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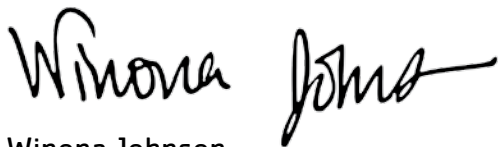
Welcome delegates!

This is the session book for the 31st Model United Nations. It is my hope that you find the information included to be quite useful. As you are introduced to the conference, whether you are a student, volunteer, staff, or visitor, I hope that you keep a few thoughts in the back of your head. The YMCA has built up the Youth in Government programs on four core values - respect, responsibility, honesty, and caring. It is important to remember these as you make your way through the conference.

Model United Nations strives to make sure that everyone's voice is heard equally, which is something rather unique when politics are at play. I hope that you walk into our scheduled work time ready to take on this task. But don't forget, this also extends to social events and evening activities. By joining us here, you have told us that you are ready to be a role model. I hope you wear that title with pride, and that you extend the lessons that you learn here into your daily life after we part ways.

I am so very excited to get to know all of you while we are here. You fill me with hope and pride, and I can't wait to see all of your potential shine through with us. Just remember, if for whatever reason you feel that there is something holding you back from being your own best delegate, we are here to help. It is our collective goal to see that we all succeed and feel like we have had our voices heard.

With that said, welcome again to the 2017 Model United Nations!



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– Andy Ma



“YIG gave me lifelong friends and allowed me to develop my passion.”

– Taylor Hvidsten

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ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

The Many Dimensions of Diversity

YIG is made up of people from all walks of life who are joined together by a shared commitment—making sure that everyone has the chance to learn, grow and thrive.

While we are together at Model UN, it is important to keep the concepts of diversity and inclusion in the front of our minds—we are all unique and deserve to have our voices heard and our ideas listened to.

BEHAVIORS FOR AN INCLUSIVE YIG

- Listen, listen, listen and **embrace** the viewpoints of others
- Give **positive energy** — pay attention to thoughts, ideas and feelings of others
- **Speak up** when others are made to feel excluded or if you feel marginalized
- Ask **questions** about new people or ideas — learn instead of just stating opinions

YIG-DIG: YIG DIVERSITY, INCLUSION & GLOBAL

To help everyone think, act and communicate in ways that serve all, we focus on “DIG” efforts throughout Youth in Government programs.

Diversity Differences that make each person unique

Inclusion Engagement of all YIG participants

Global Helping people go into the world and put these principles into practice

ROLE-PLAYING AT MODEL YIG

Representing your country well is very important — but don't take it TOO seriously.

We discuss big issues here, with a spirit of curiosity. The goal is to seek learning and understanding, rather than to make judgements or to offer opinions about the views or backgrounds of others.



2017 Youth in Government Summer Programs

We hope you will consider applying to participate in one of the outstanding summer opportunities through Minnesota YMCA Youth in Government. These are the signature experiences of YIG – they can help you prepare for future program participation at a higher level or be a “capstone” experience. In either case, these are trips not to be equaled!



YOUTH CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS (CONA)

This conference is an assembly of more than 600 YIG participants from around the country who develop and debate solutions to problems of national and international importance.

25 delegates will be selected to represent Minnesota programs at this premiere leadership conference by an impartial committee of program alumni. If selected, you will be expected to attend 2-3 delegation meetings and a weekend retreat leading up to the group’s departure.

On Friday, June 30, 2017, the Minnesota Delegation, with adult chaperones, will travel by motor coach to Black Mountain, North Carolina. After the conference adjourns, the group will proceed to Washington, DC for a variety of fun and educational experiences, while exploring the country and expanding their cultural horizons. The Delegation will return to Minnesota on Wednesday, July 12, 2017. The total cost for the 13-day trip is \$1,595 and covers transportation, conference fees, conference room & board, hotels, one group meal and all group side trip tours.

- Note – the 2017 trip is one day longer than usual, due to the 50th Anniversary Celebration for the conference.

YMCA NATIONAL JUDICIAL COMPETITION (NJC)

NJC calls students test their speaking and rhetoric skills as they compete in Mock Trials or in Appellate Court hearings (similar to the US Supreme Court). Delegates work in groups to prepare speeches and arguments as they face competition from among nearly 300 YIG participants.

15 delegates will be selected to represent Minnesota programs in this judicial setting by the group of adult advisors leading this year’s trip. If selected, you will be expected to attend 2-3 delegation meetings and an extended “cram session” leading up to the group’s departure.

On Monday, July 31, 2017, the Minnesota Delegation, with adult chaperones, will travel to Chicago, IL. Our group will have a short “pre-trip”, including a full day to tour Chicago attractions and complete some final preparation before the conference begins – the group will return directly home after the conference concludes. The Delegation will return to Minnesota on Friday, August 4, 2017. The total cost for the 5-day trip is \$925 and covers transportation, conference fees, conference hotel, one group meal and all group side trip tours.

Eligibility and application instructions are included on the following page. Applications will be accepted in two phases:

- The first deadline is Monday, February 1, 2017
- 15 of 25 National Affairs slots and 10 of 15 NJC slots will be awarded
- The second deadline is Monday, April 11, 2017
- The remaining 10 National Affairs slots and the remaining 5 NJC slots will be awarded

Applicants from the first deadline not designated as “delegates” will automatically have their materials considered in the second deadline, unless they notify the State Office that they want to withdraw or that they wish to revise and resubmit.

Good luck as you pursue one (or both) of these honors.

Orville Lindquist
State Program Executive

Sam Alley
State Program Director

Joe Fifield
State Program Director

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for one or both of the YIG Summer Programs, carefully follow the application procedure on the following pages. Incomplete applications cannot be properly evaluated and may be disqualified.

PLEASE BE SURE TO READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND FOLLOW THEM COMPLETELY!

- Delegates in grades 10, 11 or 12 are eligible
- Sign the application and have a parent or guardian sign as well
- Include a \$350.00 deposit, (via check or credit card number). Payment will be processed at application but will be refunded or credited to your account later on if not selected as a delegate or alternate
- Put the page number (1/7, 2/7, etc.) on the upper right corner of each page
- Attach all sheets with a paperclip. Please do not use staples in your application packet
- DO NOT put your name on any of the pages (except for the Vital Data Form)
- Mail, Deliver or Scan the completed packet to the YIG State Office by the deadline
- Digital versions of the registration materials will be accepted but must be in Word or PDF – no Google Docs

CANDIDATE RESUME (if applying for both experiences, only complete the Resume once)

For National Affairs and NJC Applications

Please address the following items, with a maximum of four (4) typed 8 1/2" x 11" pages

1. Outline (in list or bullet points) your participation in YIG Activities. Include relevant experience or program area participation that qualifies you for debate-oriented or judicial-oriented experiences.
2. Outline (in list or bullet points) your school activities and community involvement. Describe your favorite activity (other than YIG, of course) and what makes that experience special.
3. How do you hope to grow during your summer experience and how will you plan to use that growth to impact Minnesota YIG (if you will be a returning delegate) or to impact your college/university/workplace (if you are a graduating Senior)?
4. Special notes and circumstances you wish to share.

CANDIDATE ESSAY (if applying for both experiences, complete a separate Essay for each)

For National Affairs Applications only – limited to 2 typed, double-spaced pages

In essay form describe a national or international issue you feel is of particular importance today and offer your best idea for a solution this issue:

- State the overview of the issue in no more than two sentences
- Provide brief background/history of the issue
- Why is this issue significant **AT THIS MOMENT**
- What **SPECIFIC** solution do you offer in regard to this issue
- What new approach or outcome does your idea bring forward

For NJC Applications only – limited to 2 typed, double-spaced pages

In essay form describe an issue that you believe threatens or weakens the future of the judicial process or the rule of law. The scope may be local, state or federal:

- State the overview of the issue in no more than two sentences
- Provide brief background/history of the issue
- Why is this issue significant **AT THIS MOMENT**
- What **SPECIFIC** solution do you offer in regard to this issue
- What new approach or outcome does your idea bring forward

2017 Youth in Government Summer Programs Minnesota Delegation

CANDIDATE APPLICATION – VITAL DATA FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age as of Conference Date _____

Delegation _____ E-mail: _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Student Cell Phone (_____) _____

PARTICIPANT RACE/ETHNIC BACKGROUND

 African American/Black American Indian Asian/Pacific Islander

 Hispanic/Latino Other/Multi-Ethnic White

I am applying to participate in (check all that apply)

_____ YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs

This is my _____ year attending

_____ YMCA National Judicial Competition

This is my _____ year attending

High School: _____ Grade (as of May 1): _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____ Cell Phone _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____ Cell Phone _____

Parent Emergency Contact Email _____

Once a student is accepted as a delegate, it is understood that the student is making a firm commitment to the trip, unless otherwise discussed with the YIG State Office. Trip rosters are final by May 15 – no cancellations will be permitted after this date. Alternates may be asked to step in any time there is an opening on the trip roster. The YIG State Office will work with communicate schedules, openings and processes with Alternates as events occur.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

OPTION 1 – EFT AUTHORIZATION (choose one):

 Full Fee: Charge entire State Fee for the trip. Full payment will be charged upon registration into the Y system.

 Installment Plan: Charge \$350 deposit now, remaining balance split in 3 payments, charged on the first Tuesday of May, June and July.

PER PCI COMPLIANCE, CREDIT CARDS ARE NOT STORED IN THE SYSTEM. NUMBERS ARE NOT ON FILE.

Name on Card _____ Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

I agree to pay total amount according to card issuer agreement X _____

OPTION 2 – DIRECT PAYMENT (choose one):

 Cash (not recommended due to security issues) Amount \$ _____

 Check Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

If paying installments, \$350 deposit now, remaining balance split in 3 payments – due May 1, June 1 and July 1. Other payment plans are available, if needed. Please call the YIG State Office for more information.

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

STUDENT AGREEMENT

As a participant in Minnesota YMCA Youth in Government, I realize that such a privilege involves certain responsibilities. I have read and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct, understanding that all rules and regulations exist for the good of the program. I further understand that if my conduct does not meet these standards, I relinquish the right to all program opportunities and I may be returned home immediately, at my own or parents' expense without refund of fees or other amounts paid. I acknowledge that my participation in Minnesota YMCA Youth in Government programs indicates personal acceptance of the Code of Conduct and all program rules. I have read this registration agreement; have read the Code of Conduct and agree to the terms in each document.

PARENT AGREEMENT

I hereby authorize my child to participate in all activities of Minnesota YMCA Youth in Government and all side trips. I understand that my child will participate in various meetings and program events; will travel to the meeting facilities and other sites as designated; and reside in a designated hotel/conference center under the supervision of the Youth in Government State Office.

I understand that some of my child's biographical data may be included in a participant directory for distribution to other delegates, adult advisors, program sponsors and others. I understand that all photos, images and recordings (audio, visual and others) are property of the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities; that they can be used hereafter without further permission, which may include use for promotional purposes, marketing materials and YMCA websites. I have read this registration agreement; have read the Code of Conduct and agree to the terms in each document.

In consideration of participating in Youth in Government activities and for other goods and valuable consideration, I hereby agree to release and discharge from liability arising from negligence, the local Delegation, the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities and their owners, directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, participants and all other persons or entities acting for them (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Releasees", on behalf of myself and my children, parents, heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate and also agree as follows:

- (1) I acknowledge that participating in these activities involves known and unanticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis or permanent disability, death and property damage. Risks include but are not limited to broken bones, torn ligaments or other injuries as a result of falls or contact with other participants; medical conditions resulting from physical activity; and damaged clothing or other property. I understand such risks simply cannot be eliminated, despite the use of safety equipment, without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.
- (2) I expressly accept and assume all of the risks inherent in these activities or that might have been caused by the negligence of the Releasees. My child's participation in these activities is purely voluntary and we elect to participate despite the risks. In addition, if at any time I believe that even conditions are unsafe or that my child is unable to participate due to physical or mental conditions, then I will immediately discontinue participation.
- (3) I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any and all claims, demands or causes of action which are in any way connected with my child's participation in these activities or our use of their equipment or facilities, arising from negligence. This release does not apply to claims arising from intentional conduct or conduct that constitutes greater than ordinary negligence. Should Releasees or anyone acting on their behalf be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.
- (4) I represent that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I or my child may suffer or cause while participating in this activity or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further represent that my child has no medical or physical conditions which could interfere with his/her safety in these activities or else I am willing to assume – and bear the costs of – all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition.
- (5) In the event that I file a lawsuit, I agree to do so in the state where the Releasee's facility is located and I further agree that the substantive law of that state shall apply.
- (6) I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

In the event that my child needs immediate medical attention, I authorize YMCA staff to give my child reasonable first aid and to arrange for transport to a health care facility for emergency services as needed. I agree to the release of any records necessary for treatment, referral, billing or insurance purposes. The YMCA receives medical information on participations that may need to be shared with medical providers.

I give permission for my child to be transported by the YMCA as needed for field trips, inclement weather or late pick up. I also give my permission to participate in walking field trips. I hereby acknowledge that the YMCA will assume that either parent of the child may pick up the child at any time during the program unless there is pertinent court documentation on file at the YMCA that indicates otherwise.

If my child requires use and administration of an epi-pen, prescription or over-the-counter medication, it is my responsibility to ensure that the epi-pen or medication are on my child or within his/her personal belongings every day of the program. If YMCA staff is required to administer and use the epi-pen and/or medication, I agree to forever release and discharge the YMCA and its directors, officers and employees from any and all liability arising out of or resulting from use or administration of the epi-pen and/or medication.

By agreeing to this document, I agree that if my child is hurt or has property that is damaged during participation in these activities, then I or my child may be found by a court of law to have waived or right to maintain a lawsuit against the parties being released on the basis of any claim for negligence. In consideration of my child being permitted to participate in these activities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any claims alleging negligence which are brought by or on behalf of my child or are in any way connected with such participation by my child.

I have had sufficient time to read this entire document and, should I choose to do so, consult with legal counsel prior to agreeing. Also, I understand that these activities might not be made available or that the cost to engage in these activities would be significantly greater if the YMCA did not utilize waivers as a method to lower insurance and administration costs. I acknowledge that certain sections of this waiver may not apply to me or my child but agree to be bound by any applicable language. I have read and understood this document and the Code of Conduct and agree to be bound by their terms.

I understand that the deposit is not refundable if my student is selected – that the commitment to participate is final on May 15 – and that no fees or other amounts paid will be refunded if my child is sent home for disciplinary reasons.

We attest that all the facts contained in this application packet are true and that the student has permission to participate and travel to the conference and side trips.

Signature of Candidate

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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MODEL ASSEMBLY AWARDS

MODEL UN SERVANT LEADER AWARD

This award, developed by youth leaders, recognizes the notion that servant leadership is a staple of the value system that Youth in Government strives to instill in all delegates – the desire to serve others and stand for ideas larger than themselves. It recognizes those who lead selflessly and act bravely. It is meant to showcase student leaders who are found outside the bounds of elected office, who embody the spirit of selfless giving.

PAST MODEL UNITED NATIONS SERVANT LEADER AWARD RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

2016	Sabrina Ali	Higher Ground
	Kyle Hooten	Rochester Century

HANSON-ORLICH AWARD

The Hanson-Orlich Award is the highest (and only) honor given to an adult serving the Youth in Government Model United Nations and is named for Bill & Joyce Hanson and Margaret Orlich, who created this conference as the first high school Model United Nations in 1964.

Together, they conducted or were involved with the "Duluth YMCA Model United Nations from 1964 until the early 1980's.

This award is given in their honor to recognize individuals and organizations that have gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve the youth of the Midwest and the Minnesota YMCA Model United Nations program.

PREVIOUS HANSON-ORLICH AWARD HONOREES INCLUDE:

1995 – Duluth YMCA	2006 – Jen Sayler
1996 – Gerald Allen	2007 – Rhonda Fox
1997 – Harold Stassen	2008 – Kurt New
1998 – Evelyn Hoopes Teegen	2010 – Jeren Anderson
1999 – Ron Hinnenkamp	2011 – Joyce DeGeorgeo
2000 – Arlen Erdahl	2012 – Holly Pottebaum
2001 – Geri Moti	2013 – Laura Nelson
2002 – Bill Lehmkuhl	2014 – Courtney Humm
2003 – Lou Powers	2015 – Becky Lewis
2004 – Kerry Pioske	2016 – Maddie Lund
2005 – Victor Robinson	

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

	Mondale GA	ECOSOC	Security Council	Historic Security Council	ICJ
10:00 AM	Hotel Registration - Check in as rooms are available - Store luggage on 6th Floor				
11:00 AM	All advisors register at Advisor Zone				
12:00 N	Opening Ceremonies				
1:00 PM	Model United Nations Overview by Caucus Group				
2:00 PM	Convene in Committees	Organ Meeting	Organ Meeting	Organ Meeting	Organ Meeting
3:00 PM					
4:00 PM					
5:00 PM					
6:00 PM	Dinner (on your own) Use Skyways for Dinner - Please Return by 7:00 PM				
7:00 PM	Delegation Meetings - In Assigned Spaces				
8:00 PM	EVENING ACTIVITIES BEGIN (Casual Dress) Carnival Film Festival Craft Room Craft Room, Games & Quiet Space				
9:00 PM	Fantastic YIG Talent Show Film Festival Craft Room Craft Room, Games & Quiet Space				
10:00 PM	Delegation Meetings and Reflections Each delegation conducts their own meeting in their assigned space				
11:00 PM	11:30 PM - All students in their rooms and quiet!				

Conference Resource Center open 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

Media & CRC	Human Rights Council	Anderson GA	Junior ECOSOC	Advisors	
Hotel Registration - Check in as rooms are available - Store luggage on 6th Floor					10:00 AM
All advisors register at Advisor Zone					11:00 AM
Opening Ceremonies					12:00 N
Model United Nations Overview by Caucus Group					1:00 PM
Program Area Meetings	Organ Meeting	Convene in Committees	Organ Meeting	All Adult Advisors Meeting	2:00 PM
				Program Team On Duty	3:00 PM
				Logistics Team On Duty	4:00 PM
Dinner (on your own) Use Skyways for Dinner - Please Return by 7:00 PM					5:00 PM
Delegation Meetings - In Assigned Spaces					6:00 PM
Delegation Meetings - In Assigned Spaces					7:00 PM
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Floor Duty					

Conference Resource Center open 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

	Mondale GA	ECOSOC	Security Council	Historic Security Council	ICJ
7:00 AM	Wake up - Breakfast (on your own)				
8:00 AM	World Briefing				
9:00 AM	Convene in Committees	Organ Meeting	Organ Meeting	Organ Meeting	Organ Meeting
10:00 AM	Convene in GA Chamber				
11:00 AM					
12:00 N	Lunch (on your own) Use Skyways for Lunch - Please Return by 1:30 PM				
1:00 PM	World Briefing - Mondale GA Chamber				
2:00 PM	Program Area Candidates	Program Area Candidates	Program Area Candidates	Program Area Candidates	Program Area Candidates
3:00 PM	Convene in Committees	Organ Meeting	Organ Meeting	Organ Meeting	Organ Meeting
4:00 PM					
5:00 PM					
6:00 PM	SECRETARY GENERAL'S BANQUET - Code of Conduct Dress is Required				
7:00 PM	Please be seated by 6:15				
8:00 PM	Delegations will have assigned seating - See your Delegation Director for location				
9:00 PM	9:00 PM Senior Sendoff - St. Croix I				
10:00 PM	10:00 PM Summer Program Info Session - Birch Lake				
	EVENING ACTIVITIES BEGIN - Casual Dress				
	Diplomat's Dance	YIG Fest	Film Festival	Craft Room	
	Craft Room, Games & Quiet Space				
11:00 PM	Delegation Meetings and Reflections				
	Each delegation conducts their own meeting in their assigned space				
12:00 AM	12:00 AM - All students in their rooms and quiet!				

