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Dedication

The secretariat of the 26th Governor's School Model United Nations Conference extends its sincerest gratitude to:

The conference's chairs, vice chairs, and crisis staffers, for their late hours spent editing and Zooming and constant willingness to incorporate feedback and make GSMUN a more equitable and effective institution;

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Our generous corporate sponsors and community donors for their financial support of the conference and its charitable mission;

The previous GSMUN secretariats that came before us, for building a tradition and foundation of diplomacy, leadership, and collaboration upon which for us to proudly stand;

And our esteemed sponsors, delegates, and guests.

For them—and for you—we are eternally grateful.

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Letter from the Secretary-General

Dear Delegates, Sponsors, and Guests of GSMUN XXVI:

It is my distinct honor to welcome you to the 26th iteration of the Governor's School Model United Nations conference, to be held March 22-23, 2024 at Maggie Walker Governor's School in Richmond, Virginia.

Over the last 26 years, GSMUN has transformed from a humble conference consisting of only 100 delegates from Richmond to a conference of over 500 delegates, who stem from all across the nation. However, from the very beginning, GSMUN has prided itself on creating an unparalleled experience of debate, diplomacy, and engagement for both veteran and novice delegates alike. This year, GSMUN will be composed of 18 committees, diverse in both region and time period, that range from the rise of the Brazilian Empire to the downfall of Standard Oil. In addition to that, we have also brought back the Ad Hoc committee of the Secretary General, where delegates are tasked with devising solutions without any prior information of the committee, topics, or positions.

All 18 of our committee represent this year's theme - *United We Stand*. In a world where polarization has reached an all time high, it's important to remember the original goal of the United Nations: global cooperation. At GSMUN, it is our greatest wish that delegates become more effective and compassionate leaders, who, through collaboration, can be the catalyst for positive change in their communities.

Furthermore, a key feature of our conference every year is our charity. I am happy to announce that GSMUN XXVI's charity will be the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), which is dedicated to fighting leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma through funding cutting-edge cancer research and supporting patients with free information and affordable treatment plans. LLS is a truly brilliant organization whose work and activism has saved millions of lives and has advanced the therapies that are used to treat blood cancer patients today. I sincerely hope that you can help us in our goal of raising \$10,000 for LLS.

GSMUN is an organization that I hold very close to my heart. Participating in this conference and being welcomed into such an incredible community has made me a bolder speaker, a better leader, and a kinder individual. I hope this will be the same for each and everyone of you. On behalf of the Secretariat and all staffers, I sincerely want to thank you all. It is your participation and support that has driven and continues to drive this conference. We hope to see you in March.

Sincerely,

Rohini Mudinur
Secretary-General
GSMUN XXVI

Conference Policies

Awards and Evaluation Rubrics

At its core, GSMUN is an educational and community-oriented institution that prides itself on building confident and compassionate global leaders through strengthening delegates' speaking, writing, and research skills.

We recognize and acknowledge the subjectivity that often accompanies the decisions regarding delegate awards in the Model United Nations community, as well as the role that chair bias and prejudgment can play in such decisions. We want to create a positive and welcoming conference experience for all delegates regardless of personal background or opinion that emphasizes genuine diplomacy, collaboration, and coalition building—values that can often be lost in competitive Model UN committee rooms. To that end, we have developed a rubric system for evaluating both delegate position papers and holistic committee performance. This will provide an objective, score-based means for committee chairs to decide delegate awards with the aim of increasing equity and transparency in our conference's decision-making process.

Delegate Performance

All delegates will be evaluated on both their in-room committee performance and out-of-committee research using a uniform rubric and will be assigned a score across five categories. The rubric will be returned to delegates by the chairs at the conclusion of the conference. The delegate performance rubric evaluates the following criteria, all given their own weighting percentages:

- In-Room Debate (Moderated Caucuses)
- In-Room Debate (Unmoderated Caucuses)
- Resolutions
- Position Paper
- Diplomacy/Collaboration

Position Paper

Position papers are required for any delegate who wishes to be considered for awards. All position papers will be graded by the committee chairs and assigned a score on the designated rubric, which will be returned to delegates by email at the end of the conference. The position paper rubric evaluates the following criteria, all given their own weighting percentages:

- Overview
- Analysis
- Topic Understanding
- Diction
- Grammar/Spelling
- CMS Formatting

Harassment/Discrimination

Harassment or discrimination of any kind based on race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, or disability is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated at GSMUN. Delegates may report incidents of harassment or discrimination to their committee chairs or anonymously to a secretariat phone number contact distributed during the conference. Delegates

found guilty of this offense may be subject to disqualification from committee awards or removal from the conference.

