium of our school.

## **DSAMUN Conference ABC**

### **Administrative Staff**

The function of the Administrative Staff is to ensure the smooth running of the conference. In the debate forums they have to control the flow of delegates in and out, maintain order during the debate. They are responsible for the transmission of notes between delegations and/or the podium and for counting the votes whenever required.

### **Approval Panel**

The Resolution Processing is entirely digitalised. The Approval Panel for all committees will be in the computer room. Delegates must obtain 10 co-submitters for their draft resolution brought to the Registration Desk in the computer room/press room in digital form.

### **Badges**

Take great care of your DSAMUN badge. If you do not have a badge, you will not be allowed into meetings or the General Assembly. A new badge can only be applied for at the Information Desk by a MUN-Director on behalf of the delegate. The delegate must pay a fee of EUR 5.00 at the time of request. Badge changes or new badges that are requested before 10:00 can be picked up after 14:00 from the information desk.

Badges will not be changed when minor spelling mistakes have been made with regards to the name of the delegate.

**Note: The badge is also your lunch ticket. So do not forget or lose the badge, bring it along to the conference and show it to admin staff to get your lunch packet.**

### **Buses and public transportation**

The Bus transport can only be provided for the President Hotel. Groups who have booked another hotel, are kindly requested to either use the transport provided from the President Hotel or to make use of public transport. If you book another hotel but you decide to use the bus transport to our school from the President Hotel, please inform the postmistress about your decision three weeks before the conference, so that we can book the coaches.

## **Computers**

Resolutions have to be taken with you in printed version. Changes can only be done if you bring along your own computer and should be saved on a USB-stick which will be brought to the Registration desk and the Approval panel.

## **Flags**

Every ambassador will get a flag of the country he/she presents.

## **Mobile Phones/Portable Audio Equipment**

Cellular phones must be **switched off in all committees at all times**. Portable audio equipment must also be turned off during all meetings.

## **Notes/Communication within larger forums**

Each note must be written on **official and appropriate delegation stationery**. The name and the section of the receiving delegation must be clearly written on the front of the note. Notes will be screened and thrown away if they contain improper messages. Disciplinary action may be taken by the Administrative Staff or the Student Officers against any delegates abusing the system. There will be no messenger service between committees.

## **Opening Ceremony**

The Opening Ceremony will take place in our assembly hall. There will be seating signs and delegates are kindly requested to the allocated seats.

There will be no admission after the start of the Opening Ceremony. Part of the Opening Ceremony will be speeches of ambassadors of the **embassies** in Athens as well as a speech of our headmistress. We expect the students to be attentive during the ceremony.

## **Photocopying and Secretariat**

The Administrative Staff in the Secretariat provide several important services to the delegates. As many delegates want to use these services at the same time, the Secretariat is usually very busy. Delegates are therefore requested to be patient and cooperative. Approved resolutions will be copied automatically in sufficient numbers for the forums concerned, so that delegates need not concern themselves with this. Other photocopying, such as Country/Delegation stationery and other valid documents, will be done at EUR 0.10 per copy.

## **Smoking Areas**

Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the school premises.

## **Voting Placards**

A placard with the name of the delegation is provided on the basis of ONE per delegate. You need it for voting. Don't forget to bring it with you to all sessions. Lost placards will not be replaced.



## Procedure for processing resolutions

The Procedure for processing resolutions through Approval Panel:

1. Discuss **your draft resolution with other delegates during Lobbying and agree on additions, deletions or mergers.**
2. Obtain a **co-submitter sheet** from your Chair and have it signed by a minimum number of delegates - you need **at least 10 signatures of different countries.**
3. **Type up** the merged resolutions in the **computer room**. You have to register for a computer, register with the computer staff, type the resolutions (only **2 delegates per resolution**), register it again with the computer staff. They will give the resolution a **D-Number**.
4. The **computer staff** will print out **2 copies**, one for your **Chair**, one for **you**.
5. Go to your **Chair** and have it **approved**. Chairs will check the draft resolutions for consistency with the UN Charter and for plagiarism (copying from previous resolutions). If approved, the Chair will sign the draft resolution. He will keep one copy for himself.
6. Go with the signed draft resolution to the **Approval Panel** (next computer room). **Register** with the **computer staff**. One teacher will correct grammar and spelling of the resolution **together with one delegate per resolution**.
7. **Computer staff** will **register** the corrected version and give it an **A-(Approved)**.
8. **Computer staff** will print out **3 copies**: one for you, one for the computer staff, one for photocopying for the committee.
9. Return to your committee, inform your Chair that your resolution has been approved and wait for it to be discussed.
10. **Please observe the following rule:** You may **submit** or **co-submit** only one resolution on any one issue, i.e. you may sign altogether 3 resolutions, but on three different topics.