Conference Resource Center open 7:30 AM-6:00 PM and 8:30-9:30 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

Media & CRC	Human Rights Council	Anderson GA	Junior ECOSOC	Advisors	
Wake up - Breakfast (on your own)					7:00 AM
Use Skyways for Lunch - Please Return by 1:30 PM					8:00 AM
World Briefing		World Briefing		World Briefing	9:00 AM
Program Area Meetings	Organ Meeting	Convene in Committees	Organ Meeting	Program Team On Duty	10:00 AM
		Convene in GA Chamber			11:00 AM
Lunch (on your own) Use Skyways for Lunch - Please Return by 1:30 PM					12:00 N
World Briefing - Mondale GA		World Briefing - Anderson GA		Logistics Team On Duty	1:00 PM
Program Area Candidates	Program Area Candidates	Program Area Candidates	Program Area Candidates	Program Team On Duty	2:00 PM
Program Area Meetings	Organ Meeting	Convene in Committees	Organ Meeting		3:00 PM
					4:00 PM
SECRETARY GENERAL'S BANQUET - Code of Conduct Dress is Required Please be seated by 6:15 Delegations will have assigned seating - See your Delegation Director for location					5:00 PM
9:00 PM Senior Sendoff - St. Croix I 10:00 PM Summer Program Info Session - Birch Lake EVENING ACTIVITIES BEGIN - Casual Dress Diplomat's Dance YIG Fest Film Festival Craft Room Craft Room, Games & Quiet Space					6:00 PM
Delegation Meetings and Reflections Each delegation conducts their own meeting in their assigned space				DDR Meeting	7:00 PM
12:00 AM - All students in their rooms and quiet!				All Supervise Evening	8:00 PM
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12:00 AM - All students in their rooms and quiet!					11:00 PM
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Floor Duty					

Conference Resource Center open 7:30 AM-6:00 PM and 8:30-9:30 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

	Mondale GA	ECOSOC	Security Council	Historic Security Council	ICJ
7:00 AM	Wake up - Breakfast (on your own)				
8:00 AM	All rooms must be cleaned and checked out; all luggage stored before World Briefing Luggage may be stored in designated luggage storage area on the 6th Floor				
9:00 AM	World Briefing				
10:00 AM	Convene in GA Chamber	Organ Meeting	Organ Meeting	Organ Meeting	Organ Meeting
11:00 AM					
12:00 N	Lunch (on your own) Use Skyways for Lunch - Please Return by 1:00 PM				
1:00 PM	Convene in GA Chamber	Organ Meeting	Organ Meeting	Organ Meeting	Organ Meeting
2:00 PM					
3:00 PM	All Conference Closing Ceremonies				
4:00 PM	Model United Nations Session Adjourns Delegations Depart - Delegations should make plans prior to Closing Ceremonies for meeting location and schedule for bus pick-up and departure				

Conference Resource Center open 8:00 AM-2:30 PM

Election Polls open for two hours in AM, determined by CRC Director

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2017 ROOM SCHEDULE

YIG State Office & Hotel Directors.....	Coat Check.....	4th Floor
Conference Resource Center.....	Pine Lake.....	4th Floor
Prayer Space.....	See YIG Office for location	
Mondale General Assembly	Ballroom 1 & 2.....	4th Floor
Anderson General Assembly	Ballroom 3 & 4.....	4th Floor
ECOSOC	St. Croix I	6th Floor
Junior ECOSOC	Crystal Lake	4th Floor
ICJ.....	Minnesota Room.....	6th Floor
Security Council	Chase Boardroom.....	4th Floor
Historic Security Council	Birch Lake.....	4th Floor
Human Rights Council.....	St. Croix II	6th Floor
Media.....	Cedar Lake	4th Floor
World Briefing (grades 9 – 12).....	Ballroom 1 & 2.....	4th Floor
World Briefing (grades 7 – 8).....	Ballroom 3 & 4.....	4th Floor
Luggage Storage (Thursday & Saturday).....	Promenade.....	6th Floor
Advisor Zone	Maple Lake.....	4th Floor
All Advisor Meeting (Thursday afternoon)	Atrium Tables	4th Floor
Delegation Director Meetings	Maple Lake.....	4th Floor
YIG Fest (Thursday & Friday evenings)	Ballroom 3 & 4.....	4th Floor
Fantastic YIG Talent Show (Thursday evening)	Ballroom 1 & 2.....	4th Floor
Film Festival (Thursday & Friday evenings)	Deer Lake/Elk Lake	4th Floor
Secretary-General’s Banquet (Friday evening).....	Grand Portage Ballroom.....	4th Floor
Dance (Friday evening).....	Ballroom 1 & 2.....	4th Floor

2017 ROOM SCHEDULE

MONDALE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

Political & Security Committee.....	Excelsior Bay	8th Floor
Economic & Financial Committee	Spring Park Bay.....	8th Floor
Social, Humanitarian & Cultural Committee	Wayzata Bay	8th Floor
Legal Committee	Lake Calhoun	8th Floor
Special Political Committee.....	Nokomis	8th Floor
Administrative Committee.....	Lafayette Bay	8th Floor

ANDERSON GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

Political & Security Committee	Elk Lake	4th Floor
Economic & Financial Committee	Deer Lake	4th Floor
Social, Humanitarian & Cultural Committee	Grays Bay	8th Floor
Legal Committee	Lake Harriet.....	8th Floor
Special Political Committee.....	Cooks Bay	8th Floor

CAUCUS GROUP TRAININGS (Thursday Afternoon)

Central European Free Trade Agreement and Affiliates	Ballroom 1 & 2.....	4th Floor
European Union and Affiliates	Ballroom 1 & 2.....	4th Floor
Shanghai Cooperation Org., South Asian Assoc. for Regional Cooperation and Affiliates	Ballroom 3 & 4.....	4th Floor
Arab League.....	Wayzata Bay.....	8th Floor
African Union	St. Croix I	6th Floor
Pacific Island Forum, Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Affiliates	Ballroom 3 & 4.....	4th Floor
Central American Integration System and Caribbean Community	Excelsior Bay	8th Floor
Union of South American Nations	Spring Park Bay.....	8th Floor
European Free Trade Association, North American Free Trade Agreement and Affiliates	Ballroom 1 & 2.....	4th Floor

2017 DELEGATION MEETINGS

Delegations must meet in their designated locations below.

No delegation may hold meetings in the hallways of the sleeping room floors.

AFSA.....	Pine Lake	4th Floor
Blaisdell	Atrium Tables	4th Floor
Brainerd.....	Elk Lake	4th Floor
Brian Coyle	Atrium Tables	4th Floor
Burnsville.....	Wayzata Bay	8th Floor
Camping.....	Hotel Lobby Area.....	5th Floor
Centennial	Hotel Lobby Area.....	5th Floor
Community of Peace.....	Deer Lake.....	4th Floor
Dover-Eyota.....	Lake Calhoun	8th Floor
Duluth	Spring Park Bay	8th Floor
Elk River.....	Hotel Lobby Area.....	5th Floor
Emma B. Howe	Atrium Near Elevator	4th Floor
Forest Lake.....	Excelsior Bay.....	8th Floor
Fridley	Minnesota Room	6th Floor
Hastings	Foyer Near Elevator	6th Floor
Henry Sibley	St. Croix I.....	6th Floor
Higher Ground	Chase Boardroom.....	4th Floor
Highland Park	Hotel Lobby Area.....	5th Floor
Little Rock.....	Birch Lake	4th Floor
Minneapolis South.....	Nokomis	8th Floor
Mounds View	Promenade.....	6th Floor
New Hope.....	Promenade.....	6th Floor
New Prague.....	Atrium Tables	4th Floor
Orono.....	Foyer Near Minnesota	6th Floor
Ridgedale.....	Atrium Near Escalator	4th Floor
River Valley	Wayzata Bay	8th Floor
Rochester	Ballroom 3 & 4	4th Floor
Sartell	Foyer Near St. Croix.....	6th Floor
Southdale	Ballroom 1 & 2	4th Floor
Venture.....	St. Croix II.....	6th Floor
West St. Paul	Atrium at Chase Bdrm	4th Floor
Western Wisconsin.....	Harriett	8th Floor
White Bear Lake	Grays Bay.....	8th Floor
Winona.....	Cooks Bay.....	8th Floor
Woodbury.....	Lafayette Bay.....	8th Floor
Yinghua.....	Foyer Near Elevator	6th Floor

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What do I do if I lose my name tag?

A: Check with the state office on the 4th Floor. They have the materials you need to make a new tag.

Q: What do I do if I lose the key card to my hotel room?

A: Check with the hotel directors on the 4th Floor. They can contact the front desk to get a new key card made. Unfortunately, once a new key is made, all keys to the room must be changed. Bring all your key cards to the Hotel Director.

Q: If I need to make a phone call, which phone should I use?

A: The phones in your room will not make outside calls. There are pay phones in the lobby if you don't have a cell phone or enough service coverage.

Q: Can I bring my cell phone or MP3 Player to Model UN?

A: Cell phones may not be used during program time, but can be used during free time and/or evening activities.

Q: Can I use my digital device during program time?

A: Devices and phones may be used on a sparingly during program time, for business purposes and for limited social media purposes. Use during program time should not be abused or used for entertainment purposes. All device use may be regulated by Youth Officers or Program Specialists.

Devices may be used during free time and evening activities, but must be used with respect – disparaging posts and comments on social media are not acceptable.

Consideration for bandwidth is vital – there will be hundreds of users at the conference – don't monopolize the signal!

Q: What do I do if one of my friends or I have a medical emergency during Model UN?

A: If a medical emergency arises during program time, immediately contact an advisor or an officer in your program area. If a medical emergency arises during any free time or evening activities, immediately contact an advisor/hotel director or your delegation director.

Q: Where do I go during meal times to get something to eat?

A: There are several options along the approved skyway route (also located on the map in the session book).

If you don't see your question/answer on this list, the best thing to do is stop by the State Office/Hotel Director Office on the 4th floor. Most advisors/officers can answer your questions as well, so just ask!

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

AT THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY

- If you are not ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE you can handle the situation, get help at once from the nearest authority.
- Cooperate fully with the authorities.
- Don't volunteer information to spectators, strangers or anyone else. Limit your conversations about any incidents to the authorities, a member of the State Office Staff or Hotel Directors.
- Remember . . . our four core YMCA values – caring, honesty, respect & responsibility – provide the essential framework for dealing with any crisis situation.

FIRE PREVENTION

- Be aware of the locations of alarm/pull stations, fire extinguishers and fire hoses.
- Be observant of your surrounding (change of temperature, strange smells, etc.)
- Be aware of delegate & advisor conduct (no smoking, candles/incense, etc.)

REPORTING AN EMERGENCY

- Pick up the nearest phone to report the emergency.
- State the exact location of the emergency (room name/number, building location, etc.)
- Stay on the line until the operator has all the information needed.
- Prevent panic of those around you.

EVACUATION (IN MEETING FACILITIES, ETC.)

- Quickly, quietly and calmly have everyone in the surrounding area leave the premises.
- DO NOT USE ELEVATORS!
- Work with Facility Security, Fire Department or other YIG leaders to account for all present.

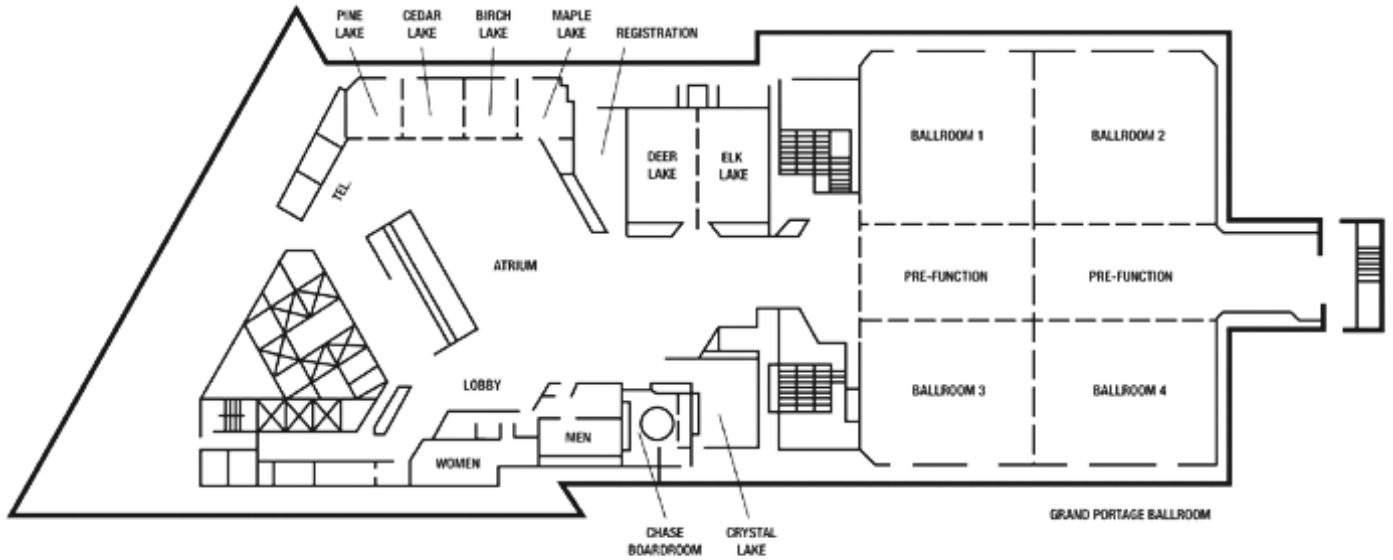
EVACUATION (FOR HOTEL FACILITIES ON SLEEPING ROOM FLOORS)

- Partial Evacuation – Facility Security or Fire Department will determine need for evacuation.
 - ~ Usually affected floor, one floor above, and one floor below.
 - ~ Hotel will contact occupied rooms; occupants will be asked to leave rooms
 - ~ Travel down stairways to lobby. DO NOT USE ELEVATORS!
 - ~ Manager on duty will be notified if any occupied room do not answer phone.
- General Evacuation – Follow all instructions given over PA system.

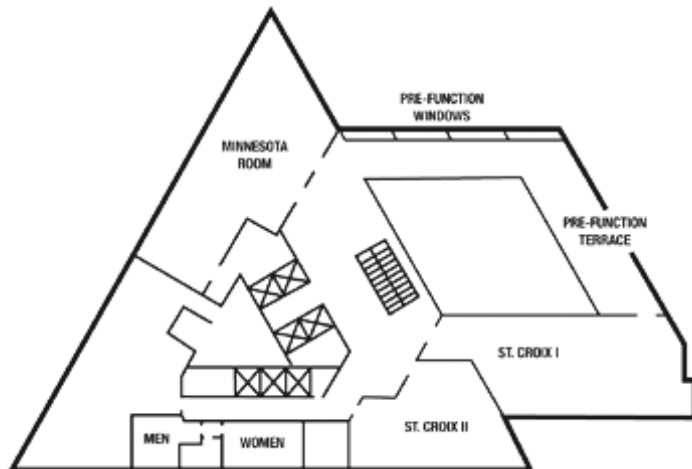
MEETING FACILITIES

Minneapolis Marriott – City Center

4TH FLOOR



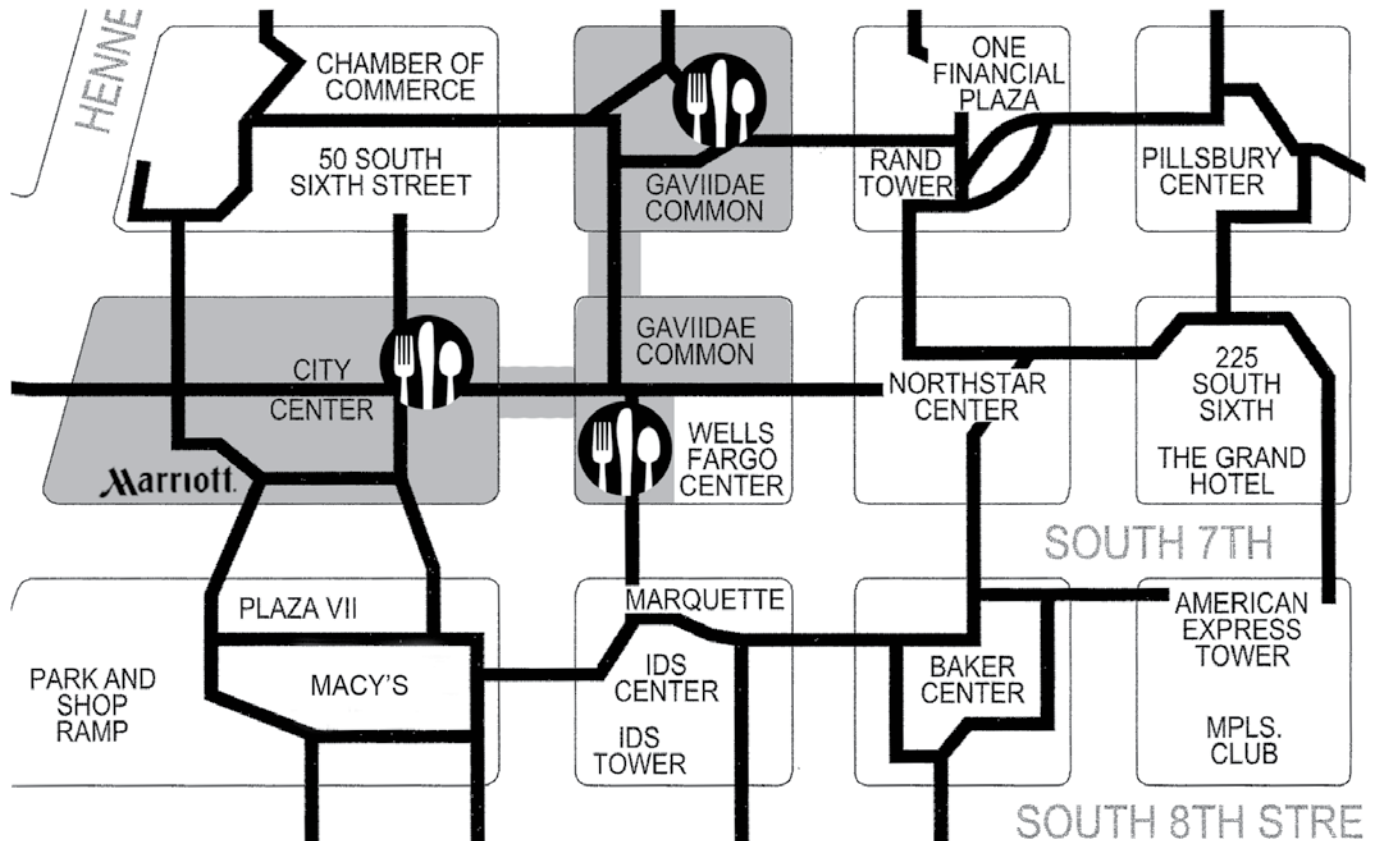
6TH FLOOR



8TH FLOOR



MINNEAPOLIS SKYWAY MAP



PLEASE STAY IN DESIGNATED ZONE (HIGHLIGHTED AREA).

CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to identify behaviors that protect participants and the welfare of the program for future generations. Everyone is expected to behave in mature and responsible ways and to respect the rights and dignity of others.

Participants, advisors, volunteers, staff, and board members of Minnesota YMCA Youth in Government programs agree to uphold the following CODE OF CONDUCT:

PERSONAL CONDUCT

1. Each person will conduct themselves in an orderly and responsible manner in transit to and from, and during all functions with the knowledge that personal behavior reflects upon the quality of the program, the YMCA, one's delegation, one's school and one's self.
2. Participation in all elements of the program will be maintained on an intellectual and productive level. Each participant will attend all scheduled program functions, activities, meetings and training sessions.
3. The use or possession of electronic devices is limited during program activities.
 - Devices must be turned to "silent" or "vibrate" during program activities and official functions.
 - Personal computing devices may be used in program area functions, for business purposes, at the discretion of the Youth Officers, Program Specialists and the Youth in Government State Office.
 - Electronic devices may not be used for entertainment purposes during program functions.
 - Limited use of social media for program functions is permitted, unless overused or abused.
 - Use of anonymous social networking apps (YikYak, etc.) is highly discouraged. Posting derogatory comments on these platforms is not within YMCA values and is not acceptable.
4. Harassment or intimidation by words, gestures, body language, use of social media or other behaviors will not be tolerated. This includes angry or vulgar language, physical contact with another person in an angry or threatening way and posting social media content or any other conduct of a hurtful, threatening or offensive nature.
5. Sexual activity, sexual conduct, sexual misconduct or sexually explicit dancing is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.
6. Participants are expected to conform to all regulations on the honor system. Those who are present when a violation occurs and who do not intervene or report the situation may be considered a participant in the violation and may be disciplined accordingly.
7. Participants are encouraged to be responsible for their personal comfort and safety and to respectfully ask any person whose behavior threatens their comfort, to refrain. If a participant feels uncomfortable in confronting the person directly, they should report the behavior to any advisor or the Youth in Government State Office.

SAFETY

8. Participants and advisors are NOT allowed in each other's lodging rooms at any time, for any reason. The only people permitted in a lodging room are those officially registered to that room (with the exception of advisors conducting room checks).
9. Lodging room switches will not be permitted without the approval of the Delegation Director and the Youth in Government State Office.
10. Participants will observe quiet hours and remain in their assigned lodging facility room by the curfew listed in the official program schedule. Curfew will remain in effect until 6:00 AM the following morning.
11. The use, possession or concealment of certain materials is forbidden. These materials include, but are not

limited to:

- Flame producing devices – lighters, matches, incense, candles, etc.
 - Tobacco products, e-cigarettes/nicotine and alcoholic beverages
 - Illegal drugs or chemicals – including but not limited to misuse or sharing of prescriptions or over-the-counter drugs
 - Weapons/objects that may be used as weapons or pornography
12. No participant will leave a program function without the approval of the Delegation Director AND the Youth in Government State Office.
- Participants will not leave the lodging facility except while in transit to or from an official program function.
 - Should a participant need to leave for a parent/guardian-approved function outside of Youth in Government, the participant must provide written authorization to the Delegation Director and be picked up/returned as designated by the parent or guardian.
 - Participants may not use or be transported in private vehicles during any program function without written approval of parent or legal guardian and approval by Delegation Director and Youth in Government State Office.
13. Alumni, parents and official observers to any program function are restricted to public meeting spaces, lobbies and visitors galleries
- unless approved by the Youth in Government State Office. They must check in at the State Office to receive credentials.
14. Alumni, parents, friends, etc., are not permitted in the lodging facility during evening activities unless approved by the Youth in Government State Office and are not permitted in sleeping rooms at any time. Participants will not invite or receive visitors.

FACILITIES

15. Candy, gum, food and beverages (including water) are prohibited in all meeting rooms and facilities at all times. Water and water bottles are only permitted in hallways or public areas of meeting facilities.
16. Theft or behavior that results in the destruction of property will not be tolerated. Each person is legally and financially responsible for any removal, defacing or damage to public or private property. This includes but is not limited to the property of fellow participants, advisors and staff, organizations, businesses, lodging & conference facilities, and the State of Minnesota.
17. Property or materials in any facility must not be removed or tampered with in any manner.
18. The lodging facility pool may not be used during Youth in Government events.
19. All individual, group or delegation meetings must take place in the lobby or on the meeting room levels of the lodging facility. No sessions or meetings of any kind may take place in the sleeping rooms of the lodging facility, nor in any hallway of the sleeping room levels of the lodging facility.

DRESS CODE

20. Nametags will be worn at all times when outside assigned lodging facility rooms. Nametags will be worn visibly on the front of the upper torso. Nametag switching/sharing is prohibited. Nametags are not to be defaced, decorated or altered in any way.
21. Conservative, professional, business dress is the expectation during program activities and official functions. Clothing choices should reflect preparation for a job interview or work in government service. Appearance must be neat and tidy – good grooming, shirts tucked in and pants/skirts pulled up to the waist.

Participants and advisors will adhere to dress code expectations at all times and are expected to bring appropriate attire to events. Those not in appropriate dress will be asked to change clothes. Not having any other clothes is not an acceptable reason for not being compliant to dress code expectations – delegates and advisors dressing inappropriately may be asked to borrow appropriate clothing.

Examples of Professional Attire

Collared dress shirt (including button-downs, blouses or polos)

Sweaters, suit vests, suit coat, blazers, ties

Dress pants (including khakis), dresses, skirts, belts, suspenders

Dress shoes are required to be worn all day – flat shoes/low heels are good choices

Examples of Casual Attire

T-shirts, sweatshirts

Jeans, corduroys, shorts

Tennis shoes, sandals, most closed-toe footwear

Inappropriate anytime outside hotel rooms

Any clothing with inappropriate language or imagery

Any see-through, low cut or extremely tight-fitting clothing

Tube tops or bare midriffs

Pajamas or any other sleeping attire

Slippers or bare feet

- Hems of dresses/skirts must be 2 inches above the knee or lower for all functions – business or casual.
- Denim, in any form, is not considered part of professional attire.
- Cultural or religious dress fits within dress code standards; appropriation of cultural dress is not permitted.
- Undergarments must be worn. Visible undergarments are not permitted.
- Hats are only permitted in outdoor settings.
- Pay attention to conditions – dress for Minnesota weather, transportation and terrain, including coats and footwear.

This Code will be in effect at all YMCA Youth in Government functions – at the delegation level and at state program events (including transit to and from events). It will be enforced by all advisors, with discretion to the Youth in Government State Office.

Participation in Minnesota YMCA Youth in Government programs indicates personal acceptance of this Code of Conduct. Failure to follow the Code of Conduct may result in one or more of the following disciplinary actions (but not limited exclusively to them):

- A. The loss of privileges or position
- B. Parents of the participant notified
- C. Removal from the program/sent home at participant/parent expense - without refund of fees
- D. School officials notified
- E. Summoning of security and/or police

While any of the above actions may be applied to any Code of Conduct infraction, option "C" above is the most common disciplinary action for many situations.

MEETING SPACE EXPECTATIONS

It is a privilege to use all hotel facilities during Model United Nations. The hotel houses many non-Youth in Government guests and is the workplace for many staff who strive to meet the program's needs.

1. Out of respect for other guests, participants must be quiet when moving between meeting rooms and on sleeping floors.
2. Personal belongings should remain with participants at all times and not left in public areas. To prevent theft, participants should always carry their possessions with them. Materials may not be left in meeting rooms or hallways.
3. Hotel staff should be referred to and spoken to with respect by participants. The two most important responses when working with anyone are please and thank you.
4. At least one adult advisor must be in meeting rooms at all times.
5. Food, drinks, water, gum, tobacco or candy is not allowed in any meeting space during program time.
6. Participants and advisors must have nametags displayed at all times, including in skyways and at meals.
7. Do not attach posters, signs, or materials to interior or exterior wall spaces. Do not lean tables, chairs, or other items against interior or exterior wall spaces, hallways or staircases. Do not move furniture in public areas of the hotel for any reason.
8. Participants are responsible for the conditions of the space used, including the removal of all litter/garbage inside and outside of the hotel.
9. No gatherings or meetings are permitted on the sleeping room floor hallways at any time.

Please remember that how **you** treat the staff and facilities will affect our ability to use the buildings for the future! Thanks for your help in setting a good example for others!

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WRITING RESOLUTIONS

- There will be a limit of one resolution per topic area which can pass through each committee. A great deal of negotiation needs to take place in committee to get a resolution that most countries (at least 50%) can agree to. In addition, there will be no individual authors to any resolution. The committee itself is considered the author.
- The process of writing a resolution begins in the Introductory Stage. During this stage, each country that wants to see certain items in a passed resolution states their position. These stances can come directly from the position papers, which all delegates will have written. The Undersecretary-General for that topic area will write down all of the specific suggestions given by the various delegations and come out with one or more working paper(s).
- At this point, the Negotiation Stage begins. Invariably, certain delegations will find fault with a number of the clauses in each working paper. These delegations need to negotiate with other countries in order to find a compromise position, which at least a majority of countries can agree to. These negotiations will take place during caucus time.
- After the Negotiation Stage, the Resolution Stage begins. The Secretariat member will take the best compromises and present the result in the form of a draft resolution to the committee. At this point, if there are still nations that disagree with the resolution, they can offer amendments to the draft resolution. Amendments to resolutions include additions, deletions, or changes.
- After all of the amendments have been handled, and there is no more debate (or debate has been closed), the Voting Stage begins. If there are still delegations which disagree with certain parts of the resolution, they can move to divide the question into a number of parts. If a majority votes in favor, the resolution passes and goes to the General Assembly Plenary Session.

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RESOLUTION FORMAT GUIDE

HEADING

When presented to an organ or committee, all resolutions must be written on the proper forms as provided by the Secretariat. Information on the form must include the organ, Committee and Topic Area.

BODY

The resolution is written in the format of a long sentence. There are format rules for resolutions, just as there are grammatical rules for sentences.

1. The resolution begins with The General Assembly for all General Assembly committees and with the Economic and Social Council for all ECOSOC resolutions. The Specialized Agencies use their own names as the introductory line. The rest of the resolution consists of clauses with the initiating phrases of each clause underlined.
2. The next section, consisting of **Preambulatory Clauses**, describes the problem being addressed, recalls past actions taken, explains the purpose of the resolution and offers support for the operative clauses that follow. Each clause and the preamble begin with an underlined word and ends with a comma.
3. **Operative Clauses** are numbered and state the action to be taken by the body. These clauses all begin with present tense action verbs, which are generally stronger words than those used in the Preamble. Each operative clause is followed by a semi-colon except the last, which ends with a period.

CONTEXT

A well-written resolution demonstrates:

- Familiarity with the problem. Relevant background information and previous United Nations actions are included.
- Recognition of the issues. Arguments on the topic are specified early.
- Conciseness. Every clause and phrase should have a purpose.
- Good form. An otherwise sound resolution will suffer from clumsy grammar and sloppy form.

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INITIATING PHRASES FOR A RESOLUTION

PREAMBULATORY CLAUSES

Acknowledging	Endorsing	Mindful
Affirming	Expressing...	Noting...
Anxious	– appreciation	– further
Appreciating	– deep appreciation	– with approval
Aware	Expecting	– with deep concern
Bearing in mind	Fulfilling	– with regret
Being convinced	Fully...	– with satisfaction
Cognizant	– aware	Observing
Concerned	– bearing in mind	Realizing
Confident	Grieved	Recalling
Conscious	Guided by	Recognizing
Considering	Having	Referring
Contemplating	– adopted	Regretting
Convinced	– approved	Reiterating
Declaring	– considered	Seeking
Deeply disturbed	– decided	Stressing
Desiring	– examined further	Taking...
Deploring	– received	– into account
Determined	– regard for	– note
Emphasizing	– reviewed	Welcoming
Encouraged	Keeping in mind	Viewing with...
		– apprehension

OPERATIVE CLAUSES

Accepts	Directs	Instructs
Adopts	Emphasizes	Notes...
Affirms	Encourages	– with appreciation
Appeals	Endorses	– with approval
Appreciates	Expresses...	– with interest
Approves	– its appreciation	– with satisfaction
Authorizes	– its conviction	Reaffirms
Calls upon	– its regret	Recognizes
Commends	– its sympathy	Recommends
Concurs	– its thanks	Regrets
Condemns	– the belief	Reiterates
Confirms	– the hope	Renews its appeal
Congratulates	Further...	Repeats
Considers	– invites	Suggests
Decides	– proclaims	Supports
Declares	– reminds	Takes note of
Deplores	– recommends	Transmits
Designates	– resolves	Urges

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SAMPLE RESOLUTION/WORKING PAPER

Organ:

General Assembly

Resolution #:

MINNESOTA YMCA
MODEL UNITED NATIONS



RESOLUTION

Committee:

Legal

Topic Area:

Space Law

REV 2003

The General Assembly,

Acknowledging that air space over a nation's territory is part of that nation's sovereign realm,

Recognizing the neutrality of outer space,

Understanding the need for a designation between air space and outer space,

Taking note that the persons in space are also neutral, making them global citizens,

Keeping in mind that the vehicle for space transport is never neutral,

Declaring that the forementioned vehicle remains property of the launching nation,

Acknowledging each nation's sovereignty,

Noting that a military presence in space is a tactical advantage for the nation that has it,

Recognizing that military weapons, in space, are a capability achievable by the USA and other countries in the future,

1. Declares the boundaries between air space and outer space to be 35 kilometers above sea level, so no nation has a sovereign right to any space above 35 kilometers;
2. Realizes that any vehicle that does not make it above the 35 kilometer line is still within the existing aircraft recovery resolution;
3. Suggests that the launching state is responsible and thus liable for its vehicle in space and any damage it incurs on other countries vehicles;
4. Confirms that the launching state is responsible and thus liable for damage its space vehicle does to other countries;
5. Calls upon the landing states to inform the launching states of the landing of their vehicle(s) and/or astronauts should landing and launching states be different;
6. Further proclaims that, in light of the Global Citizenship of Astronauts, these astronauts be returned to the launching state with assistance from the landing state if necessary;
7. Further recommends that in addition to the return of astronauts, the cargo of the vehicle, as well as the vehicle itself, be returned to the launching state(s);
8. Directs that the landing state be financially reimbursed for all expenses as a result of the landing and for the care of astronauts and equipment by the landing state;
9. Taking note of the economic status of individual countries and thus provides for each country to administer aid to the best of its ability;
10. Suggests that military weapons in orbit of Earth that have destructive capabilities, be prevented from orbiting the planet;
11. Recommends that any military weapon discovered in space shall be brought down from orbit by the country which established the weapon.

MODEL UN “TOOLKIT”

CAUCUS MEETINGS

Caucusing is a very important part of the negotiation process at the United Nations. Although the caucus groups hold meetings informally, caucus meetings often create results in committee. Generally, members of a caucus group tend to stick together as a group when it comes to debate in the General Assembly or in a committee.

At the Model United Nations, we try to emulate the caucusing process as closely as possible. **The first 30 minutes of the first General Assembly committee meetings will be set aside for caucus meetings.** During these meetings, the caucus groups should get together and discuss the topics which are under consideration by the body. More specifically, each caucus group should make a list of “demands” (provisions it wants to see in a resolution). After the list has been formed for each topic, a caucus should elect a leader. The leader may then take the position of chief negotiator for that group. This should not discourage other countries from taking part in the negotiation.

The caucus groups at the Model United Nations are listed in the Resource Section of this book. There are also other caucus groups that exist in the world community which can meet and discuss common interests and negotiable issues. The meetings will be informal, but an agenda may be drawn up by the Secretary-General.

CRISIS SITUATIONS

At various times over the course of the conference, the Crisis Coordinators will be introducing crisis situations. Crises will involve a conflict between a number of nations, and will reflect the current events of the international world. All nations affected by any crisis will be informed of the situation in the form of a communiqué, either from the Secretariat directly or from their “Home Government.” Each country should be prepared to deal with any crisis relevant to them. Should a crisis develop, the Security Council shall be the organ that will coordinate any discussion and/or resolution of the crisis. There will be two types of crises that will take place during the conference:

- 1) **Crises of Peace and Security** will be discussed and voted upon by the Security Council. Only resolutions that have passed through the Security Council on these matters and have been sent to other organs for consideration will be discussed in the General Assembly or ECOSOC. Any delegation that would like to submit a proposal or draft resolution to the Security Council on these matters may do so, as per rule 29 of the Security Council Rules of Procedure. The Council may invite any Member to participate, without vote, in the discussion of any matter which the Council considers to be of vital interest to said United Nations Member, as per rule 28.
- 2) **Crises of Economic, Social, Cultural, or Humanitarian Nature** may be discussed in the General Assembly or ECOSOC, if a draft resolution has been prepared and is submitted to the proper officers. (See rules 5-9 for General Assembly, rule 7 for ECOSOC).

If you are informed of a crisis involving the vested interests of the United Nations Member which you represent:

- 1) Communicate with your Home Government as directed by the Secretariat in your area.
- 2) Meet with your country members to work out a strategy.
- 3) Meet with other nations, friendly or unfriendly, who are also involved in the crisis.
- 4) Draft a resolution or proposal for the appropriate organ suggesting a response to a crisis which it is discussing.
- 5) If the organ has not already invited you, send a petition to the Secretariat asking to be allowed to participate in the discussion.

2017 MEMBER STATES

STUDENT ASSIGNMENTS FOR GRADES 7 – 8 ONLY!