Plagiarism and Prewriting

GSMUN does not tolerate plagiarism of any form. All position papers must follow the honor code policy of Maggie L. Walker Governor's School and may be subject to plagiarism checks by committee chairs in the grading process. If plagiarism is detected in a delegate's position paper, the committee chair will notify the delegate's sponsor and a designated GSMUN secretariat member. Plagiarism will immediately disqualify delegates from individual committee awards.

Furthermore, GSMUN values a collaborative conference experience where all delegates are given equal opportunities to speak and participate. Thus, prewriting of committee resolutions or directives outside of committee sessions is strictly prohibited. Any delegates found guilty of prewriting may be subject to disqualification from awards.

Technology Code of Conduct

All delegates are responsible for efficiently, ethically, and lawfully using computer resources, which include, but are not limited to, host computers, file servers, workstations, stand-alone computers, laptops, software, data projectors, and internal or external communication networks.

Any student who intentionally damages or destroy Maggie L. Walker Governor's School's hardware and/or software, whether directly or indirectly, shall also be responsible for all costs associated with repair and/or replacement.

Fraudulent, harassing, embarrassing, indecent, profane, obscene, intimidating, or any unlawful material shall not be sent by email or any other form of electronic communication or displayed on or stored in Maggie L. Walker Governor's School's computers and networks. Users encountering or receiving such material must immediately report the incident to the Director of Technology for investigation.

Dress Code

The dress code for GSMUN is Western Business Attire (WBA). This includes but is not limited to button-downs, blazers/formal coats, slacks, ties/bow ties, blouses, formal dresses or skirts, and formal shoes.

Keynote Speaker: Katy Bondy



Katy Bondy is the Press Team Lead for the Bureau of International Organizations. She joined the Department of State in 2007. Most recently, she was a Political Officer at the U.S. Mission to the EU where she focused on Ukraine and Russia. In Washington, she served as the Senior UK/Ireland and Senior France desk officer, as well as on the Kosovo desk. She was also the Counselor's Special Assistant for Public Affairs and worked in the Department's Office of Press Relations. Overseas, Katy worked at the U.S. Embassies in Manila, Philippines and Colombo, Sri Lanka, and served shorter stints at the U.S. Embassies in Dhaka, Bangladesh and

Belgrade, Serbia. Before joining the Department of State, she worked at the Wilson Center in Washington, D.C. on the Balkans.

Katy received her BA from Colby College and her MA from The Fletcher School. In her spare time, she enjoys meandering walks, listening to podcasts, and trying new recipes in the kitchen with her husband, who works at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).

Charity Partner: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS)

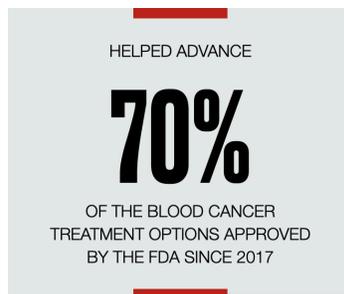
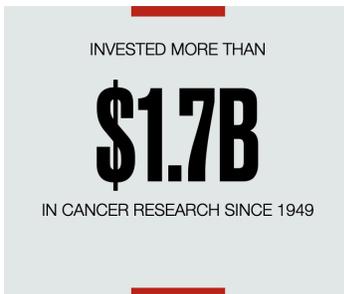
GSMUN is excited to be partnering with LLS this year! We hope that you will support our goal of donating \$10,000+ to this incredible organization.

About LLS

Every 3 minutes, someone in America is diagnosed with blood cancer. Today, over 1.5 million Americans live with leukemia and lymphoma. LLS is dedicated to supporting those living with blood cancers such as these, ensuring they can still lead long and fulfilling lives.

A key goal of LLS is ensuring patient access to the best possible healthcare and supporting patients and their families throughout the treatment process. On top of this support for individual patients, LLS advocates for larger legislative change in order to break down barriers to treatment.

LLS' mission is to eradicate blood cancer. The groundbreaking research they advance is working to make this dream a reality: they're currently funding 200 research grants across the world, and saving lives every day.





Letter from the Director of Charitable Giving

Dear Delegates, Sponsors, and Guests of GSMUN XXVI:

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GSMUN is all about driving change — empowering our delegates to be future leaders who will improve the world, while making an immediate impact in our community through charitable giving. Before this year's committees take delegates around the world and across time, I'd like to draw your attention to a cause that affects us right here and right now. It is my distinct honor as Director of Charitable Giving to officially present the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) as the charity for GSMUN XXVI. Every three minutes, someone in the US is diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma. LLS is dedicated to finding cures to ensure those living with these blood cancers can still lead long and fulfilling lives. Since their inception in 1976, LLS has invested \$1.6 billion in groundbreaking cancer research. Since 2017, they've helped advance 70% of blood cancer treatments approved by the FDA.