## General rules

**All delegates should be aware that the rules are intended to facilitate debate and to accord to all members their democratic right to voice an opinion. The Student Officers will apply the rules to this end and will not tolerate the abuse or misuse of the rules for obstructive or restrictive purposes.**

**United Nations Charter** Delegations should, at all times, act in accordance with the articles and principles of the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

**Diplomacy** Each delegate must act according to diplomatic norms, including the duty to:

- respect the decisions of the Chair at all times;
- obtain the floor before speaking;
- stand when speaking;
- yield the floor when the Chair requests it;
- be courteous at all times;
- avoid the use of insulting or abusive language.

**Opening Speeches** Each delegation will have the floor of his/ her committee for one minute, before the committee commences with lobbying. This should be treated as a serious occasion. The delegation's opening speech must be representative of their nation's policy on each of the committee's topics.

**Right of Reply to Opening Speeches** Following the delivery of seven opening speeches, two rights of reply will be entertained by the President. Such replies must refer to one of the preceding opening speeches.

**Parliamentary Procedure** Expect where otherwise adapted or limited by conference by-laws, Robert's Rules of parliamentary procedure are used. In general, the Student Officers will know the proper procedure, how to apply the rules. They are available to give help and information and delegates should not be afraid to ask for clarification or explanation of the rules. This is most easily done by rising to a point of order, a point of information to the Chair or a point of parliamentary enquiry. At most conferences, such points are not allowed to interrupt a speech.

**Powers of the President/ Chair during Formal Debate** The President/ Chair will propose the limitation of debate time for each motion. When debate time has been exhausted, the President/ Chair will propose either the extension of debate time or the closure of debate and subsequent vote on the question being considered (the Previous Question).

Since a high degree of consensus is aimed at, open debate is the norm except on really contentious issues, where the President/ Chair may propose closed debate.

The President/ Chair may, in the interest of debate or in order to work towards consensus, call upon a particular

delegation to speak, even if they have not requested the floor. The President/ Chair may also, for the same purposes, restrict the speaking time of an individual delegate. The limitations of debate time will include the time taken for replies to points of information but will not include the time taken for questions put to the speaker or for other interruptions.

The President/ Chair will announce the guillotine time (the absolute maximum debate time for any resolution) to the assembly.

The President/ Chair may call recesses or adjournments. A two-thirds vote against the Chairs decision is required for such an appeal to be upheld.

<b>Quorum</b>	A majority of the total membership of each forum shall constitute a quorum.
<b>Amendments to the Agenda &amp; to Resolutions</b>	Amendments can only be submitted by a speaker who has the floor. Proposed amendments to the agenda may be submitted in each forum at the start of business. The purpose of proposed amendments to the resolutions is to improve the resolution with the object of achieving a wider consensus. When an amendment is moved to a proposal, the amendment is voted on before the vote is taken on the main motion. If a second amendment (amendment to the amendment) is moved, it will be voted on before the vote is taken on the main amendment. If the adoption of the second amendment necessarily implies the acceptance or rejection of the first amendment, the first amendment is not put to the vote.
<b>Referring a Resolution or Question</b>	A resolution or question may be referred to another Council, Commission or Committee e.g. to the Security Council. The desirability of referral is debatable. It requires a majority vote.
<b>Reconsideration and Tabling</b>	Once a resolution has been formally adopted or rejected by a vote of the assembly concerned, it may only be reconsidered after all business on the agenda has been dealt with, and normally requires a two-thirds majority in favor of reconsideration. Tabling, or laying a resolution on the table temporarily disposes of it. A motion to table a resolution is not debatable and requires only a simple majority in favor. A two-thirds majority is needed to take matters from the table, however.
<b>Yielding the Floor to the other delegations Rising to Points</b>	The floor may be yielded by one delegation to another only once consecutively. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Point of Personal Privilege must refer to the comfort and well being of the delegate. It may not refer to the content of any speech and may only interrupt a speaker if the speech is inaudible.</li> <li>• A Point of Order may relate to procedural matters only.</li> </ul>

- A Point of Information may be directed to the Chair or to the speaker who has the floor if he has indicated that he is willing to yield to points of information. A point of information must be formulated as a question, although a short introductory statement of reference may precede the question. A. Follow-up question or series of questions from the same questioner are usually not in order.
- A Point of Parliamentary Enquiry is a point of information directed to the Chair concerning the rules of procedure.
- A speech may not be interrupted by any point except a point of personal privilege referring to audibility.
- All other points are dealt with only when the speaker yields the floor either to points of information to another delegate, or to the President/ Chair.

### **The Previous Question**

Moving the Previous Question calls for the closure of debate and for a vote to be taken on the motion pending. It may be moved by the President/ Chair or a speaker who has the floor.

### **Voting**

- Only member states of the United Nations may vote. In the event of a close result, the President/ Chair may institute a roll-call vote, in which each member's name is called in turn and its vote recorded.
- After the President/ Chair has announced the start of voting procedures, no interruptions will be allowed except for points of order connected with the actual conduct of the voting.
- Abstentions do not count either for or against the adoption of a motion, i.e. a resolution will pass if the number for exceeds the number against regardless of the number of abstentions.
- Veto Rights: The Security Council will apply the special provisions concerning voting as stated in the UN Charter.

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