NATIONS THAT REQUIRE 4 DELEGATES

Afghanistan	Ghana	Portugal
Algeria	Greece	Russian Federation
Argentina	Honduras	Serbia
Australia	India	Somalia
Botswana	Iraq	South Africa
Brazil	Japan	Sweden
Chile	Kazakhstan	Uganda
China	Korea, Republic of (South)	United Kingdom
Czech Republic	Nigeria	United States
France	Pakistan	Vietnam
Georgia	Panama	Zimbabwe
Germany	Peru	

NATIONS THAT REQUIRE 1 – 3 DELEGATES

Albania	Gabon	Netherlands
Armenia	Guatemala	New Zealand
Angola	Guyana	Nicaragua
Austria	Haiti	Norway
Azerbaijan	Hungary	Oman
Barbados	Indonesia	Philippines
Bangladesh	Iran	Poland
Belarus	Ireland	Qatar
Belgium	Israel	Romania
Bhutan	Italy	Rwanda
Bolivia	Jamaica	Samoa
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Jordan	Saudi Arabia
Cambodia	Kenya	Senegal
Cameroon	Korea, People's Republic (North)	Singapore
Canada	Kuwait	Spain
Cape Verde	Laos	Sri Lanka
Central African Republic	Lebanon	Sudan
Chad	Liberia	Switzerland
Colombia	Libya	Syria
Costa Rica	Lithuania	Thailand
Cuba	Luxembourg	Togo
Cyprus	Madagascar	Tunisia
Denmark	Malaysia	Turkey
Dominican Republic	Mexico	Ukraine
Ecuador	Morocco	United Arab Emirates
Egypt	Mongolia	Uruguay
El Salvador	Mozambique	Uzbekistan
Estonia	Myanmar	Venezuela
Ethiopia	Namibia	Yemen
Fiji		Zambia
Finland		

2017 MEMBER STATES

STUDENT ASSIGNMENTS FOR GRADES 9 – 12 ONLY!

NATIONS THAT REQUIRE 8 DELEGATES

China United Kingdom United States

NATIONS THAT REQUIRE 7 DELEGATES

France India Japan

NATIONS THAT REQUIRE 6 DELEGATES

Brazil Italy Russian Federation

NATIONS THAT REQUIRE 5 DELEGATES

Australia	Cote d'Ivoire	Ghana	Panama	Switzerland
Bangladesh	Cuba	Iraq	Portugal	Togo
Belgium	Ecuador	Kazakhstan	Rwanda	Uganda
Bolivia	Ethiopia	Korea, Republic of	South Africa	Zimbabwe
Botswana	Georgia	(South)	Sweden	
Congo**	Germany	Nigeria	Somalia	

NATIONS THAT REQUIRE 2 – 4 DELEGATES

Afghanistan	Czech Republic	Ireland	Netherlands	Slovakia
Albania	Egypt	Jamaica	Pakistan	Slovenia
Algeria	El Salvador	Kenya	Paraguay	Trinidad & Tobago
Antigua & Barbuda	Estonia	Kyrgyzstan	Peru	Tunisia
Argentina	Finland	Latvia	Philippines	Ukraine
Austria	Greece	Lebanon	Qatar	United Arab Emirates
Burkina Faso	Guatemala	Mauritania	Romania	Uruguay
Burundi	Guyana	Mongolia	Saudi Arabia	Venezuela
Chile	Honduras	Morocco	Senegal	Vietnam
Congo, Dem Rep of**	Hungary	Moldova	Serbia	Yemen
Croatia	Indonesia			

NATIONS THAT REQUIRE 1 – 3 DELEGATES

Andorra	Comoros	Korea, North	Myanmar	Grenadines
Angola	Costa Rica	Kuwait	Namibia	Sudan
Armenia	Cyprus	Laos	Nepal	Suriname
Azerbaijan	Denmark	Lesotho	New Zealand	Swaziland
Bahamas	Djibouti	Liberia	Nicaragua	Syria
Bahrain	Dominica	Libya	Niger	Tajikistan
Barbados	Dominican Republic	Liechtenstein	Norway	Tanzania
Belarus	Equatorial Guinea	Lithuania	Oman	Thailand
Belize	Eritrea	Luxembourg	Palau	Timor-Leste
Benin	Fiji	Macedonia	Papua New Guinea	Tonga
Bhutan	Gabon	Madagascar	Poland	Turkey
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Gambia	Malawi	Samoa	Turkmenistan
Brunei Darussalam	Grenada	Malaysia	San Marino	Tuvalu
Bulgaria	Guinea	Maldives	Seychelles	Uzbekistan
Cambodia	Guinea Bissau	Mali	Sierra Leone	Vanuatu
Cameroon	Haiti	Malta	Singapore	Zambia
Canada	Iceland	Marshall Islands	Solomon Islands	
Cape Verde	Iran	Mexico	South Sudan	
Central African Republic	Israel	Monaco	Spain	
Chad	Jordan	Montenegro	Sri Lanka	
Colombia	Kiribati	Mozambique	St. Vincent &	

** Yes, there really are two Congos – slightly similar names, but different nations.

NATIONS THAT REQUIRE 1 DELEGATE

USSR Zaire (No longer countries – only part of Historic Security Council)

2017 COUNTRY ASSIGNMENTS

STUDENT ASSIGNMENTS FOR GRADES 9 – 12 ONLY!

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Afghanistan	Congo, Democratic Republic of**	Iraq	Russian Federation
Algeria	Czech Republic	Ireland	Rwanda
Antigua & Barbuda	Estonia	Italy	Serbia
Argentina	Finland	Japan	Somalia
Australia	France	Kazakhstan	South Africa
Bangladesh	Georgia	Korea, Republic of (South)	Sweden
Belgium	Germany	Lebanon	Switzerland
Botswana	Ghana	Mauritania	Togo
Brazil	Greece	Moldova	Trinidad & Tobago
Burkina Faso	Guatemala	Nigeria	Uganda
Chile	Guyana	Pakistan	United Kingdom
China	Honduras	Panama	United States
Congo**	India	Peru	Vietnam
		Portugal	Zimbabwe

SECURITY COUNCIL

Bolivia	France	Russian Federation	United Kingdom
China	Italy	Senegal	United States
Egypt	Japan	Sweden	Uruguay
Ethiopia	Kazakhstan	Ukraine	

HISTORIC SECURITY COUNCIL - 1991

Austria	Cuba	Romania	Yemen
Belgium	Ecuador	USSR	Zaire
China	France	United Kingdom	Zimbabwe
Cote d'Ivoire	India	United States	

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Australia	India	Morocco	United Kingdom
Brazil	Italy	Russian Federation	United States
China	Jamaica	Slovakia	Uganda
France	Japan	Somalia	

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Albania	Ecuador	Korea, Republic of (South)	Rwanda
Bangladesh	El Salvador	Kyrgyzstan	Saudi Arabia
Belgium	Ethiopia	Latvia	Slovenia
Bolivia	Georgia	Mongolia	South Africa
Botswana	Germany	Netherlands	Switzerland
Brazil	Ghana	Nigeria	Togo
Burundi	Hungary	Panama	Tunisia
China	India	Paraguay	United Arab Emirates
Congo**	Indonesia	Philippines	United Kingdom
Cote d'Ivoire	Iraq	Portugal	United States
Croatia	Japan	Qatar	Venezuela
Cuba	Kenya		

CAUCUS GROUPS

CENTRAL EUROPEAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT AND AFFILIATES

Albania	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Macedonia	Montenegro
Armenia	Croatia	Moldova	Serbia

EUROPEAN UNION AND AFFILIATES

Andorra	Czech Republic	Germany	Latvia	Netherlands	Slovakia
Austria	Denmark	Greece	Lithuania	Poland	Slovenia
Belgium	Estonia	Hungary	Luxembourg	Portugal	Spain
Bulgaria	Finland	Ireland	Malta	Romania	Sweden
Cyprus	France	Italy	Monaco	San Marino	United Kingdom

SHANGHAI COOPERATION ORG., SOUTH ASIAN ASSOC. FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION AND AFFILIATES

Afghanistan	Bhutan	India	Kyrgyzstan	Pakistan	Turkey
Azerbaijan	China	Iran	Mongolia	Russian Federation	Turkmenistan
Bangladesh	Cuba	Kazakhstan	Myanmar	Sri Lanka	Uzbekistan
Belarus	Georgia	Korea, North	Nepal	Tajikistan	

ARAB LEAGUE

Algeria	Egypt	Lebanon	Oman	Sudan	United Arab Emirates
Bahrain	Iraq	Libya	Qatar	Syria	Yemen
Comoros	Jordan	Mauritania	Saudi Arabia	Tunisia	
Djibouti	Kuwait	Morocco	Somalia		

AFRICAN UNION

Angola	Central African Republic	Eritrea	Lesotho	Niger	South Africa
Benin		Ethiopia	Liberia	Nigeria	South Sudan
Botswana	Chad	Gabon	Madagascar	Rwanda	Swaziland
Burkina Faso	Congo, Democratic Republic of	Gambia	Malawi	São Tomé and Príncipe	Tanzania
Burundi		Ghana	Mali		Togo
Cameroon	Congo, Republic of	Guinea	Mauritius	Senegal	Uganda
Cape Verde	Côte d'Ivoire	Guinea-Bissau	Mozambique	Seychelles	Zambia
	Equatorial Guinea	Kenya	Namibia	Sierra Leone	Zimbabwe

PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM, ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS AND AFFILIATES

Australia	Japan	Maldives	Palau	Singapore	Tonga
Brunei Darussalam	Kiribati	Marshall Islands	Papua New Guinea	Solomon Islands	Tuvalu
Cambodia	Korea, South	Micronesia	Philippines	Thailand	Vanuatu
Fiji	Laos	Nauru	Samoa	Timor-Leste	Vietnam
Indonesia	Malaysia	New Zealand			

CENTRAL AMERICAN INTEGRATION SYSTEM AND CARRIBBEAN COMMUNITY

Antigua and Barbuda	Belize	Dominican Republic	Guatemala	Nicaragua	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Bahamas	Costa Rica	El Salvador	Haiti	Panama	Trinidad and Tobago
Barbados	Dominica	Grenada	Honduras	Saint Lucia	
			Jamaica	St. Kitts and Nevis	

UNION OF SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS

Argentina	Brazil	Colombia	Guyana	Peru	Uruguay
Bolivia	Chile	Ecuador	Paraguay	Suriname	Venezuela

EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION, NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT AND AFFILIATES

Argentina	Iceland	Lichtenstein	Norway	Ukraine
Canada	Israel	Mexico	Switzerland	United States

2017 SECRETARIAT



WINONA JOHNSON

Secretary-General

2017 SECRETARIAT

Sierra Armstrong
Eli Baker
Josh Broom
Josh Christner
Patrick Gates
Christian Gustafson
Long Hoang
Dominic Jones
Melissa Lager
Nick McGrath
Miranda Melson
Shantal Pai
Andrew Podzimek
Kenwyn Shriner
Yordanose Solomone
Lauryn Spencer
Courtney Thomason
Harrison Tiffany
Chioma Uwagwu
Audrey Villanueve

MONDALE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



EGEZIHARYA YILMA

President of the Mondale General Assembly

JACOB SCHIMETZ

Vice President of the Mondale General Assembly

POLITICAL AND SECURITY CHAIR – ASHWIN SETHILKUMAR

POLITICAL AND SECURITY VICE CHAIR – SOPHIA BARNARD

Proliferation of Chemical Weapons
Foreign Involvement in Elections

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CHAIR – SHREYAS SONBARSE

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL VICE CHAIR – NITALI ARORA

Combating Sex Tourism
Currency Manipulation

SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN & CULTURAL CHAIR – MORGAN FIFIELD

SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN & CULTURAL VICE CHAIR – BRYCE VILLANUEVA

Oceanic Biosphere Depletion
Gender Segregation

LEGAL CHAIR – ELENA STANLEY

LEGAL VICE CHAIR –

Tax Evasion by Multinational Corporations
Colonization of Space

SPECIAL POLITICAL CHAIR – ALEX MALEN

SPECIAL POLITICAL VICE CHAIR – TRACEY YANG

Galactic Weaponry
Control of the Internet

ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR – THARUN RAO

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR – JAMES YOO

Peacekeeper Training and Pay
Space Junk

ANDERSON GENERAL ASSEMBLY



JULIET DUPONT

President of the Anderson Genral Assembly

ANNA KLEIN

Vice President of the Anderson Genral Assembly

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE CHAIR – KALLI SCHAEFER

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR – SARINA BOLEY

Proliferation of Chemical Weapons
Foreign Involvement in Elections

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR – KIERAN WHITE

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR – LAURA WADSTEN

Combating Sex Tourism
Currency Manipulation

SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN, & CULTURAL COMMITTEE CHAIR – SIOBHAN DIETZ

VICE CHAIR – ELLIE THIRSTEN

Oceanic Biosphere Depletion
Gender Segregation

LEGAL COMMITTEE CHAIR – ALISON OBRIGHT

LEGAL COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR – IRENE CHOI

Tax Evasion by Multinational Corporations
Colonization of Space

SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE CHAIR – MOLLY DIAZ

SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR – SAIPOOJA EEGA

Galactic Weaponry
Control of the Internet

SECURITY COUNCIL



KYLE HOOTEN

President of the Security Council

FRANKIE VILLENEUVE

Vice President of the Security Council

MEMBER NATIONS

Bolivia
China
Egypt
Ethiopia
France
Italy
Japan
Kazakhstan
Russian Federation
Senegal
Sweden
Ukraine
United Kingdom
United States
Uruguay

2017 TOPICS

Nuclear Weapons and State-Sponsored Terrorism
Management of Peacekeeping Forces

HISTORIC SECURITY COUNCIL



SANNAH ARVIDSON-HICKS

President of the Historic Security Council

MOHAMED MOHAMED

Vice President of the Historic Security Council

MEMBER NATIONS FOR 1991 SECURITY COUNCIL

Austria
Belgium
China
Cote d'Ivoire
Cuba
Ecuador
France
India
Romania
USSR
United Kingdom
United States
Yemen
Zaire
Zimbabwe

2017 TOPICS

Gulf War – Iraqi Invasion of Kuwait
Yugoslav Wars

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL



SATISH UPPALURI

President of the ECOSOC

STEFAN WENC

Vice President of the ECOSOC

MEMBER NATIONS

Afghanistan	Iraq
Algeria	Ireland
Antigua & Barbuda	Italy
Argentina	Japan
Australia	Kazakhstan
Bangladesh	Korea, Republic of (South)
Belgium	Lebanon
Botswana	Mauritania
Brazil	Moldova
Burkina Faso	Nigeria
Chile	Pakistan
China	Panama
Congo**	Peru
Congo, Democratic Republic of**	Portugal
Czech Republic	Russian Federation
Estonia	Rwanda
Finland	Serbia
France	Somalia
Georgia	South Africa
Germany	Sweden
Ghana	Switzerland
Greece	Togo
Guatemala	Trinidad & Tobago
Guyana	Uganda
Honduras	United Kingdom
India	United States
	Vietnam
	Zimbabwe

2017 TOPICS

High-Yield Energy Alternatives
Free Movement of Goods and Services

JUNIOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL



BOBBY SCALIA

President of the Junior ECOSOC

RICHARD ZHU

Vice President of the Junior ECOSOC

MEMBER NATIONS

- | | |
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| Afghanistan | Kazakhstan |
| Algeria | Korea, Republic of (South) |
| Argentina | Nigeria |
| Australia | Pakistan |
| Botswana | Panama |
| Brazil | Peru |
| Chile | Portugal |
| China | Russian Federation |
| Czech Republic | Serbia |
| France | Somalia |
| Georgia | South Africa |
| Germany | Sweden |
| Ghana | Uganda |
| Greece | United Kingdom |
| Honduras | United States |
| India | Vietnam |
| Iraq | Zimbabwe |
| Japan | |

2017 TOPICS

- High-Yield Energy Alternatives
- Free Movement of Goods and Services

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE



LEXI FOMAN

President of the ICJ

PETER SCHAVEE

Vice President of the ICJ

MEMBER NATIONS

Australia
Brazil
China
France
India
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Morocco
Russian Federation
Slovakia
Somalia
United Kingdom
United States
Uganda

2017 TOPICS

Every ICJ Nation Submits Memorials

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL



TAYLOR HVIDSTEN

President of the Human Rights Council

JENNY MA

Vice President of the Human Rights Council

MEMBER NATIONS

- | | |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| Albania | Kenya |
| Bangladesh | Korea, Republic of (South) |
| Belgium | Kyrgyzstan |
| Bolivia | Latvia |
| Botswana | Mongolia |
| Brazil | Netherlands |
| Burundi | Nigeria |
| China | Panama |
| Congo** | Paraguay |
| Cote d'Ivoire | Philippines |
| Croatia | Portugal |
| Cuba | Qatar |
| Ecuador | Rwanda |
| El Salvador | Saudi Arabia |
| Ethiopia | Slovenia |
| Georgia | South Africa |
| Germany | Switzerland |
| Ghana | Togo |
| Hungary | Tunisia |
| India | United Arab Emirates |
| Indonesia | United Kingdom |
| Iraq | United States |
| Japan | Venezuela |

2017 TOPICS

- Children in Armed Conflict
- Birthright Citizenship

MEDIA



JOHN KROSKA

Media Director

- BAYLEY CORONADO DIGITAL MEDIA EDITOR**
- SOPHIA FORLITI NEWSPAPER EDITOR**
- EMMA FOROUHARI CLOSING VIDEO**
- BENJAMIN HAWKINSON CLOSING VIDEO**
- EMILY DAVENPORT REPORTER**
- MAIA JOHNSON REPORTER**
- OLIVIA KOWAL-NYEMA REPORTER**
- MARCOS WOODWARD REPORTER**

STEERING COMMITTEE



JANE GUIDERA

Steering Committee Chair – SCEO Director

- SPENCER WILL SCEO STAFF**

CONFERENCE RESOURCE CENTER



RACHEL WESTER

Conference Resource Center Director

- ADDIE SAATHOFF ELECTIONS MANAGER**
- SABRINA ALI RESEARCH MANAGER**
- OLIVIA BRAMMER CRC STAFF**
- NATHANIEL GUNTER CRC STAFF**
- EMILY HANNA CRC STAFF**

ELECTION RULES



ELECTION RULES

I. DEFINITIONS

- A. Abstentions: Ballots or votes cast neither for nor against a candidate, which will not be recorded as part of the vote total.
- B. Campaign Activities: Any public effort by a candidate, candidates or ticket to support or defeat a candidate, candidates or ticket.
- C. Campaign Materials: Any campaign activity or material coordinated/prepared/distributed by a candidate/ticket, for a candidate/ticket or against a candidate/ticket, including but not limited to electronic media.
- D. Delegate: A student member of a Minnesota YMCA Youth in Government delegation.
- E. Delegation: An authorized group of delegates from a YMCA, school or community. Groups participating in the Model Assembly or Model United Nations will only count as one delegation. Guests and participants from other state programs do not count as delegations.
- F. Electronic Campaigning: The use of e-mail, websites, social media systems or other mass media to promote or defeat a candidate or ticket.
- G. Form: An online or paper submission of materials.
- H. Non-Monetary In-Kind Contributions: Supplies or services rendered to the candidate/ticket at no cost or at a discount not available to the general public. This includes items already owned by the candidate or his/her family.
- I. Plurality: Receiving the most votes in respective race, election or question.
- J. Program Area Elections: Elections for leadership of program areas of the Model Assembly or Model United Nations that are voted exclusively by the members of the specific areas, as published by the Youth in Government State Office.
- K. Secret Ballot: Anonymous written vote, by an individual delegate, on a paper ballot.
- L. State Program Committee: Standing Committee of the State Board charged with long-range planning for Youth in Government programs. This committee is made up of appointed student and adult representatives.
- M. State Steering Committee: Student representatives selected by delegations and charged with oversight of election rules and candidacy process. Each delegation may send any number of representatives to sit on the State Steering Committee, though each delegation has one (1) vote.
- N. State Steering Committee Executive Session: Sub-group of the State Steering Committee, comprising of one (1) student representative from each delegation. Candidates for elected office under review may not be a member of any Executive Session.
- O. Statewide Elections: Elections for leadership of the overall Model Assembly or Model United Nations that are voted by the conference at-large. These areas include Governor/Lt. Governor ticket and Secretary of State for Model Assembly and Conference Resource Center Director for Model United Nations.
- P. Statewide Officer Elections: Candidates who are elected by the entire Model Assembly, including: Governor/Lt. Governor ticket and Secretary of State. Candidates who are elected by the entire Model United Nations, including: Conference Resource Center (CRC) Director.
- Q. Ticket: A combination of one Governor candidate and one Lt. Governor candidate, running for office together.

II. QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING DELEGATES

- A. Voters must be in the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade. They must also participate in a recognized Minnesota YMCA Youth in Government delegation.
- B. Guests and delegates from other state programs are not eligible to vote.
- C. All voters must display their current, valid Youth in Government nametag and sign the roster to receive a ballot and to vote.

III. STATE STEERING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION AND CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

- A. All elections will be overseen by the State Steering Committee, which will determine all election rules and set qualifications for candidacy.
- B. The Secretary of State will serve as the chief election official for Model Assembly; the CRC Director for the Model United Nations. They will each be responsible for the conduct of elections in their respective sessions.
- C. The officers of the State Steering Committee will consist of the Chair and Vice Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair will each serve a two-year, staggered term. Each year, the Vice Chair will be elected by the members present at the annual State Steering Committee Retreat by a plurality vote. The Vice Chair will become the Chair in the second year of the term. The Vice Chair must be able to serve a two-year term, as a delegate, during the entire term.
- D. The Chair and Vice Chair will, by virtue of their offices, be full members of the Youth in Government State Board and classified as Elected Officers at Model Assembly and Model United Nations, as leaders of the Steering Committee Executive Office.
- E. The Chair and Vice Chair must participate in Model Assembly AND Model United Nations.
- F. Should the Chair be unable or unwilling to serve his/her full term, the Vice Chair will become the Chair for the remainder of the Chair's term, separate from his/her own regular term. If the Vice Chair becomes unable or unwilling to serve his/her full term (including ascendance to the Chair), the State Steering Committee will elect a replacement at its next scheduled meeting or at a special meeting during Model Assembly or Model United Nations.

IV. QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES

- A. All candidates for nomination to elected office must fulfill the qualifications as ruled by the State Steering Committee. The Chair and Secretary of State/CRC Director must give final approval to all filings in accordance with the election rules.
- B. Candidate Filing Forms must be RECEIVED at the Youth in Government State Office/Secretary of State's Hotel Office/CRC Office by the deadline as listed on the official schedule of program deadlines as posted on the Youth in Government website.
- C. Candidates are solely responsible for management and completion of their forms, signatures, and for adherence to all deadlines. Neither the State Steering Committee nor the Youth in Government State Office will be responsible for late or misdirected mail, errors of timing, failure of electronic transmission, mechanical failure or advisor error.
- D. Any forms due during Model Assembly or Model United Nations may ONLY be submitted online via the official filing portal, with the exception of Candidate Expenditure Forms, which must be submitted at the respective conference site.
- E. Delegates may only hold one elected officer position, per conference.

- F. All the information that candidates provide may be used in the official Voter's Guide and/or publicity release and each candidate must sign and swear that the information contained in the forms is true to the best of the candidate's knowledge.
- G. If a candidate for any office should wish to withdraw, notice must be submitted, in writing, to the Secretary of State/CRC Director. Withdrawal may or may not allow for removal from the ballot, depending on when written notice is received.
- H. Should a candidate withdraw or be dismissed from the program, the student's candidacy will be null and void and the student will be ineligible to serve in the elected office.

V. NOMINATION OF STATEWIDE OFFICERS

- A. Candidates for the Statewide Officer positions need not meet any age or grade requirements but must be qualified for future program participation as a delegate.
- B. Statewide Officer Candidate Presentations
 - 1. Statewide Officer Candidates will make presentations to the electorate on Friday evening at the Town Hall Debate session for the Model Assembly and in special World Briefing session on Friday afternoon at Model United Nations.
 - 2. Each debate session will be moderated by a Resource Advisor/Secretariat.
- C. Statewide Candidate Presentation Overview
 - 1. Debate Sessions will generally consist of:
 - Introductions and process overview
 - Candidate opening statements 2 minute each
 - Questions by moderator & audience As long as time allows
 - Candidate Closing Statements 1 minute each
 - Wrap-up by moderator
 - 2. Delegates will be able to submit questions for use in Statewide Candidate Presentations. The Secretary of State's Offices/Conference Resource Center will accept questions from delegates until 12:00 Noon on Friday and the Secretary of State/CRC Director may authorize other methods and timeframes at his/her discretion. Resource Advisors/Secretariat who moderate and the Secretary of State/CRC Director will review questions and determine which will be used.
 - 3. Statewide Officer candidates will speak in random, rotating order by a method to be determined by the Secretary of State/CRC Director.

VI. NOMINATION OF PROGRAM AREA OFFICERS

- A. Model Assembly Program Area Candidates will address their prospective program areas as the first order of business on Saturday morning. Model United Nations Program Area Candidates will address their prospective program areas as the first order of business immediately following a special World Briefing Session on Friday. A maximum of one hour will be set aside for these purposes.
- B. Program area candidate presentations will be facilitated by a moderator chosen by the Secretary of State/CRC Director/Chair.
- C. The duties of moderator will include (but are not limited to): presiding over the session, keeping time of speeches, filtering the written questions submitted during Question & Answer time, maintaining decorum and enforcing all election rules.

- D. All Program Area Candidates will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes to make a presentation to their prospective program area meeting.
- E. At the end of all candidate speeches, there will be a 10-minute (maximum) question and answer session where all eligible voters in the program area may ask candidates questions. Any questions must be submitted, in writing, to the moderator.
- F. All candidates will speak in the order in which profiles are printed in the Voter's Guide.

VII. CAMPAIGN PROCEDURE

- A. The Secretary of State's Office/CRC Director's Office will make every effort to print a picture of equal size for each candidate along with a synopsis of his/her qualifications and include it as part of the official Voter's Guide.
- B. Electronic campaigning is subject to these election rules at all times (including before and during Youth in Government events). Neither the Secretary of State/CRC Director nor the Youth in Government State Office will be responsible for monitoring electronic campaigning outside of official Youth in Government channels.
- C. Any candidate or delegate should bring concerns regarding campaign activities to the Secretary of State/CRC Director in writing for evaluation and possible action.
- D. No food or beverages may be used for a campaign.
- E. No stickers or materials of any variety that have either a gummed back or a self-adhesive back may be used. Badges and buttons should be attached with pins. No powder, glitter or confetti may be used. No liquid of any kind (including, but not limited to bubbles and glow sticks) may be used for a campaign at any time. No balloons may be used for any purpose. Ink stamps are not allowed.
- F. No posters may be posted in any area used by Youth in Government, including the hotel public spaces, restrooms, elevators, sleeping room floors, State Capitol Complex, Skyways or buses. Any unattended campaign materials may be discarded at any time.
- G. No materials may be used by any delegate, candidate or advisor which may damage any facility, with particular emphasis on protecting the floors and walls. The Secretary of State/CRC Director reserves the right to take disciplinary action against a candidate distributing any item(s) which violate the Election Rules or Code of Conduct or which could scuff, cut, burn, soil, stain or otherwise damage any facility.
- H. No campaign materials may be carried or displayed in the polling place. The voter will not receive a ballot until displayed/carried materials have been removed. The Secretary of State/CRC Director will establish a 'no campaign activity' zone outside the polling place, to be clearly marked and set at his/her discretion.
- I. YMCA, school or special funds may be used toward the campaign of a candidate or ticket, but must be figured into the overall spending limits total. Each candidate must raise his/her own funds for campaigns and activities, including electronic campaigning. Non-monetary, in-kind contributions may not be accepted by any candidate. Candidate Expenditure forms must be fully completed, with all required receipts attached.
- J. Spending limits for Statewide races/tickets will be \$150; no spending will be allowed for any program area race.
- K. Any material or messaging used in campaigns that promotes violation of the Code of Conduct is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to promotion of sex, alcohol, tobacco, and/or controlled substances.

- L. Any violation of Local, State or Federal law is prohibited. This includes and is not limited to copyright and trademark infringements.
- M. Any violation, by a candidate, of the Code of Conduct and/or approved election rules will result in disciplinary action as decided by the Secretary of State/CRC Director, which may include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - required public and/or published apology
 - loss of speaking privileges at Town Hall Session or program area presentation
 - restriction of campaign activities
 - recommendation to State Steering Committee for termination of candidacy
- N. Any delegate or candidate wishing to lodge a protest related to candidate activities or adherence to election rules must notify the Secretary of State's Office/CRC Director's Office of a specific concern, in writing, by 9:00 AM on Saturday. The Secretary of State/CRC Director will review the specific complaint and take any actions he/she deems necessary and will notify the delegate of his/her decision in writing.
- O. Any delegate who has concerns about election activities occurring after candidate speeches have begun or until the results are officially released must bring that concern, in writing, to the Secretary of State's Office/CRC Director's Office immediately for review. The Secretary of State/CRC Director will review the specific concern and take actions he/she deems necessary and will notify the delegate of the decision in writing.
- P. Any candidate wishing to question a decision by the Secretary of State/CRC Director must notify the Chair of a specific concern, in writing, no later than one hour after receiving a decision from the Secretary of State/CRC Director. The Chair will review the specific activities and take any actions he/she deems necessary, including possible review by an Executive Session of the State Steering Committee. In the event that an Executive Session is convened, its decision will be final.
- Q. In the case of a recommended sanction for loss of candidacy, the State Steering Committee will convene in Executive Session to deliberate and determine the matter. Only the Executive Session of the State Steering Committee can impose this particular sanction. In the event that an Executive Session is convened, its decision will be final.
- R. All campaign activities, including those by third parties, are subject to the Code of Conduct and to all election rules.

VIII. VOTING

- A. A plurality will rule except when otherwise stated.
- B. The polls for the Model Assembly Election will be open from 12 Noon until 8:00 PM on Saturday of the Model Assembly. Voters in line at 8:00 PM will be allowed to vote.
- C. The polls for the Model United Nations Election will be open for two hours on Saturday of the Model United Nations, at times to be posted by the CRC Director at the start of the conference (for 2017 only). Voters in line at the closing time will be allowed to vote.
- D. Election workers will be drawn from the Executive Branch/Conference Resource Center staff, with the exception of any participant who is a candidate for elected office. No candidate for elected office may be involved with the administration or tabulation of any election. Should additional assistance be required to administer elections, the Secretary of State/CRC Director will appoint members of the State Steering Committee (who are not candidates for elected office) to assist.

- E. Each delegate will have one (1) vote per office being elected.
- F. All voting for offices will be accomplished by a secret ballot. All ballots will contain all names of candidates for offices and will be separated by office.
 - 1. The election official will have each voter present his/her current, valid nametag and sign the roster. As each delegate presents his/her current, valid nametag, an election ballot will be given to him/her containing all Statewide Officer candidate names and offices sought as well as the appropriate program area ballot, with candidate names and offices sought.
 - 2. After presenting the current, valid nametag and receiving a ballot the delegate will be directed to a place in the election room to fill out the ballot and when completed, deposit it in the ballot container.
 - 3. The ballot of each delegate will be counted by the election officials and the total votes reported to the Secretary of State/CRC Director.
- G. If a candidate or ticket prevails by less than 3% of the votes or if the margin of victory is 5 votes or fewer, a recount will automatically be conducted.
- H. In the case of a tie, the two leading candidates will be voted upon in a special election, unless the tie vote makes it necessary to include another candidate or candidates.
- I. Election results, including vote totals, will be officially announced by the Secretary of State/CRC Director upon certification. They will be available at the Hotel Secretary of State's Office/CRC Office for public review.

IX. PROVISIONS FOR MODEL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

- A. To be considered for election, all program area candidates must present their candidate filing form to the Hotel Office of the Secretary of State by 12:00 Noon on Friday of the Model Assembly Session.
- B. All Officer candidates who expend funds or use media points pursuant to these rules must submit a Candidate Expenditure Report to the Hotel Office of the Secretary of State by 12:00 Noon on Friday of the Model Assembly Session. Candidates who are required to submit Candidate Expenditure reports but do not do so will be disqualified from candidacy. Those who do not expend any funds or use any media points will not be required to submit the report.
- C. Candidates for legislative, judicial, National Issues Forum, lobbyist and media offices must, upon assuming office, meet the grade requirements of the program area they wish to lead.

OFFICE	GRADE AT FILING
- Sanford or Knutson	10th or 11th Grades
- Humphrey/Sibley or Stassen/Ramsey	8th or 9th Grades
- Supreme Court Chief Justice	10th or 11th Grades
- Court of Appeals Chief Judge	8th or 9th Grades
- Trial Court Chief Judge	8th or 9th Grades
- District Court Chief Judge	10th or 11th Grades
- National Issues Forum Presiding Officer	9th, 10th or 11th Grades
- Lobbyist Executive Director	9th, 10th or 11th Grades
- All Media Officers	9th, 10th or 11th Grades

- D. Candidates for the offices of Secretary of State and Governor/Lt. Governor ticket need not meet any age or grade requirements but must be qualified for future program participation as a delegate.
- E. Nomination of Judicial Offices: Judicial leadership will be elected by the members of the respective courts. Supreme Court will elect the Chief Justice; Court of Appeals, Trial Court and District Court will each elect a Chief Judge.
- F. Nomination of Legislative Offices: Legislative leadership will be elected by the members of the respective legislative bodies. Houses will each elect a Speaker; Senates will each elect a President.
- G. Nomination of National Issues Forum Offices: Forum leadership will be elected by the members of the National Issues Forum, which will elect a Presiding Officer.
- H. Nomination of Lobbyist Offices: Lobbyist leadership will be elected by the members of the Lobbyist program. The Lobbyists will elect an Executive Director. All Lobbyists will meet together at the Hotel on Saturday morning to hear candidate presentations by Lobbyist Executive Director candidates.
- I. Nomination of Media Offices: Media program area leadership will be elected by the combined members of the media, who will jointly elect the Media Director.
- J. Each program area candidate may use up to 100 media points to promote their campaign. Each Statewide Officer candidate or may use up to 150 media points to promote their campaign.
- K. All advertisements at Model Assembly must be coordinated through the Secretary of State's Hotel Office. All media materials must be submitted to the Secretary of State's Hotel Office by 12:00 Noon on Friday. The Secretary of State's Office will transmit campaign materials to the media. The media is required to publish all approved advertisements prior to opening of the polls.
- L. Media points may be expended on the following schedule. All media materials must be produced and supplied by the candidate or ticket and submitted according to standards of each media program area. (Note – TV ads must be completed by the candidate before arrival at Model Assembly. TV ads on rebroadcasts of the TV News do not count against media points.)
 - 100 points full-page Newspaper ad (8" x 10")
 - 50 points up to 60 second TV ad
 - 50 points ½ page Newspaper ad (8" x 5" or 3 ¾" x 10")
 - 25 points 30 second Radio ad
 - 25 points 1 tweet from Digital Media (limit two per day)
 - 10 points 15 second Radio ad

X. PROVISIONS FOR MODEL UNITED NATIONS ELECTIONS

- A. To be considered for election, all candidates must present their candidate filing form and any other required forms to the Conference Resource Center by 9:00 AM on Friday of the Model United Nations.
- B. Nomination of Program Area Offices: Program leaders will be elected by the members of the respective program areas.
 - The Mondale and Anderson General Assemblies (GA) will each elect a President
 - The Sr. Economic and Social Council and Jr. Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) will each elect a President.
 - The International Court of Justice (ICJ) will elect a President
 - The Human Rights Council (HRC) will elect a President
 - The Security Council and the Historic Security Councils will each elect a President.
 - The Conference Media will elect a Director.

XI. OTHER

- A. The Secretary of State/CRC Director will make determinations on election activities as they apply to these rules.
- B. Any delegate wishing to question the outcome of a Model Assembly Session race must notify the Secretary of State of a specific concern, in writing, by 12:00 Noon on Sunday. The Secretary of State will review the results of the specific race and take any actions he/she deems necessary.
- C. Any delegate wishing to question the outcome of a Model United Nations race must notify the CRC Director of a specific concern, in writing, by 1:30 PM on Saturday. The CRC Director will review the results of the specific race and take any actions he/she deems necessary.
- D. The group of officers announced at the closing session will be the official officers of the respective programs for the following session.
- E. In the event that an officer or officer-elect (with the exception of the Chair, Vice Chair, Governor and Lt. Governor) is unable or unwilling to fulfill his/her leadership role at the respective program, the candidate receiving the next-highest number of votes will fill the role.
- F. An officer or officer-elect will be deemed unwilling to serve if he/she has two or more unexcused absences from program training events or otherwise fails to meet the basic duties of the position in a timely manner. The Chair, Vice Chair and State Program Executive will jointly determine what constitutes an unexcused absence or failure to complete basic duties.
- G. Should there be no remaining candidates or should no candidates stand for election in a particular race, the rising Governor or CRC Director will discuss potential candidates, with the advice of the current, outgoing Officer in the particular program area and will appoint a replacement Officer. In the event of no rising Governor or CRC Director, the Steering Committee will meet in special session to fill the vacant office.
- H. Should the Governor be unable or unwilling to serve his/her full term, the Lt. Governor from that ticket will assume the office of Governor. Should the Lt. Governor be unable or unwilling to serve his/her full term or the office become otherwise vacant, the Governor will appoint a replacement. In the event that Governor/Lt. Governor ticket is unable or unwilling to fulfill their leadership roles, the ticket receiving the next-highest number of votes will fill the roles.
- I. Election officials are NOT to reveal the total vote of each particular office until it is officially announced. Any person in the above capacity violating this requirement will be expelled from the leadership position and may be barred from holding a leadership position the next year.

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17 delegations in favor, 0 delegations opposed

RULES OF PROCEDURE



JOINT RULES

ARTICLE I – SESSIONS

Opening date

Rule 1

The Model United Nations shall meet every year in regular session in March.

Place of meeting

Rule 2

The Model United Nations shall meet at the designated conference site.

Notification of session

Rule 3

The Secretary-General shall notify the Members of the Model United Nations, at least sixty days in advance, of the opening of a regular session.