A key part of LLS' mission is ensuring patient access to the best possible healthcare, especially in underserved communities. In 2021, they gave \$241 million in grants to over 42,000 patients, bridging the gaps that block patients from receiving the treatment they need. On top of this support for individual patients, LLS has a network of over 500,000 volunteers who advocate for larger legislative change in order to break down barriers to treatment that patients face. This patient-first focus carries over into their extensive education programs and support resources, which guide patients and their families through the treatment process while providing invaluable support networks.

LLS has a special meaning to GSMUN as we support our beloved school director, Dr. Lowerre, in his fight against lymphoma. This year, GSMUN hopes to donate more than \$10,000 to LLS by the end of the conference to support Dr. Lowerre and the 1.5 million other Americans living with leukemia and lymphoma. It's not a goal we can achieve alone. We need your direct support as well as your fundraising efforts to continue the GSMUN tradition of contributing to worthy causes.

We've been working hard to continue our conference's tradition of making impactful donations to our partner charity, and your support from now all the way through the conference weekend will be crucial to our efforts. There are many ways to [learn more about LLS](#), and even more ways to make a difference. At our conference in March, we'll have a representative from LLS speak firsthand about the organization's mission and impact, as well as opportunities for you to give through merch, snack sales, and fundraising incentives. Until then, please head to www.gsmun.net/charity to get involved and donate today.

Thank you all so much for your support,

Sophia Pareti
Director of Charitable Giving
GSMUN XXVI

Secretariat



Rohini Mudinur

Secretary-General

Rohini Mudinur is a senior at Maggie Walker and is absolutely honored to serve as the Secretary-General for the 26 iteration of GSMUN. Previously, she served as a crisis director and chair for GSMUN and attended conferences at William & Mary and Old Dominion. Outside of Model UN, she is the Co-President of National Honor Society and Latin National Honor Society, the Founder for Bonsai Balance Seminars, MLWGS' mental wellness organization, and a member of the We the People team. In her (very limited!) free time, she goes on long runs, sculpts, and obsessively reads Cicero, Dostoevsky, and Fitzgerald. Rohini can't wait to meet all the delegates and make GSMUN XXVI the best one yet!



Devesh Kumar

Director-General

Devesh has been doing model UN since 4th grade, has been a part of GSMUN since 7th grade, and is honored to serve as director-general for this year's GSMUN. Devesh enjoys politics and public speaking through competing at model UN conferences, debating Lincoln-Douglas, and participating in Maggie Walker's We the People team. He also leads the school's programming club as president and engineering club as co-president. He competes in TSA, Quiz Bowl at multiple national tournaments, and robotics up to the international level. Moreover, he enjoys coding and building AIs. In his free time, he enjoys swimming and playing basketball. Devesh can't wait to meet the sponsors and delegates at GSMUN this March!



Aashka Shah

Undersecretary-General for External Communications

Aashka is a senior at Maggie Walker who has been involved with Model UN since seventh grade. She has attended various conferences at the University of Virginia and William & Mary and has been a crisis staffer, co-chair, and secretariat member at GSMUN in the past. She is very excited to serve as the Undersecretary-General for External Communications this year! Outside of Model UN, she loves playing tennis, listening to music, baking, and going on runs. She is also co-president of the Maggie Walker Operation Smile chapter and the Future Medical Professionals Club. She cannot wait to meet all the delegates in March!



Nate Stewart

Undersecretary-General for Logistics

Nate is a senior at Maggie Walker and is excited to serve as your Undersecretary-General for Logistics. He has six years of Model UN experience, including attending several conferences and serving once as a crisis staffer and twice as chair for past GSMUNs. Outside of Model UN, Nate is an avid member of the Maggie Walker Quiz Bowl team, the We the People team, as well as the Economics and Investment club. In his free time, Nate enjoys playing board games with friends and watching baseball. He is excited to help prepare for an extraordinary conference!



Parth Tornekar

Undersecretary-General for Crisis Simulations

Parth is a senior at Maggie Walker, and has been involved in Model UN since seventh grade, and is delighted to serve as your Undersecretary-General for Crisis Simulations for the second year in a row! Parth has been involved in GSMUN as last year's USG for Crisis, a chair, and a crisis staffer. His experience spans six continents, as he has served on 12 international conference secretariats and executive boards, chaired at 6 different conferences, attended 33 conferences as a delegate, and created a Model UN Training Programme. In the little time he has after MUN, Parth is the Chief Operations and Projects Officer for FIRST Robotics Competition Team 422, President of the Photography Club, and is involved with the debate team along with TSA. Parth is also an avid member of the Civil Air Patrol, where he is the Command Chief of his Squadron, and is training to be a Private Pilot. He also enjoys chocolate and teddy bears. Before college, Parth plans on taking a gap year to fight dragons in the forests of Scotland. Parth cannot wait to take GSMUN's Crisis Simulations to even greater heights, and is truly excited for GSMUN XXVI!



Sania Jain

Chargé d'Affaires

Sania is a senior at Maggie Walker and has been involved in Model UN since seventh grade, attending conferences at UVA, William and Mary, and numerous local conferences. She has been involved in GSMUN since her freshman year as a vice chair and then a chair. Outside of Model UN, she spends her free time dancing, playing violin, and participating in many clubs at school. At Maggie Walker, Sania is co-captain of the Bhangra team, COO of FIRST Robotics Team 422, and co-president of the Engineering Club! She cannot wait to meet and work with all the delegates and sponsors next March!



Keira Kinnier

Director of General Assemblies

Keira, a junior at Maggie Walker, is excited to be your Director of General Assemblies this year, for GSMUN XXVI. Keira has participated in Model UN since freshman year, attending conferences at William & Mary and Old Dominion. In previous years, Keira has served as a crisis staffer and chair for GSMUN. Keira also serves as Dance Team Captain at Maggie Walker, is a senior editor for the school newspaper, The Jabberwock, and enjoys finding ways to improve her leadership and service skills, having attended a program with the FBI National Academy. Outside of these activities, Keira also enjoys dance, reading and analyzing literature, wandering around book stores, and listening to music; especially every song ever written by Taylor Swift.



Sonia Chornodolsky

Director of Specialized Agencies

Sonia is a Junior at Maggie Walker and is honored to serve as the Director of Specialized Agencies in the 26th iteration of GSMUN. She has been involved in Model UN since seventh grade and finds purpose and joy through participating in and organizing meaningful debate. Previously, she has served as a crisis staffer and as the co-chair of GSMUN's prestigious Ad-Hoc committee. Sonia also serves as the Executive Director of the AcePrep tutoring organization, co-president of the Young Democrats club, deputy editor of the MLWGS Newspaper, the Jabberwock, and is a member of the School Advisory Council and Deadbeats, one of Maggie Walker's A cappella groups. In her free time, Sonia enjoys running on the cross country and track teams, reading modernist literature, and trying new and exciting foods.



Sriyutha Morishetty

Director of Press and Publications

Sriyutha is a junior at Maggie Walker, and has been involved in Model UN since sixth grade. Having previously served as a vice chair and a chair, she is ecstatic to serve as your Director of Press and Publications. She has attended several university and high school level conferences, notably including ones at the University of Virginia, William & Mary, and Old Dominion University. Outside of GSMUN, Sriyutha is the Secretary of the Economics and Investment Club, an Executive Editor on Maggie Walker's publication, The Jabberwock, and a student officer for RampsRVA. In her free time, she enjoys baking, writing short stories, reading classics, and binging TV shows. She is excited to be a part of this enduring legacy, and she is looking forward to making this GSMUN the best one yet!



Shorya Malani

Director of Technology

Shorya is a senior at Maggie Walker and is honored to serve as Director of Tech. He has been involved with GSMUN since 7th grade and the debate that it fosters. At GSMUN he has previously served as a Chair, Vice-Chair, and as a photographer. Outside of MUN, Shorya is an developer creating Fixate, a productivity app while having dabbled in almost everything to do with technology. At Maggie Walker, he created the CLiCC for coding club, is Director of Programming in Robotics, is President of Chess Club, and participates in debate, TSA, and Math Competitions. Outside of school Shorya is an avid event photographer with a focus in portraits. He is excited to part of this amazing team and can't wait to make this the best GSMUN yet.



Sophia Pareti

Director of Charitable Giving

Sophia, a senior at Maggie Walker, is beyond honored to be serving as Director of Charitable Giving for GSMUN XXVI and can't wait to support this year's charity, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Sophia's Model UN experience spans five years and two continents— alongside crisis staffing and chairing at GSMUN, she founded a Model UN club at her host school and chaired at MUNISS while studying abroad in Germany. When she isn't struggling with Chinese stroke order or German article declensions, Sophia can be found solving the New York Times Crossword, playing the Legend of Zelda, or working with RampsRVA. She can't wait to see all the delegates in March for a great conference!

Conference Sponsors



Mr. Kyle Rogers

Mr. Rogers is the newest faculty member in the Maggie Walker Social Studies Department. Mr. Rogers just completed his Master of Teaching program at VCU, where he also received a bachelor's and master's degree in history. He is a passionate history educator with experience teaching US and world history at Varina High School and Deep Run High School (his alma mater) in Henrico County. Mr. Rogers is excited to assist GSMUN and support its dedicated and impressive members as they develop their research, public speaking, and leadership skills!