Temporary adjournment of session

Rule 4

The Model United Nations Organs may decide at any session to adjourn temporarily and resume its meetings at a later date.

ARTICLE II – AGENDA

REGULAR SESSIONS

Agenda

Rule 5

The agenda for a regular session shall be drawn up by the Secretary-General and communicated to the Members of the Model United Nations at least sixty days before the opening of the session.

Rule 6

The agenda of a regular session shall include: (a) The report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization; (b) Reports from the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the International Court of Justice, and (c) All items which the Secretary-General deems it necessary to put before the Model United Nations Organs.

Additional items

Rule 7

Additional items of an important and urgent character, proposed for inclusion in the agenda less than thirty days before the opening of a regular session or during a regular session, may be placed on the agenda if the Model United Nations Organs so decide by a majority of the members present and voting. No additional item may, unless the Organs decide otherwise by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.

REGULAR AND SPECIAL SESSIONS

Explanatory memorandum

Rule 8

Any item proposed for inclusion in the agenda shall be accompanied by an explanatory memorandum and, if possible, by basic documents or by a draft resolution.

Adoption of the agenda**Rule 9**

At each session the agenda and the supplementary list, shall be submitted to the Model United Nations Organs for approval as soon as possible after the opening of the session.

Amendment and deletion of items**Rule 10**

Items on the agenda may be amended or deleted by the Model United Nations Organs by a majority of the members present and voting.

ARTICLE III – COUNTRY GROUPS**Composition****Rule 11**

The country group of a Member shall consist of not more than seven representatives.

ARTICLE IV – CREDENTIALS**Submission of credentials****Rule 12**

The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a country group shall be submitted to the Secretary-General if possible not less than one week before the opening of the session.

ARTICLE V – PRESIDENTS AND VICE-PRESIDENTS**Elections****Rule 13**

Each Model United Nations Organ shall elect a President and a Vice-President.

Rule 14

A Vice-President acting as President shall have the same powers and duties as the President.

Replacement of the President**Rule 15**

If the President is unable to perform his functions, a new President shall be appointed for the unexpired term.

General powers of the President**Rule 16**

In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him elsewhere by these rules, the President shall declare the opening and closing of each plenary meeting of the session, direct the discussions in plenary meeting, ensure observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, put questions and announce decisions. He shall rule on points of order and, subject to these rules, shall have complete control of the proceedings at any meeting and over the maintenance of order thereat. The President may, in the course of the discussion of an item, propose to the Organs the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers, the limitation of the number of times each representative may speak, the closure of the list of speakers or the closure of the debate. He may also propose the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting or the adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion.

Rule 17

The President, in the exercise of his functions, remains under the authority of each of their respective Organ.

The President shall not vote

Rule 18

The President, or a Vice-President acting as President, shall not vote.

ARTICLE VI – SECRETARIAT

Duties of the Secretary-General

Rule 19

The Secretary-General shall act in that capacity in all meetings of the Model United Nations Organs and committees. He may designate a member of the Secretariat to act in his place at these meetings.

Rule 20

The Secretary-General shall provide and direct the staff required by the Model United Nations and any committees or organs which it may establish.

Duties of the Secretariat

Rule 21

The Secretariat shall receive, translate, print and distribute documents, reports and resolutions of the Model United Nations, its committees and its organs; interpret speeches made at the meetings; prepare, print and circulate the records of the session; have the custody and proper preservation of the documents in the archives of the Model United Nations; distribute all documents of the Assembly to the Members of the Model United Nations, and, generally, perform all other work which the Model United Nations may require.

Notification under Article 12 of the Charter

Rule 22

The Secretary-General, with the consent of the Security Council, shall notify the General Assembly at each session of any matters relative to the maintenance of international peace and security which are being dealt with by the Security Council and shall similarly notify the General Assembly, or the Members of the United Nations if the General Assembly is not in session, immediately the Security Council ceases to deal with such matters.

First Undersecretary-General

Rule 23

The Model United Nations shall annually elect a First Undersecretary-General, who shall work directly under the supervision of the Secretary-General and who shall succeed to the role of Secretary-General in the second year of service.

ARTICLE VII – LANGUAGES

Official and working languages

Rule 24

English shall be the official and the working languages of the Model United Nations, its organs and its committees.

Language of the Journal of the United Nations**Rule 25**

During the sessions of the Model United Nations, the Journal of the United Nations or other conference media shall be published in the language of the Model United Nations.

Language of resolutions and other documents**Rule 26**

All resolutions and other documents shall be published in the language of the Model United Nations.

ARTICLE VIII – RECORDS**Resolutions****Rule 27**

Resolutions adopted by the Model United Nations Organs shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to the Members of the Model United Nations.

ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS OF THE MODEL UNITED NATIONS**General principles****Rule 28**

The meetings of the Model United Nations shall be held in public unless the organs or committees concerned decides that exceptional circumstances require that the meeting be held in private.

ARTICLE X – MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER OR MEDITATION**Invitation to silent prayer or meditation****Rule 29**

Immediately after the opening of each session of the Model United Nations Organs, the President shall invite the representatives to observe moment of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation.

ARTICLE XI – PLENARY MEETINGS CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**Report of the Secretary-General****Rule 30**

Proposals or resolutions to refer any portion of the report of the Secretary-General to one of the Committees without debate shall be decided upon by the General Assembly.

Reference to committees**Rule 31**

The General Assembly shall not, unless it decides otherwise, make a final decision upon any item on the agenda until it has received the report of a committee on that item.

Discussion of reports of Committees**Rule 32**

Discussion of a report of a Committee in a plenary meeting of the General Assembly shall take place if at least one third of the members present and voting at the plenary meeting consider such a discussion to be necessary. Any proposal to this effect shall not be debated but shall be immediately put to the vote.

Quorum

Rule 33

The President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when at least one third of the members of the Model United Nations Organs are present. The presence of a majority of the members shall be required for any decision to be taken.

Speeches

Rule 34

No representative may address the Model United Nations Organ without having previously obtained the permission of the President. The President shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak. The President may call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

Precedence

Rule 35

The Chairman of a committee may be accorded precedence for the purpose of explaining the conclusions arrived at by their committee.

Statements by the Secretariat

Rule 36

The Secretary-General, or a member of the Secretariat designated by him as his representative, may at any time make either oral or written statements to the Model United Nations Organ concerning any question under consideration by it.

Points of order

Rule 37

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may rise to a point of order, and the point of order shall be immediately decided by the President in accordance with the rules of procedure. A representative may appeal against the ruling of the President. The appeal shall be immediately put to the vote, and the President's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the members present and voting. A representative rising to a point of order may not speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

Time limit on speeches

Rule 38

The Model United Nations Organs may limit the time to be allowed to each speaker and the number of times each representative may speak on any question. Before a decision is taken, two representatives may speak in favour of, and two against, a proposal to set such limits. When the debate is limited and a representative exceeds his allotted time, the President shall call him to order without delay.

Closing of list of speakers, right of reply

Rule 39

During the course of a debate, the President may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the Model United Nations Organ, declare the list closed. He may, however, accord the right of reply to any member if a speech delivered after he has declared the list closed makes this desirable.

Adjournment of debate

Rule 40

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may move the adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion. In addition to the proposer of the motion, two representatives may speak in favour of, and two against, the motion, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote. The President may limit the time to be allowed to speakers under this rule.

Closure of debate**Rule 41**

A representative may at any time move the closure of the debate on the item under discussion, whether or not any other representative has signified his wish to speak. Permission to speak on the closure of the debate shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing the closure, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote. If the Model United Nations Organ is in favour of the closure, the President shall declare the closure of the debate. The President may limit the time to be allowed to speakers under this rule.

Suspension or adjournment of the meeting**Rule 42**

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. Such motions shall not be debated but shall be immediately put to the vote. The President may limit the time to be allowed to the speaker moving the suspension or adjournment of the meeting.

Order of procedural motions**Rule 43**

Subject to rule 37, the motions indicated below shall have precedence in the following order over all other proposals or motions before the meeting: (a) To suspend the meeting; (b) To adjourn the meeting; (c) To adjourn the debate on the item under discussion; (d) To close the debate on the item under discussion.

Resolutions and amendments**Rule 44**

Resolutions and amendments shall normally be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General, who shall circulate copies to the delegations. As a general rule, no resolution shall be discussed or put to the vote at any meeting of the Model United Nations Organs unless copies of it have been circulated to all delegations. The President may, however, permit the discussion and consideration of amendments, or of motions as to procedure, even though such amendments and motions have not been circulated.

Decisions on competence**Rule 45**

Subject to rule 43, any motion calling for a decision on the competence of the Model United Nations Organ to adopt a proposal submitted to it shall be put to the vote before a vote is taken on the proposal in question.

Withdrawal of motions**Rule 46**

A motion may be withdrawn by its author at any time before voting on it has commenced, provided that the motion has not been amended. A motion thus withdrawn may be reintroduced by any member.

Reconsideration of resolutions**Rule 47**

When a resolution has been adopted or rejected, it may not be reconsidered at the same session unless the Model United Nations Organ, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, so decides. Permission to speak on a motion to reconsider shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing the motion, after which it shall be immediately put to the vote.

VOTING

Voting rights

Rule 48

Each member of their respective Model United Nations Organ shall have one vote.

Two-thirds majority

Rule 49

Decisions of the General Assembly on important questions shall be made by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting. These questions shall include: the suspension of the rights and privileges of membership, the expulsion of Members, and budgetary questions.

Simple majority

Rule 50

Decisions of the General Assembly on questions other than those provided for in rule 49, including the determination of additional categories of questions to be decided by a two-thirds majority, shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting. Decisions of the Model United Nations Organs, except the General Assembly, shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting.

Meaning of the phrase "members present and voting"

Rule 51

For the purposes of these rules, the phrase "members present and voting" means members casting an affirmative or negative vote. Members which abstain from voting are considered as not voting.

Method of voting

Rule 52

The Model United Nations Organs shall normally vote by show of hands or by standing, but any representative may request a roll-call. The roll-call shall be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the members. The name of each member shall be called in any roll-call, and one of its representatives shall reply "yes", "no" or "abstention". The result of the voting shall be inserted in the record in the English alphabetical order of the names of the members.

Conduct during voting

Rule 53

After the President has announced the beginning of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting. The President may permit members to explain their votes, either before or after the voting, except when the vote is taken by secret ballot. The President may limit the time to be allowed for such explanations. The President shall not permit the author of a resolution or of an amendment to explain his vote on his own resolution or amendment.

Division of resolutions and amendments

Rule 54

A representative may move that parts of a resolution or of an amendment should be voted on separately. If objection is made to the request for division, the motion for division shall be voted upon. Permission to speak on the motion for division shall be given only to two speakers in favour and two speakers against. If the motion for division is carried, those parts of the proposal or of the amendment which are approved shall then be put to the vote as a whole. If all operative parts of the resolution or of the amendment have been rejected, the resolution or the amendment shall be considered to have been rejected as a whole.

Voting on amendments**Rule 55**

When an amendment is moved to a resolution, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments are moved to a resolution, the Model United Nations Organ shall first vote on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original resolution and then on the amendment next furthest removed therefrom, and so on until all the amendments have been put to the vote. Where, however, the adoption of one amendment necessarily implies the rejection of another amendment, the latter amendment shall not be put to the vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be voted upon. A motion is considered an amendment to a resolution if it merely adds to, deletes from or revises part of the resolution.

Voting on proposals**Rule 56**

If two or more resolution relate to the same question, the Model United Nations Organ shall, unless it decides otherwise, vote on the resolution in the order in which they have been submitted. The Organ may, after each vote on a resolution, decide whether to vote on the next resolution.

Equally divided votes**Rule 57**

If a vote is equally divided on matters, a second vote shall be taken. If this vote also results in equality, the proposal shall be regarded as rejected.

ARTICLE XII – GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES**ESTABLISHMENT, OFFICERS, ORGANIZATION OF WORK****Establishment of committees****Rule 58**

The General Assembly may establish such committees as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

Categories of subjects**Rule 59**

Items relating to the same category of subjects shall be referred to the committee or committees dealing with that category of subjects. Committees shall not introduce new items on their own initiative.

Committees**Rule 60**

The Committees of the Mondale General Assembly are the following: (a) Political and Security Committee (b) Economic and Financial Committee; (c) Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee; (d) Legal Committee; (e) Special Political Committee; (f) Administrative Committee.

The Committees of the Anderson General Assembly are the following: (a) Political and Security Committee (b) Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee; (c) Special Political Committee.

Representation of Members**Rule 61**

Each Member may be represented by one person on each Committee that may be established upon which all Members have the right to be represented.

The Chairman of a Committee shall not vote**Rule 62**

The Chairman of a Committee shall not vote, but another member of his delegation may vote in his place.

Absence of officers

Rule 62

If the Chairman finds it necessary to be absent during a meeting or any part thereof, he shall designate the Vice-Chairman to take his place. A Vice-Chairman acting as Chairman shall have the same powers and duties as the Chairman. If any officer of the committee is unable to perform his functions, a new officer shall be appointed for the unexpired term.

Functions of the Chairman

Rule 63

The Chairman shall declare the opening and closing of each meeting of the committee, direct its discussions, ensure observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, put questions and announce decisions. He shall rule on points of order and, subject to these rules, shall have complete control of the proceedings at any meeting and over the maintenance of order thereat. The Chairman may, in the course of the discussion of an item, propose to the committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers, the limitation of the number of times each representative may speak, the closure of the list of speakers or the closure of the debate. He may also propose the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting or the adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion.

Rule 64

The Chairman, in the exercise of his functions, remains under the authority of the committee.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Quorum

Rule 65

The Chairman may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when at least one quarter of the members of the committee are present. The presence of a majority of the members shall be required for any decision to be taken.

Speeches

Rule 66

No representative may address the committee without having previously obtained the permission of the Chairman. The Chairman shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak. The Chairman may call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

Precedence

Rule 67

The Chairman of a committee may be accorded precedence for the purpose of explaining the conclusions arrived at by their committee.

Statements by the Secretariat

Rule 68

The Secretary-General, or a member of the Secretariat designated by him as his representative, may at any time make either oral or written statements to any committee concerning any question under consideration by it.

Points of order**Rule 69**

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may rise to a point of order, and the point of order shall be immediately decided by the Chairman in accordance with the rules of procedure. A representative may appeal against the ruling of the Chairman. The appeal shall be immediately put to the vote, and the Chairman's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the members present and voting. A representative rising to a point of order may not speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

Time limit on speeches**Rule 70**

The committee may limit the time to be allowed to each speaker and the number of times each representative may speak on any question. Before a decision is taken, two representatives may speak in favour of, and two against, a proposal to set such limits. When the debate is limited and a representative exceeds his allotted time, the Chairman shall call him to order without delay.

Closing of list of speakers, right of reply**Rule 71**

During the course of a debate, the Chairman may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the committee, declare the list closed. He may, however, accord the right of reply to any member if a speech delivered after he has declared the list closed makes this desirable.

Adjournment of debate**Rule 72**

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may move the adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion. In addition to the proposer of the motion, two representatives may speak in favour of, and two against, the motion, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote. The Chairman may limit the time to be allowed to speakers under this rule.

Closure of debate**Rule 73**

A representative may at any time move the closure of the debate on the item under discussion, whether or not any other representative has signified his wish to speak. Permission to speak on the closure of the debate shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing the closure, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote. If the committee is in favour of the closure, the Chairman shall declare the closure of the debate. The Chairman may limit the time to be allowed to speakers under this rule.

Suspension or adjournment of the meeting**Rule 74**

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. Such motions shall not be debated but shall be immediately put to the vote. The Chairman may limit the time to be allowed to the speaker moving the suspension or adjournment of the meeting.

Order of procedural motions**Rule 75**

Subject to rule 69, the motions indicated below shall have precedence in the following order over all other proposals or motions before the meeting: (a) To suspend the meeting; (b) To adjourn the meeting; (c) To adjourn the debate on the item under discussion; (d) To close the debate on the item under discussion.

Proposals, Resolutions and amendments

Rule 76

Proposals, resolutions and amendments shall normally be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General, who shall circulate copies to the delegations. As a general rule, no proposal or resolution shall be discussed or put to the vote at any meeting of the committee unless copies of it have been circulated to all delegations. The Chairman may, however, permit the discussion and consideration of amendments, or of motions as to procedure, even though such amendments and motions have not been circulated.

Decisions on competence

Rule 77

Subject to rule 75, any motion calling for a decision on the competence of the committee to adopt a resolution submitted to it shall be put to the vote before a vote is taken on the resolution in question.

Withdrawal of motions

Rule 78

A motion may be withdrawn by its proposer at any time before voting on it has commenced, provided that the motion has not been amended. A motion thus withdrawn may be reintroduced by any member.

Reconsideration of resolutions

Rule 79

When a resolution has been adopted or rejected, it may not be reconsidered at the same session unless the committee, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, so decides. Permission to speak on a motion to reconsider shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing the motion, after which it shall be immediately put to the vote.

VOTING

Voting rights

Rule 80

Each member of the committee shall have one vote.

Majority required

Rule 81

Decisions of committees shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting.

Meaning of the phrase "members present and voting"

Rule 82

For the purposes of these rules, the phrase "members present and voting" means members casting an affirmative or negative vote. Members which abstain from voting are considered as not voting.

Method of voting

Rule 83

(a) The committee shall normally vote by show of hands or by standing, but any representative may request a roll-call. The roll-call shall be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the members. The name of each member shall be called in any roll-call, and its representative shall reply "yes", "no" or "abstention". The result of the voting shall be inserted in the record in the English alphabetical order of the names of the members.

Conduct during voting**Rule 84**

After the Chairman has announced the beginning of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting. The Chairman may permit members to explain their votes, either before or after the voting, except when the vote is taken by secret ballot. The Chairman may limit the time to be allowed for such explanations. The Chairman shall not permit the author of a resolution or of an amendment to explain his vote on his own resolution or amendment.

Division of resolutions and amendments**Rule 85**

A representative may move that parts of a resolution or of an amendment should be voted on separately. If objection is made to the request for division, the motion for division shall be voted upon. Permission to speak on the motion for division shall be given only to two speakers in favour and two speakers against. If the motion for division is carried, those parts of the resolution or of the amendment which are approved shall then be put to the vote as a whole. If all operative parts of the resolution or of the amendment have been rejected, the resolution or the amendment shall be considered to have been rejected as a whole.

Voting on amendments**Rule 86**

When an amendment is moved to a resolution, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments are moved to a resolution, the committee shall first vote on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal and then on the amendment next furthest removed therefrom, and so on until all the amendments have been put to the vote. Where, however, the adoption of one amendment necessarily implies the rejection of another amendment, the latter amendment shall not be put to the vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended resolution shall then be voted upon. A motion is considered an amendment to a resolution if it merely adds to, deletes from or revises part of the resolution.