Mr. Davide D'Urbino

Mr. D'Urbino is originally from Milano, Italy, but has also lived and studied in Japan and New Zealand. Since 2008, he has been calling Richmond home. At VCU, where he completed bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry, he researched organic polymer synthesis and chemical education extensively. He taught chemistry at Clover Hill High School for five years prior to joining Maggie Walker, where he is now in his second year. He is excited to serve as assistant sponsor for Model UN!

Chairs

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Hoda Vohra and Tanvi Palavalas
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Akshaya Ramasamy and Ritvika Palani
World Summit for Children (Novice)

Imran Aly Rassiwalla
The Emu Wars

Ally Lichtman and Amogh Saunshimath
Andrew Jackson's Cabinet

Anna Kim and Luna Forlano
Nigerian Civil War: Nigerian Government

Isaiah Hathaway and Isaac Hathaway
The Second Industrial Age

Aditya Badhrayan and Maddy
Dunaway Nigerian Civil War : Biafra

Ira Prakash and Deepanshi Kumar
The World Health Organization (WHO)

Winston Crane and Brenden Stremmler
Ad Hoc Committee of the Secretary-General

Conference Schedule and Room Assignments

Friday, March 22, 2024

5:00–6:00 P.M.	Registration	Foyer (second floor)
6:00–6:30 P.M.	Opening Ceremonies	Auditorium
6:30–9:30 P.M.	Committee Session I	
	DISEC	Forum
	SPECPOL	124
	WTO	Student Commons
	PFII	303
	UNODC	136
	World Summit for Children	210
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	Ad Hoc	237
7:30–7:45 P.M.	Sponsor Meeting	Sponsor Lounge (153)

Saturday, March 23, 2024

8:30–9:00 A.M.	Breakfast (provided)	Cafeteria/Commons
9:00–9:30 A.M.	Charity Speaker	Auditorium
9:30–12:00 P.M.	Committee Session II	
12:00–1:00 P.M.	Lunch	Assigned station
1:00–2:00 P.M.	Keynote Speaker: Katy Bondy	Auditorium
2:00–4:00 P.M.	Committee Session III	
4:00–4:30 P.M.	Refreshment Break (snack provided)	Assigned station
4:30–6:00 P.M.	Committee Session IV/Fun MUN	
6:30–7:30 P.M.	Closing Ceremonies	Auditorium

Parliamentary Procedure

Parliamentary procedure, or “Parli Pro,” is a set of rules that keeps order in Model UN committees. While Parli Pro may seem daunting at first, everything becomes much clearer once you are actually in committee. Remember, you can always ask your chair for help!

All of the below rules are derived from modified versions of Robert’s Rules of Order and other Model United Nations Parliamentary Procedures.

Committee

Functions of the Committee Chairperson

A chairperson shall open and close each session, moderate debate, enforce the rules, recognize speakers, put questions to a vote, and announce rulings. All of these actions are subject to the chair’s discretion with the best interests of the committee in mind.

Roll Call

Roll call is the first order of business for any session. It is crucial because a quorum (one-half of the members plus one) is required for a committee to take action on an issue. If a delegation is present, it shall answer either “present” or “present and voting” when the name of its country is called.

- Answering “present” simply means that the delegation is attending the committee session, will vote on all procedural matters, and can vote “yes,” “no,” or “abstain” on resolutions.
- However, a delegate who answers “present and voting” is obligated to vote on all procedural issues and to either vote “yes” or “no” on all resolutions (no abstentions allowed).
- If a delegate arrives after the opening roll call, they must send a note to the dais informing them of their presence and voting status.

Voting Rights

In General Assemblies, each member state shall have only one vote. Abstentions on a matter may only take place when voting on a resolution or an amendment. All delegations must vote on procedural matters.

Debate

Setting the Agenda

To begin debate on setting a topic, a temporary speakers’ list will be created by a delegate’s motion. In the event of a delegate making a motion to set the topic, one speaker in favor and one against will address the committee for 30 seconds each. A simple majority sets the topic, and if the motion fails, the speakers’ list continues until a topic is selected.

Speakers’ List

After a topic is selected, a speakers’ list will be created with a set speaking time by a delegate motion. Speakers may comment on the topic, as well as any resolution or amendment pertaining to the topic.

Once a speakers' list is exhausted of all names, debate on the topic will cease, and the committee will move into voting procedures.

Closing and Re-Opening the Speakers' List

A delegate may make a motion at any time either to close or to re-open the speakers' list. When it is closed, debate continues, but no more nations can be added to the list. The list can be reopened at a later time. To do either action, a simple majority vote is required.

Time Limit

A strict time limit shall be placed on all speakers in order to promote the flow of debate. To change the speaking time, a motion may be made on the floor. One speaker for and one against are required, as well as a simple majority vote.

Yielding

A speaker who is discussing a substantive issue may yield their time to the following: points of information from the body, the Chair, or another delegation, who cannot yield that time to another delegation in the room. A yield must be specified by the speaker, and if time is yielded to the Chair, no comments are allowed. Sitting down without yielding is considered a yield to the chair.

Right of Reply

If a delegate feels a remark made was unjustly injurious to them or their delegation, a right of reply may be granted at the Chair's discretion. In order to request this, the delegate must immediately raise their placard explaining how they were insulted. The Chair's ruling may not be appealed.

Points and Motions

Points in Committee

- **Point of Order:** This is made when a member wishes to draw attention to a possible procedural error by the Chair. The point of order and the Chair's ruling must be immediate.
- **Point of Parliamentary Inquiry:** This is made when a question exists regarding these rules and is used for clarification.
- **Point of Information:** This is a question to a speaker made when the speaker yields to points of information. Once recognized by the Chair, a delegate may ask a concise question; only the answer shall count against the speaker's time limit. If any clarification of the question is needed, it will be made by the Chair, who will ask the questioner.
- **Point of Personal Privilege:** This point may be made if at any time a delegate experiences a personal discomfort that impairs their ability to participate in the proceedings. The Chair will attempt to relieve the cause of discomfort if possible. This is the only point that may interrupt a speaker.

Motions

- **Motion to Open Debate:** If a member wishes to open debate, this motion may be made.
- **Motion to Postpone Debate:** If it becomes necessary to postpone debate on a topic, this motion should be made. To re-open debate, rules regarding the speakers' list will be followed, and the old speakers' list will be used.

- **Motion to Suspend Debate:** This motion can be made at any time at the Chair’s unappealing discretion. It is also used to pause debate at the end of committee sessions. It requires a simple majority to pass.
- **Motion to Close Debate:** If a member wishes to close debate and move into voting procedure, this motion may be made. A two-thirds majority is required.
- **Motion for a Moderated Caucus:** The committee may digress from the speakers’ list with the Chair moderating. The delegate raising the motion must recommend a total time for the caucus as well as a speaker’s time and the subject of debate.
- **Motion for an Unmoderated Caucus:** During debate, this motion may be made at any time. The time limit is set at the discretion of the Chair and will not exceed 30 minutes. The motion will be put to an immediate vote and will require a simple majority to pass. No rules of formal debate will exist at this time, and delegates are free to discuss committee matters with others.
- **Motion for a Round Robin:** Once debate has been opened, some Specialized Agencies and Crisis Simulations start a round robin, which gives every member of the committee time to speak for a time period between 30–90 seconds.

Resolutions and Amendments

Resolutions

All business at the conference is passed in resolution form, which is introduced by one or more members of the committee who wish to sponsor it. For it to be introduced and considered, one-fifth of the members present must place their country’s signatures on the resolution. These signatories do not necessarily have to support the resolution, but they do wish to see it considered. More than one resolution may be signed by a delegation. A resolution is called a “working paper” until it has gone through the above steps and has been formally read to the committee. After the paper has been introduced, it is henceforth referred to as a “draft resolution.” At the discretion of the Chair, a moderated caucus may be given to the sponsors in order to discuss the resolution and answer questions.

Amendments

An amendment changes a working paper, draft resolution, or resolution by adding, striking out, or substituting a word or phrase in an operative clause.

- A friendly amendment is one agreed on by all sponsors and must be submitted to the Chair with the signatures of all sponsors. After being reviewed by the Chair, the amendment becomes part of the original document.
- An unfriendly amendment is one that is not supported by all of the sponsors. Therefore, it requires the signatures of one-fifth of the members present to be considered. Unfriendly amendments are voted on before the draft resolution to which they correspond and in the order in which they were submitted. An unfriendly amendment requires a two-thirds vote to pass.

Withdrawal of Resolution or Amendment

If all sponsors agree on the withdrawal of an amendment or draft resolution, it will be formally removed from debate and all discussion on the former resolution will immediately cease.

Voting

Voting on Procedure

Members present must vote on all procedural matters, meaning no abstentions.

Voting on Resolutions

Resolutions require a simple majority to pass. A member who answers “present and voting” during roll call may not abstain.

Conduct

When voting begins, the chamber will be sealed and silent, and no entry or exit is permitted. All points or motions not pertaining to the vote are out of order.

Resolution Reordering

If multiple draft resolutions exist, they are considered in order of submission. However, a motion for reordering may be made before voting. When it is made, the new order of voting must be stipulated by the member who requests the adjustment. There shall be one speaker for this motion and one against it, and it requires a simple majority to pass.