Voting on resolutions**Rule 87**

If two or more resolutions relate to the same question, the committee shall, unless it decides otherwise, vote on the resolution in the order in which they have been submitted. The committee may, after each vote on a resolution, decide whether to vote on the next resolution.

Equally divided votes**Rule 88**

If a vote is equally divided on matters, the resolution shall be regarded as rejected.

CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS



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PREAMBLE

WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DETERMINED

- to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and
- to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and
- to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and
- to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

AND FOR THESE ENDS

- to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and
- to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and
- to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and
- to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

HAVE RESOLVED TO COMBINE OUR EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH THESE AIMS

Accordingly, our respective Governments, through representatives assembled in the city of San Francisco, who have exhibited their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed to the present Charter of the United Nations and do hereby establish an international organization to be known as the United Nations.

CHAPTER I: PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES

Article 1

The Purposes of the United Nations are:

1. To maintain international peace and security, and to that end: to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, and to bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace;
2. To develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and to take other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace;
3. To achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion; and
4. To be a center for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends.

Article 2

The Organization and its Members, in pursuit of the Purposes stated in Article 1, shall act in accordance with the following Principles.

1. The Organization is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members.
2. All Members, in order to ensure to all of them the rights and benefits resulting from membership, shall fulfill in good faith the obligations assumed by them in accordance with the present Charter.
3. All Members shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security, and justice, are not endangered.
4. All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations.
5. All Members shall give the United Nations every assistance in any action it takes in accordance with the present Charter, and shall refrain from giving assistance to any state against which the United Nations is taking preventive or enforcement action.

6. The Organization shall ensure that states which are not Members of the United Nations act in accordance with these Principles so far as may be necessary for the maintenance of international peace and security.
7. Nothing contained in the present Charter shall authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state or shall require the Members to submit such matters to settlement under the present Charter; but this principle shall not prejudice the application of enforcement measures under Chapter VII.

CHAPTER II: MEMBERSHIP

Article 3

The original Members of the United Nations shall be the states which, having participated in the United Nations Conference on International Organization at San Francisco, or having previously signed the Declaration by United Nations of 1 January 1942, sign the present Charter and ratify it in accordance with Article 110.

Article 4

1. Membership in the United Nations is open to all other peace-loving states which accept the obligations contained in the present Charter and, in the judgment of the Organization, are able and willing to carry out these obligations.
2. The admission of any such state to membership in the United Nations will be effected by a decision of the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council.

Article 5

A Member of the United Nations against which preventive or enforcement action has been taken by the Security Council may be suspended from the exercise of the rights and privileges of membership by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council. The exercise of these rights and privileges may be restored by the Security Council.

Article 6

A Member of the United Nations which has persistently violated the Principles contained in the present Charter may be expelled from the Organization by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council.

CHAPTER III: ORGANS

Article 7

1. There are established as principal organs of the United Nations: a General Assembly, a Security Council, an Economic and Social Council, a Trusteeship Council, an International Court of Justice and a Secretariat.
2. Such subsidiary organs as may be found necessary may be established in accordance with the present Charter.

Article 8

The United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs.

CHAPTER IV: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMPOSITION

Article 9

1. The General Assembly shall consist of all the Members of the United Nations.
2. Each Member shall have not more than five representatives in the General Assembly.

FUNCTIONS and POWERS

Article 10

The General Assembly may discuss any questions or any matters within the scope of the present Charter or relating to the powers and functions of any organs provided for in the present Charter, and, except as provided in Article 12, may make recommendations to the Members of the United Nations or to the Security Council or to both on any such questions or matters.

Article 11

1. The General Assembly may consider the general principles of co-operation in the maintenance of international peace and security, including the principles governing disarmament and the regulation of armaments, and may make recommendations with regard to such principles to the Members or to the Security Council or to both.
2. The General Assembly may discuss any questions relating to the maintenance of international peace and security brought before it by any Member of the United Nations, or by the Security Council, or by a state which is not a Member of the United Nations in accordance with Article 35, paragraph 2, and, except as provided in Article 12, may make recommendations with regard to any such questions to the state or states concerned or to the Security Council or to both. Any such question on which action is necessary shall be referred to the Security Council by the General Assembly either before or after discussion.
3. The General Assembly may call the attention of the Security Council to situations which are likely to endanger international peace and security.
4. The powers of the General Assembly set forth in this Article shall not limit the general scope of Article 10.

Article 12

1. While the Security Council is exercising in respect of any dispute or situation the functions assigned to it in the present Charter, the General Assembly shall not make any recommendation with regard to that dispute or situation unless the Security Council so requests.
2. The Secretary-General, with the consent of the Security Council, shall notify the General Assembly at each session of any matters relative to the maintenance of international peace and security which are being dealt with by the Security Council and shall similarly notify the General Assembly, or the Members of the United Nations if the General Assembly is not in session, immediately the Security Council ceases to deal with such matters.

Article 13

1. The General Assembly shall initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of: a. promoting international co-operation in the political field and encouraging the progressive development of international law and its codification; b. promoting international co-operation in the economic, social, cultural, educational, and health fields, and assisting in the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion.
2. The further responsibilities, functions and powers of the General Assembly with respect to matters mentioned in paragraph 1 (b) above are set forth in Chapters IX and X.

Article 14

Subject to the provisions of Article 12, the General Assembly may recommend measures for the peaceful adjustment of any situation, regardless of origin, which it deems likely to impair the general welfare or friendly relations among nations, including situations resulting from a violation of the provisions of the present Charter setting forth the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations.

Article 15

1. The General Assembly shall receive and consider annual and special reports from the Security Council; these reports shall include an account of the measures that the Security Council has decided upon or taken to maintain international peace and security.
2. The General Assembly shall receive and consider reports from the other organs of the United Nations.

Article 16

The General Assembly shall perform such functions with respect to the international trusteeship system as are assigned to it under Chapters XII and XIII, including the approval of the trusteeship agreements for areas not designated as strategic.

Article 17

1. The General Assembly shall consider and approve the budget of the Organization.
2. The expenses of the Organization shall be borne by the Members as apportioned by the General Assembly.
3. The General Assembly shall consider and approve any financial and budgetary arrangements with specialized agencies referred to in Article 57 and shall examine the administrative budgets of such specialized agencies with a view to making recommendations to the agencies concerned.

VOTING

Article 18

1. Each member of the General Assembly shall have one vote.
2. Decisions of the General Assembly on important questions shall be made by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting. These questions shall include: recommendations with respect to the maintenance of international peace and security, the election of the non-permanent members of the Security Council, the election of the members of the Economic and Social Council, the election of members of the Trusteeship Council in accordance with paragraph 1 (c) of Article 86, the admission of new Members to the United Nations, the suspension of the rights and privileges of membership, the expulsion of Members, questions relating to the operation of the trusteeship system, and budgetary questions.
3. Decisions on other questions, including the determination of additional categories of questions to be decided by a two-thirds majority, shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting.

Article 19

A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member.

PROCEDURE

Article 20

The General Assembly shall meet in regular annual sessions and in such special sessions as occasion may require. Special sessions shall be convoked by the Secretary-General at the request of the Security Council or of a majority of the Members of the United Nations.

Article 21

The General Assembly shall adopt its own rules of procedure. It shall elect its President for each session.

Article 22

The General Assembly may establish such subsidiary organs as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

CHAPTER V: THE SECURITY COUNCIL

COMPOSITION

Article 23

1. The Security Council shall consist of fifteen Members of the United Nations. The Republic of China, France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America shall be permanent members of the Security Council. The General Assembly shall elect ten other Members of the United Nations to be non-permanent members of the Security Council, due regard being specially paid, in the first instance to the contribution of Members of the United Nations to the maintenance of international peace and security and to the other purposes of the Organization, and also to equitable geographical distribution.
2. The non-permanent members of the Security Council shall be elected for a term of two years. In the first election of the non-permanent members after the increase of the membership of the Security Council from eleven to fifteen, two of the four additional members shall be chosen for a term of one year. A retiring member shall not be eligible for immediate re-election.
3. Each member of the Security Council shall have one representative.

FUNCTIONS and POWERS

Article 24

1. In order to ensure prompt and effective action by the United Nations, its Members confer on the Security Council primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, and agree that in carrying out its duties under this responsibility the Security Council acts on their behalf.
2. In discharging these duties the Security Council shall act in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations. The specific powers granted to the Security Council for the discharge of these duties are laid down in Chapters VI, VII, VIII, and XII.
3. The Security Council shall submit annual and, when necessary, special reports to the General Assembly for its consideration.

Article 25

The Members of the United Nations agree to accept and carry out the decisions of the Security Council in accordance with the present Charter.

Article 26

In order to promote the establishment and maintenance of international peace and security with the least diversion for armaments of the world's human and economic resources, the Security Council shall be responsible for formulating, with the assistance of the Military Staff Committee referred to in Article 47, plans to be submitted to the Members of the United Nations for the establishment of a system for the regulation of armaments.

VOTING

Article 27

1. Each member of the Security Council shall have one vote.
2. Decisions of the Security Council on procedural matters shall be made by an affirmative vote of nine members.
3. Decisions of the Security Council on all other matters shall be made by an affirmative vote of nine members including the concurring votes of the permanent members; provided that, in decisions under Chapter VI, and under paragraph 3 of Article 52, a party to a dispute shall abstain from voting.

PROCEDURE

Article 28

1. The Security Council shall be so organized as to be able to function continuously. Each member of the Security Council shall for this purpose be represented at all times at the seat of the Organization.
2. The Security Council shall hold periodic meetings at which each of its members may, if it so desires, be represented by a member of the government or by some other specially designated representative.
3. The Security Council may hold meetings at such places other than the seat of the Organization as in its judgment will best facilitate its work.

Article 29

The Security Council may establish such subsidiary organs as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

Article 30

The Security Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure, including the method of selecting its President.

Article 31

Any Member of the United Nations which is not a member of the Security Council may participate, without vote, in the discussion of any question brought before the Security Council whenever the latter considers that the interests of that Member are specially affected.

Article 32

Any Member of the United Nations which is not a member of the Security Council or any state which is not a Member of the United Nations, if it is a party to a dispute under consideration by the Security Council, shall be invited to participate, without vote, in the discussion relating to the dispute. The Security Council shall lay down such conditions as it deems just for the participation of a state which is not a Member of the United Nations.

CHAPTER VI: PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Article 33

1. The parties to any dispute, the continuance of which is likely to endanger the maintenance of international peace and security, shall, first of all, seek a solution by negotiation, enquiry, mediation, conciliation, arbitration, judicial settlement, resort to regional agencies or arrangements, or other peaceful means of their own choice.
2. The Security Council shall, when it deems necessary, call upon the parties to settle their dispute by such means.

Article 34

The Security Council may investigate any dispute, or any situation which might lead to international friction or give rise to a dispute, in order to determine whether the continuance of the dispute or situation is likely to endanger the maintenance of international peace and security.

Article 35

1. Any Member of the United Nations may bring any dispute, or any situation of the nature referred to in Article 34, to the attention of the Security Council or of the General Assembly.
2. A state which is not a Member of the United Nations may bring to the attention of the Security Council or of the General Assembly any dispute to which it is a party if it accepts in advance, for the purposes of the dispute, the obligations of pacific settlement provided in the present Charter.
3. The proceedings of the General Assembly in respect of matters brought to its attention under this Article will be subject to the provisions of Articles 11 and 12.

Article 36

1. The Security Council may, at any stage of a dispute of the nature referred to in Article 33 or of a situation of like nature, recommend appropriate procedures or methods of adjustment.
2. The Security Council should take into consideration any procedures for the settlement of the dispute which have already been adopted by the parties.
3. In making recommendations under this Article the Security Council should also take into consideration that legal disputes should as a general rule be referred by the parties to the International Court of Justice in accordance with the provisions of the Statute of the Court.

Article 37

1. Should the parties to a dispute of the nature referred to in Article 33 fail to settle it by the means indicated in that Article, they shall refer it to the Security Council.
2. If the Security Council deems that the continuance of the dispute is in fact likely to endanger the maintenance of international peace and security, it shall decide whether to take action under Article 36 or to recommend such terms of settlement as it may consider appropriate.

Article 38

Without prejudice to the provisions of Articles 33 to 37, the Security Council may, if all the parties to any dispute so request, make recommendations to the parties with a view to a pacific settlement of the dispute.

CHAPTER VII: ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THREATS TO THE PEACE, BREACHES OF THE PEACE, AND ACTS OF AGGRESSION

Article 39

The Security Council shall determine the existence of any threat to the peace, breach of the peace, or act of aggression and shall make recommendations, or decide what measures shall be taken in accordance with Articles 41 and 42, to maintain or restore international peace and security.

Article 40

In order to prevent an aggravation of the situation, the Security Council may, before making the recommendations or deciding upon the measures provided for in Article 39, call upon the parties concerned to comply with such provisional measures as it deems necessary or desirable. Such provisional measures shall be without prejudice to the rights, claims, or position of the parties concerned. The Security Council shall duly take account of failure to comply with such provisional measures.

Article 41

The Security Council may decide what measures not involving the use of armed force are to be employed to give effect to its decisions, and it may call upon the Members of the United Nations to apply such measures. These may include complete or partial interruption of economic relations and of rail, sea, air, postal, telegraphic, radio, and other means of communication, and the severance of diplomatic relations.

Article 42

Should the Security Council consider that measures provided for in Article 41 would be inadequate or have proved to be inadequate, it may take such action by air, sea, or land forces as may be necessary to maintain or restore international peace and security. Such action may include demonstrations, blockade, and other operations by air, sea, or land forces of Members of the United Nations.

Article 43

1. All Members of the United Nations, in order to contribute to the maintenance of international peace and security, undertake to make available to the Security Council, on its call and in accordance with a special agreement or agreements, armed forces, assistance, and facilities, including rights of passage, necessary for the purpose of maintaining international peace and security.
2. Such agreement or agreements shall govern the numbers and types of forces, their degree of readiness and general location, and the nature of the facilities and assistance to be provided.
3. The agreement or agreements shall be negotiated as soon as possible on the initiative of the Security Council. They shall be concluded between the Security Council and Members or between the Security Council and groups of Members and shall be subject to ratification by the signatory states in accordance with their respective constitutional processes.

Article 44

When the Security Council has decided to use force it shall, before calling upon a Member not represented on it to provide armed forces in fulfilment of the obligations assumed under Article 43, invite that Member, if the Member so desires, to participate in the decisions of the Security Council concerning the employment of contingents of that Member's armed forces.

Article 45

In order to enable the United Nations to take urgent military measures, Members shall hold immediately available national air-force contingents for combined international enforcement action. The strength and degree of readiness of these contingents and plans for their combined action shall be determined within the limits laid down in the special agreement or agreements referred to in Article 43, by the Security Council with the assistance of the Military Staff Committee.

Article 46

Plans for the application of armed force shall be made by the Security Council with the assistance of the Military Staff Committee.

Article 47

1. There shall be established a Military Staff Committee to advise and assist the Security Council on all questions relating to the Security Council's military requirements for the maintenance of international peace and security, the employment and command of forces placed at its disposal, the regulation of armaments, and possible disarmament.
2. The Military Staff Committee shall consist of the Chiefs of Staff of the permanent members of the Security Council or their representatives. Any Member of the United Nations not permanently represented on the Committee shall be invited by the Committee to be associated with it when the efficient discharge of the Committee's responsibilities requires the participation of that Member in its work.
3. The Military Staff Committee shall be responsible under the Security Council for the strategic direction of any armed forces placed at the disposal of the Security Council. Questions relating to the command of such forces shall be worked out subsequently.
4. The Military Staff Committee, with the authorization of the Security Council and after consultation with appropriate regional agencies, may establish regional sub-committees.

Article 48

1. The action required to carry out the decisions of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security shall be taken by all the Members of the United Nations or by some of them, as the Security Council may determine.
2. Such decisions shall be carried out by the Members of the United Nations directly and through their action in the appropriate international agencies of which they are members.

Article 49

The Members of the United Nations shall join in affording mutual assistance in carrying out the measures decided upon by the Security Council.

Article 50

If preventive or enforcement measures against any state are taken by the Security Council, any other state, whether a Member of the United Nations or not, which finds itself confronted with special economic problems arising from the carrying out of those measures shall have the right to consult the Security Council with regard to a solution of those problems.

Article 51

Nothing in the present Charter shall impair the inherent right of individual or collective self-defense if an armed attack occurs against a Member of the United Nations, until the Security Council has taken measures necessary to maintain international peace and security. Measures taken by Members in the exercise of this right of self-defense shall be immediately reported to the Security Council and shall not in any way affect the authority and responsibility of the Security Council under the present Charter to take at any time such action as it deems necessary in order to maintain or restore international peace and security.

CHAPTER VIII: REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**Article 52**

1. Nothing in the present Charter precludes the existence of regional arrangements or agencies for dealing with such matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security as are appropriate for regional action provided that such arrangements or agencies and their activities are consistent with the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations.
2. The Members of the United Nations entering into such arrangements or constituting such agencies shall make every effort to achieve pacific settlement of local disputes through such regional arrangements or by such regional agencies before referring them to the Security Council.
3. The Security Council shall encourage the development of pacific settlement of local disputes through such regional arrangements or by such regional agencies either on the initiative of the states concerned or by reference from the Security Council.
4. This Article in no way impairs the application of Articles 34 and 35.

Article 53

1. The Security Council shall, where appropriate, utilize such regional arrangements or agencies for enforcement action under its authority. But no enforcement action shall be taken under regional arrangements or by regional agencies without the authorization of the Security Council, with the exception of measures against any enemy state, as defined in paragraph 2 of this Article, provided for pursuant to Article 107 or in regional arrangements directed against renewal of aggressive policy on the part of any such state, until such time as the Organization may, on request of the Governments concerned, be charged with the responsibility for preventing further aggression by such a state.
2. The term enemy state as used in paragraph 1 of this Article applies to any state which during the Second World War has been an enemy of any signatory of the present Charter.

Article 54

The Security Council shall at all times be kept fully informed of activities undertaken or in contemplation under regional arrangements or by regional agencies for the maintenance of international peace and security.

CHAPTER IX: INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CO-OPERATION

Article 55

With a view to the creation of conditions of stability and well-being which are necessary for peaceful and friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, the United Nations shall promote:

- a) higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development;
- b) solutions of international economic, social, health, and related problems; and international cultural and educational cooperation; and
- c) universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion.

Article 56

All Members pledge themselves to take joint and separate action in co-operation with the Organization for the achievement of the purposes set forth in Article 55.

Article 57

1. The various specialized agencies, established by intergovernmental agreement and having wide international responsibilities, as defined in their basic instruments, in economic, social, cultural, educational, health, and related fields, shall be brought into relationship with the United Nations in accordance with the provisions of Article 63.
2. Such agencies thus brought into relationship with the United Nations are hereinafter referred to as specialized agencies.

Article 58

The Organization shall make recommendations for the co-ordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies.

Article 59

The Organization shall, where appropriate, initiate negotiations among the states concerned for the creation of any new specialized agencies required for the accomplishment of the purposes set forth in Article 55.

Article 60

Responsibility for the discharge of the functions of the Organization set forth in this Chapter shall be vested in the General Assembly and, under the authority of the General Assembly, in the Economic and Social Council, which shall have for this purpose the powers set forth in Chapter X.

CHAPTER X: THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMPOSITION

Article 61

1. The Economic and Social Council shall consist of fifty-four Members of the United Nations elected by the General Assembly.
2. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3, eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council shall be elected each year for a term of three years. A retiring member shall be eligible for immediate re-election.
3. At the first election after the increase in the membership of the Economic and Social Council from twenty-seven to fifty-four members, in addition to the members elected in place of the nine members whose term of office expires at the end of that year, twenty-seven additional members shall be elected. Of these twenty-seven additional members, the term of office of nine members so elected shall expire at the end of one year, and of nine other members at the end of two years, in accordance with arrangements made by the General Assembly.
4. Each member of the Economic and Social Council shall have one representative.

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

Article 62

1. The Economic and Social Council may make or initiate studies and reports with respect to international economic, social, cultural, educational, health, and related matters and may make recommendations with respect to any such matters to the General Assembly to the Members of the United Nations, and to the specialized agencies concerned.
2. It may make recommendations for the purpose of promoting respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all.
3. It may prepare draft conventions for submission to the General Assembly, with respect to matters falling within its competence.
4. It may call, in accordance with the rules prescribed by the United Nations, international conferences on matters falling within its competence.

Article 63

1. The Economic and Social Council may enter into agreements with any of the agencies referred to in Article 57, defining the terms on which the agency concerned shall be brought into relationship with the United Nations. Such agreements shall be subject to approval by the General Assembly.
2. It may co-ordinate the activities of the specialized agencies through consultation with and recommendations to such agencies and through recommendations to the General Assembly and to the Members of the United Nations.

Article 64

1. The Economic and Social Council may take appropriate steps to obtain regular reports from the specialized agencies. It may make arrangements with the Members of the United Nations and with the specialized agencies to obtain reports on the steps taken to give effect to its own recommendations and to recommendations on matters falling within its competence made by the General Assembly.
2. It may communicate its observations on these reports to the General Assembly.

Article 65

The Economic and Social Council may furnish information to the Security Council and shall assist the Security Council upon its request.

Article 66

1. The Economic and Social Council shall perform such functions as fall within its competence in connection with the carrying out of the recommendations of the General Assembly.
2. It may, with the approval of the General Assembly, perform services at the request of Members of the United Nations and at the request of specialized agencies.
3. It shall perform such other functions as are specified elsewhere in the present Charter or as may be assigned to it by the General Assembly.

VOTING

Article 67

1. Each member of the Economic and Social Council shall have one vote.
2. Decisions of the Economic and Social Council shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting.

PROCEDURE

Article 68

The Economic and Social Council shall set up commissions in economic and social fields and for the promotion of human rights, and such other commissions as may be required for the performance of its functions.

Article 69

The Economic and Social Council shall invite any Member of the United Nations to participate, without vote, in its deliberations on any matter of particular concern to that Member.

Article 70

The Economic and Social Council may make arrangements for representatives of the specialized agencies to participate, without vote, in its deliberations and in those of the commissions established by it, and for its representatives to participate in the deliberations of the specialized agencies.

Article 71

The Economic and Social Council may make suitable arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations which are concerned with matters within its competence. Such arrangements may be made with international organizations and, where appropriate, with national organizations after consultation with the Member of the United Nations concerned.

Article 72

1. The Economic and Social Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure, including the method of selecting its President.
2. The Economic and Social Council shall meet as required in accordance with its rules, which shall include provision for the convening of meetings on the request of a majority of its members.

CHAPTER XI: DECLARATION REGARDING NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

Article 73

Members of the United Nations which have or assume responsibilities for the administration of territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government recognize the principle that the interests of the inhabitants of these territories are paramount, and accept as a sacred trust the obligation to promote to the utmost, within the system of international peace and security established by the present Charter, the well-being of the inhabitants of these territories, and, to this end:

- a) to ensure, with due respect for the culture of the peoples concerned, their political, economic, social, and educational advancement, their just treatment, and their protection against abuses;
- b) to develop self-government, to take due account of the political aspirations of the peoples, and to assist them in the progressive development of their free political institutions, according to the particular circumstances of each territory and its peoples and their varying stages of advancement;
- c) to further international peace and security;
- d) to promote constructive measures of development, to encourage research, and to co-operate with one another and, when and where appropriate, with specialized international bodies with a view to the practical achievement of the social, economic, and scientific purposes set forth in this Article; and
- e) to transmit regularly to the Secretary-General for information purposes, subject to such limitation as security and constitutional considerations may require, statistical and other information of a technical nature relating to economic, social, and educational conditions in the territories for which they are respectively responsible other than those territories to which Chapters XII and XIII apply.

Article 74

Members of the United Nations also agree that their policy in respect of the territories to which this Chapter applies, no less than in respect of their metropolitan areas, must be based on the general principle of good-neighborliness, due account being taken of the interests and well-being of the rest of the world, in social, economic, and commercial matters.

CHAPTER XII: INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEESHIP SYSTEM

Article 75

The United Nations shall establish under its authority an international trusteeship system for the administration and supervision of such territories as may be placed thereunder by subsequent individual agreements. These territories are hereinafter referred to as trust territories.

Article 76

The basic objectives of the trusteeship system, in accordance with the Purposes of the United Nations laid down in Article 1 of the present Charter, shall be:

- a) to further international peace and security;

- b) to promote the political, economic, social, and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the trust territories, and their progressive development towards self-government or independence as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances of each territory and its peoples and the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned, and as may be provided by the terms of each trusteeship agreement;
- c) to encourage respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion, and to encourage recognition of the interdependence of the peoples of the world; and
- d) to ensure equal treatment in social, economic, and commercial matters for all Members of the United Nations and their nationals, and also equal treatment for the latter in the administration of justice, without prejudice to the attainment of the foregoing objectives and subject to the provisions of Article 80.

Article 77

1. The trusteeship system shall apply to such territories in the following categories as may be placed thereunder by means of trusteeship agreements:
 - a. territories now held under mandate;
 - b. territories which may be detached from enemy states as a result of the Second World War; and
 - c. territories voluntarily placed under the system by states responsible for their administration.
2. It will be a matter for subsequent agreement as to which territories in the foregoing categories will be brought under the trusteeship system and upon what terms.

Article 78

The trusteeship system shall not apply to territories which have become Members of the United Nations, relationship among which shall be based on respect for the principle of sovereign equality.

Article 79

The terms of trusteeship for each territory to be placed under the trusteeship system, including any alteration or amendment, shall be agreed upon by the states directly concerned, including the mandatory power in the case of territories held under mandate by a Member of the United Nations, and shall be approved as provided for in Articles 83 and 85.

Article 80

1. Except as may be agreed upon in individual trusteeship agreements, made under Articles 77, 79, and 81, placing each territory under the trusteeship system, and until such agreements have been concluded, nothing in this Chapter shall be construed in or of itself to alter in any manner the rights whatsoever of any states or any peoples or the terms of existing international instruments to which Members of the United Nations may respectively be parties.
2. Paragraph 1 of this Article shall not be interpreted as giving grounds for delay or postponement of the negotiation and conclusion of agreements for placing mandated and other territories under the trusteeship system as provided for in Article 77.

Article 81

The trusteeship agreement shall in each case include the terms under which the trust territory will be administered and designate the authority which will exercise the administration of the trust territory. Such authority, hereinafter called the administering authority, may be one or more states or the Organization itself.

Article 82

There may be designated, in any trusteeship agreement, a strategic area or areas which may include part or all of the trust territory to which the agreement applies, without prejudice to any special agreement or agreements made under Article 43.

Article 83

1. All functions of the United Nations relating to strategic areas, including the approval of the terms of the trusteeship agreements and of their alteration or amendment shall be exercised by the Security Council.
2. The basic objectives set forth in Article 76 shall be applicable to the people of each strategic area.
3. The Security Council shall, subject to the provisions of the trusteeship agreements and without prejudice to security considerations, avail itself of the assistance of the Trusteeship Council to perform those functions of the United Nations under the trusteeship system relating to political, economic, social, and educational matters in the strategic areas.

Article 84

It shall be the duty of the administering authority to ensure that the trust territory shall play its part in the maintenance of international peace and security. To this end the administering authority may make use of volunteer forces, facilities, and assistance from the trust territory in carrying out the obligations towards the Security Council undertaken in this regard by the administering authority, as well as for local defence and the maintenance of law and order within the trust territory.

Article 85

1. The functions of the United Nations with regard to trusteeship agreements for all areas not designated as strategic, including the approval of the terms of the trusteeship agreements and of their alteration or amendment, shall be exercised by the General Assembly.
2. The Trusteeship Council, operating under the authority of the General Assembly shall assist the General Assembly in carrying out these functions.

CHAPTER XIII: THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

COMPOSITION

Article 86

1. The Trusteeship Council shall consist of the following Members of the United Nations:
 - a. those Members administering trust territories;
 - b. such of those Members mentioned by name in Article 23 as are not administering trust territories; and
 - c. as many other Members elected for three-year terms by the General Assembly as may be necessary to ensure that the total number of members of the Trusteeship Council is equally divided between those Members of the United Nations which administer trust territories and those which do not.
2. Each member of the Trusteeship Council shall designate one specially qualified person to represent it therein.

FUNCTIONS and POWERS

Article 87

The General Assembly and, under its authority, the Trusteeship Council, in carrying out their functions, may:

- a) consider reports submitted by the administering authority;
- b) accept petitions and examine them in consultation with the administering authority;
- c) provide for periodic visits to the respective trust territories at times agreed upon with the administering authority; and
- d) take these and other actions in conformity with the terms of the trusteeship agreements.

Article 88

The Trusteeship Council shall formulate a questionnaire on the political, economic, social, and educational advancement of the inhabitants of each trust territory, and the administering authority for each trust territory within the competence of the General Assembly shall make an annual report to the General Assembly upon the basis of such questionnaire.

VOTING

Article 89

1. Each member of the Trusteeship Council shall have one vote.
2. Decisions of the Trusteeship Council shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting.

PROCEDURE

Article 90

1. The Trusteeship Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure, including the method of selecting its President.
2. The Trusteeship Council shall meet as required in accordance with its rules, which shall include provision for the convening of meetings on the request of a majority of its members.

Article 91

The Trusteeship Council shall, when appropriate, avail itself of the assistance of the Economic and Social Council and of the specialized agencies in regard to matters with which they are respectively concerned.

CHAPTER XIV: THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Article 92

The International Court of Justice shall be the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. It shall function in accordance with the annexed Statute, which is based upon the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice and forms an integral part of the present Charter.

Article 93

1. All Members of the United Nations are ipso facto parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice.
2. A state which is not a Member of the United Nations may become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice on conditions to be determined in each case by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council.

Article 94

1. Each Member of the United Nations undertakes to comply with the decision of the International Court of Justice in any case to which it is a party.
2. If any party to a case fails to perform the obligations incumbent upon it under a judgment rendered by the Court, the other party may have recourse to the Security Council, which may, if it deems necessary, make recommendations or decide upon measures to be taken to give effect to the judgment.

Article 95

Nothing in the present Charter shall prevent Members of the United Nations from entrusting the solution of their differences to other tribunals by virtue of agreements already in existence or which may be concluded in the future.

Article 96

1. The General Assembly or the Security Council may request the International Court of Justice to give an advisory opinion on any legal question.
2. Other organs of the United Nations and specialized agencies, which may at any time be so authorized by the General Assembly, may also request advisory opinions of the Court on legal questions arising within the scope of their activities.

CHAPTER XV: THE SECRETARIAT

Article 97

The Secretariat shall comprise a Secretary-General and such staff as the Organization may require. The Secretary-General shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council. He shall be the chief administrative officer of the Organization.

Article 98

The Secretary-General shall act in that capacity in all meetings of the General Assembly, of the Security Council, of the Economic and Social Council, and of the Trusteeship Council, and shall perform such other functions as are entrusted to him by these organs. The Secretary-General shall make an annual report to the General Assembly on the work of the Organization.

Article 99

The Secretary-General may bring to the attention of the Security Council any matter which in his opinion may threaten the maintenance of international peace and security.

Article 100

1. In the performance of their duties the Secretary-General and the staff shall not seek or receive instructions from any government or from any other authority external to the Organization. They shall refrain from any action which might reflect on their position as international officials responsible only to the Organization.
2. Each Member of the United Nations undertakes to respect the exclusively international character of the responsibilities of the Secretary-General and the staff and not to seek to influence them in the discharge of their responsibilities.

Article 101

1. The staff shall be appointed by the Secretary-General under regulations established by the General Assembly.
2. Appropriate staffs shall be permanently assigned to the Economic and Social Council, the Trusteeship Council, and, as required, to other organs of the United Nations. These staffs shall form a part of the Secretariat.
3. The paramount consideration in the employment of the staff and in the determination of the conditions of service shall be the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence, and integrity. Due regard shall be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible.

CHAPTER XVI: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Article 102

1. Every treaty and every international agreement entered into by any Member of the United Nations after the present Charter comes into force shall as soon as possible be registered with the Secretariat and published by it.
2. No party to any such treaty or international agreement which has not been registered in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article may invoke that treaty or agreement before any organ of the United Nations.

Article 103

In the event of a conflict between the obligations of the Members of the United Nations under the present Charter and their obligations under any other international agreement, their obligations under the present Charter shall prevail.

Article 104

The Organization shall enjoy in the territory of each of its Members such legal capacity as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfilment of its purposes.

Article 105

1. The Organization shall enjoy in the territory of each of its Members such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the fulfilment of its purposes.
2. Representatives of the Members of the United Nations and officials of the Organization shall similarly enjoy such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connection with the Organization.
3. The General Assembly may make recommendations with a view to determining the details of the application of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article or may propose conventions to the Members of the United Nations for this purpose.

CHAPTER XVII: TRANSITIONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

Article 106

Pending the coming into force of such special agreements referred to in Article 43 as in the opinion of the Security Council enable it to begin the exercise of its responsibilities under Article 42, the parties to the Four-Nation Declaration, signed at Moscow, 30 October 1943, and France, shall, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of that Declaration, consult with one another and as occasion requires with other Members of the United Nations with a view to such joint action on behalf of the Organization as may be necessary for the purpose of maintaining international peace and security.

Article 107

Nothing in the present Charter shall invalidate or preclude action, in relation to any state which during the Second World War has been an enemy of any signatory to the present Charter, taken or authorized as a result of that war by the Governments having responsibility for such action.

CHAPTER XVIII: AMENDMENTS**Article 108**

Amendments to the present Charter shall come into force for all Members of the United Nations when they have been adopted by a vote of two thirds of the members of the General Assembly and ratified in accordance with their respective constitutional processes by two thirds of the Members of the United Nations, including all the permanent members of the Security Council.

Article 109

1. A General Conference of the Members of the United Nations for the purpose of reviewing the present Charter may be held at a date and place to be fixed by a two-thirds vote of the members of the General Assembly and by a vote of any nine members of the Security Council. Each Member of the United Nations shall have one vote in the conference.
2. Any alteration of the present Charter recommended by a two-thirds vote of the conference shall take effect when ratified in accordance with their respective constitutional processes by two thirds of the Members of the United Nations including all the permanent members of the Security Council.
3. If such a conference has not been held before the tenth annual session of the General Assembly following the coming into force of the present Charter, the proposal to call such a conference shall be placed on the agenda of that session of the General Assembly, and the conference shall be held if so decided by a majority vote of the members of the General Assembly and by a vote of any seven members of the Security Council.

CHAPTER XIX: RATIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**Article 110**

1. The present Charter shall be ratified by the signatory states in accordance with their respective constitutional processes.
2. The ratifications shall be deposited with the Government of the United States of America, which shall notify all the signatory states of each deposit as well as the Secretary-General of the Organization when he has been appointed.
3. The present Charter shall come into force upon the deposit of ratifications by the Republic of China, France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, and by a majority of the other signatory states. A protocol of the ratifications deposited shall thereupon be drawn up by the Government of the United States of America which shall communicate copies thereof to all the signatory states.
4. The states signatory to the present Charter which ratify it after it has come into force will become original Members of the United Nations on the date of the deposit of their respective ratifications.

Article 111

The present Charter, of which the Chinese, French, Russian, English, and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall remain deposited in the archives of the Government of the United States of America. Duly certified copies thereof shall be transmitted by that Government to the Governments of the other signatory states.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the representatives of the Governments of the United Nations have signed the present Charter. DONE at the city of San Francisco the twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS



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Preamble

Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,
Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people,
Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law,
Whereas it is essential to promote the development of friendly relations between nations,
Whereas the peoples of the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,
Whereas Member States have pledged themselves to achieve, in cooperation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,
Whereas a common understanding of these rights and freedoms is of the greatest importance for the full realization of this pledge,
Now, therefore,
The General Assembly,
Proclaims this Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction.

Article 1

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Article 2

Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.

Article 3

Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

Article 4

No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

Article 5

No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 6

Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.

Article 7

All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.

Article 8

Everyone has the right to an effective remedy by the competent national tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him by the constitution or by law.

Article 9

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

Article 10

Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him.

Article 11

1. Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defense.
2. No one shall be held guilty of any penal offence on account of any act or omission which did not constitute a penal offence, under national or international law, at the time when it was committed. Nor shall a heavier penalty be imposed than the one that was applicable at the time the penal offence was committed.

Article 12

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honor and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

Article 13

1. Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each State.
2. Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.

Article 14

1. Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.
2. This right may not be invoked in the case of prosecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes or from acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

Article 15

1. Everyone has the right to a nationality.
2. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality.

Article 16

1. Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.
2. Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses.
3. The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.

Article 17

1. Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others.
2. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property.

Article 18

Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

Article 19

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

Article 20

1. Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.
2. No one may be compelled to belong to an association.

Article 21

1. Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives.
2. Everyone has the right to equal access to public service in his country.
3. The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures.

Article 22

Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization, through national effort and international co-operation and in accordance with the organization and resources of each State, of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his personality.

Article 23

1. Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favorable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment.
2. Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work.
3. Everyone who works has the right to just and favorable remuneration ensuring for himself and his family an existence worthy of human dignity, and supplemented, if necessary, by other means of social protection.
4. Everyone has the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his interests.

Article 24

Everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay.

Article 25

1. Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.
2. Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. All children, whether born in or out of wedlock, shall enjoy the same social protection.

Article 26

1. Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.
2. Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace.
3. Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.

Article 27

1. Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits.
2. Everyone has the right to the protection of the moral and material interests resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which he is the author.

Article 28

Everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration can be fully realized.

Article 29

1. Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible.
2. In the exercise of his rights and freedoms, everyone shall be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of morality, public order and the general welfare in a democratic society.
3. These rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

Article 30

Nothing in this Declaration may be interpreted as implying for any State, group or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act aimed at the destruction of any of the rights and freedoms set forth herein.



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