Dividing the Question

Immediately after debate is closed and before unfriendly amendments are considered, a motion for division may be made. This means that a member wants two or more parts of a draft resolution to be considered separately; these parts shall be specified by the speaker. Two speakers both for and against are required. Once the speakers are finished, a vote on the division shall be made. The motion requires a simple majority to pass. Should it pass, the sections that were divided shall be voted on separately. If there is more than one motion for division, the Chair shall decide their order of consideration.

Parliamentary Procedure for Crisis Simulations

See the standard Parliamentary Procedure guide for general rules.

Crisis Simulations function in a moderated caucus as the default (no vote required) for the purpose of moving debate along quickly. Chairs determine the speakers and speaking time and will not ask for points and motions between speakers. Therefore, delegates must make a point or motion before the Chair calls on the next speaker by raising their placards.

After the Crisis Simulation sets the agenda for the first topic, delegates continuously move between both topics, in accordance with crises. Thus, there is no need to close or postpone debate.

Since resolutions are not used in most Crisis Simulations, the Chair will allow unmoderated caucuses only if absolutely necessary.

Memoranda

A memorandum is a message that is used to communicate with an individual or groups of individuals in a Crisis Simulation and exists in several different forms. Each memorandum should follow the example provided. Although there are no specific clauses for memoranda, the wording of the writing should be diplomatic since other countries' leaders will be reading communiqués and press releases.

Communiqués, directives, and press releases are introduced by the writer after submitting the memorandum to the chair. The chair will ask the writer to give a brief introduction to the memorandum before reading the memorandum to the committee. All memoranda requiring approval by the entire committee can be passed by a simple majority vote.

Information requests are directly sent to the Chair who will forward the message to the appropriate department.

Memorandum	Comments
Communiqués	Sent out to correspond with cabinets of other countries (Example: <i>see below</i>)
Press Releases	Can be used to send condolences to the public after failed missions or inform the public of any news Example: <i>The Pakistani Government would like to offer its condolences to the families impacted by the attack last night in Karachi and inform the public of the undergoing investigation on suspect groups behind the attacks.</i>

- Directives Used to instruct any groups under the jurisdiction of the agency
Example: *Move the troops to the border of Pakistan and be ready for any action in case of emergency.*
- Information Requests Sent to respective departments under the jurisdiction of the agency
("home government") for information on current crises or debate topics
Example: *Has the CIA gathered any new information regarding the mobilization of troops on the Pakistani border?*

Sample Memorandum

Example of a communiqué from Chechnya to the Russian Cabinet:

To: Russian Cabinet
From: Chechnya

Chechnya would like to remind the Russian Cabinet of the demands sent regarding the negotiations. If the demands are not met within an hour, Chechnya will declare its independence from Russia and establish itself as an independent nation.

Resolution Writing Guide

Resolution Introductory Phrases

Preambulatory Phrases

Affirming	Emphasizing	Having examined
Alarmed by	Expecting	Having heard
Approving	Expressing its appreciation for	Having received
Aware of	Expressing its satisfaction of	Having studied
Believing	Fulfilling	Keeping in mind
Bearing in mind	Fully aware of	Noting further
Cognizant of	Fully alarmed by	Noting with regret
Confident	Fully believing	Noting with satisfaction
Declaring	Further deploring	Noting with deep concern
Deeply concerned about	Further recalling	Noting further that
Deeply conscious about	Guided by	Noting with approval
Deeply convinced by	Having adopted	Observing
Deeply disturbed by	Having considered	Realizing
Deeply regretting	Having considered further	
Desiring	Having devoted attention to	

Operative Clauses

Accepts	Emphasizes	Proclaims
Affirms	Encourages	Reaffirms
Approves	Endorses	Recommends
Authorizes	Expresses its appreciation for	Reminds
Calls for	Expresses its hope for	Regrets
Calls upon	Further invites	Resolves
Congratulates	Further proclaims	Solemnly affirms
Confirms	Further reminds	Supports
Considers	Further recommends	Takes note of
Declares accordingly	Further requires	Trusts
Deplores	Further resolves	Urges
Draws attention to	Has resolved	
Designates	Notes	

Sample Resolution

Disarmament and International Security Committee

Sponsors: Afghanistan, Bolivia, China, Guinea-Bissau, Malaysia, Philippines

Signatories: Yugoslavia, Canada, USA, Luxembourg, Peru, South Africa, Zambia, UK, Germany, Italy, Finland, Mexico

Topic: Disarmament

RESOLUTION 1.2: DISARMAMENT AND TRANSPARENCY

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the need for international compliance and trust while moving toward the eventual goal of disarmament,

Recalling the original goal of the UN to promote a healthy global environment through cooperation,

Believing that participation in the Conventional Arms Register, although voluntary, would benefit the global community,

Noting with concern the lack of a diverse population in the current Conventional Arms Register,

1. Defines conventional arms transfer as a movement of conventional arms from Nation “A” to Nation “B” by sale, trade, or barter;
2. Further defines transparency as the act of making known to the global community clear, concise, and easily understandable information concerning arms;
3. Designates a participatory nation as one that yearly submits to a register by April 30th, declaring what conventional arms it may have traded;
4. Calls for the establishment of incentives for participatory nations in the form of non-military technology; and
5. Refers the designation of incentives to:
 - a. Regional bodies,
 - b. The Committee on Sustainable Development, and
 - c. The Committee on Science and Technology.

Directive Writing Guide

There are two types of directives: public/committee directives and private/personal directives. Public/committee directives are used to take action in committee. They are designed for a faster response to an issue, as opposed to resolutions, which are generally longer and take much more time to write. Private directives are an individual approach to solving issues in committee.

Public Directives

Your goal in a public directive is to *positively* impact the committee by presenting a new idea that addresses the issues at hand. This takes form in **specific** and **measurable** actions and what you expect the result of these actions to be. Sponsors and signatories are required for all public directives, and the number of each is determined at the start of each committee session. Make sure each directive has its own focus and that you are not trying to accomplish all issues with one directive.

Sample Public Directive

Operation Shut Down Tasmania

Sponsors: Minister Hart, Princess Ghan Secretary Gant

Signatories: General Than, Lt. Woomer, Madam Meligone, Secretary Hashni, Cap. Vanty, Sgt. Peppere, Dr. Tam, VP Mebre

1. Relocate 1,000 troops and 27 ships to the Bass Strait cutting off the trade routes with Tasmania.
2. Set up camps across the island to house internally displaced persons from the resulting conflict and route all sanitation, medicine, and food aid provision through our offices.
3. Reach out to the British State Department requesting supplies and medical professionals to combat the Tasmanian Rebels before it becomes a major international health crisis and destabilizes the region.
4. Cooperate with the Australian Government to secure a Hospital in Melbourne to provide emergency care for wounded soldiers and displaced persons of the conflict.

Private Directives

Private directives, also referred to as crisis notes, are the medium in which an individual takes actions that impact committee through their portfolio powers. Portfolio powers are certain powers an individual has that allow them to control certain aspects of committee, such as the Secretary of the Navy having full reign of a nation's military or a Professor of Medicine being able to commission a research team to investigate a new virus.

A crisis note should be addressed to someone—a subordinate, a secretary, a friend, etc.—and you are asking the recipient to carry out your ideas. This note, like a public directive, will have specific and measurable actions that you wish to undertake and what you expect from those actions. Make sure you are **explicit** in your wishes. If your writing is vague, then the Crisis Backroom will interpret it in its own way, which may not align with your visions.

Sample Private Directive

Commission of Research

Dear Dr. Richard Greene,

In light of the recent development of the new virus in Tasmania, I immediately commission a team of 17 researchers from the University of Cambridge to investigate this virus and research possible treatments. The goal of this team is to find a preventive measure that can be administered to all inhabitants and soldiers. This will be funded by the British Army's Medical Offices. Make sure that this is kept top secret and provide personal security to all members of the research team.

Kindly,

Hart Edwards
Minister of the Sciences

Parliamentary Procedure (Shortened)

Procedural Motions (No Abstentions)

Motion	Vote to Pass	Comments
Setting the Agenda	Majority	
Postpone Debate	Majority	
Suspend Debate	2/3	
Close Debate	Majority	
Moderated Caucus	Majority	Subject to Chair's approval
Unmoderated Caucus	Majority	Subject to Chair's approval
Recess	Majority	
Closing Speakers' List	Majority	
Time Limit on Speech	Majority	
Division of Resolution	Majority	
Roll Call Vote		Subject to Chair's approval

Points

Point	Comments
Order	Calls attention to a possible procedural error
Parliamentary Inquiry	An inquiry to the Chair regarding the rules
Information	A question for a speaker
Personal Privilege	Personal discomfort

Resolutions and Amendments (Abstentions Allowed)

Rule	Comments
Resolution	Require signatures from 1/5 of the body
Friendly Amendment	Automatically included with signatures from all sponsors
Unfriendly Amendment	Requires signatures from 1/5 of the body and a 2/3 vote to pass

Comments and Yields

Rule	Comments
Chair	No comments/questions allowed
Points of Information	Yields to questions from the other delegates
Another Delegate	The other delegate may not re-yield the time



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