

LFMUNC I

THE 1ST ITERATION OF THE LONGFELLOW MODEL UN CONFERENCE



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Delegate Handbook

*LONGFELLOW MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
(APRIL 17, 2021)*



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Conference Schedule (April 17, 2021)

9:00 AM - 9:30	Live Opening Ceremony
9:45 - 11:15	Committee Session I
11:15 - 11:20	Break
11:20 - 12:35	Committee Session II
12:35 - 1:35	Lunch
1:40 - 2:30	Committee Session III
2:30 - 2:45	Break
2:45 - 4:30	Committee Session IV
4:45 - 5:15	Live Closing Ceremony

Letter from the Secretariat

Most Esteemed Delegates and Faculty Advisors,

On behalf of the Longfellow Model United Nations Club, we are most ardently delighted to invite you all to the first iteration of the Longfellow Model United Nations Conference. Despite this being our first conference, we truly hope that this session can expound upon diplomatic affairs, educate on current issues, and most importantly, provide a fun and rewarding experience for all. This year, we have the utmost honor of being able to entertain seven spectacular committees, including but not limited to General Assemblies such as the World Health Organization, ECOFIN, UNHCR, and crises delving into the world at the heart of the French Revolution and traveling back to Ancient Greece. With a wide array of topics from helping children in developing countries to gaining support in a growing revolution, we invite delegates to tackle these most pressing problems head on, think critically, and engage in fruitful discussion to gain a resolution.

While our conference will be held virtually, we still hope to make it a most fulfilling experience for all delegates. Our team has worked incredibly hard over the past three months, and teaming up with our wonderful teacher sponsor, Mrs. Valentine, our afterschool activities director, Mr. Barrows, the delegates of our sister school, Mclean High School, and a team of dedicated delegates from our own team, we are finally most pleased to introduce our conference at its finest yet. Truly, this conference couldn't have been possible with the hard work from all contributors, and we must applaud the efforts all have made to stand with us in organizing small details to the large plannings.

Most of all, we thank all participating schools here with us for spending their own Saturdays here at LFMUNC debating topics we hope can offer the best of experiences in challenging history, exploring the unknown, and developing your own solutions to the problems at hand in the world today. So to that, we offer our utmost gratitude to all -- LFMUNC truly couldn't have been here today with the splendid participation of you all.

All that being said, we are again delighted to finally commence the first Longfellow Model United Nations Conference. Embrace the unexpected, step out and take that voice out of your pocket, be unpredictable, and most importantly, have fun!

Best of luck,

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RESOLUTION CLAUSES

The preamble of a resolution states the reasons for which the committee is addressing the topic and highlights past international action on the issue. Each clause begins with a present participle (called a preambulatory phrase) and ends with a comma.

SAMPLE PREAMBULATORY PHRASES

Acknowledging	Deploring	Noting
Affirming	Desiring	Noting with regret
Alarmed by	Emphasizing	Observing
Approving	Expressing	Reaffirming
Aware of	Fully aware	Realizing
Bearing in mind	Fully concerned	Reassuring
Believing	Further recalling	Recognizing
Commending	Guided by	Referring
Concerned	Having adapted	Seeking
Condemning	Having devoted attention	Taking into account
Considering	Having recognized	Taking into consideration
Deeply concerned	Keeping in mind	Taking note
Deeply aware	Mindful of	Welcoming

Operative clauses identify the actions or recommendations made in a resolution. Each operative clause begins with a verb (called an operative phrase) and ends with a semicolon. Operative clauses should be organized in a logical progression, with each containing a single idea or proposal, and are always numbered. If a clause requires further explanation, bulleted lists set off by letters or roman numerals can also be used. After the last operative clause, the resolution ends in a period.

SAMPLE OPERATIVE PHRASES

Accepts	Designates	Urges
Adopts	Draws the attention to	Reaffirms
Affirms	Emphasizes	Recommends
Approves	Encourages	Requests
Calls	Endorses	Seeks
Calls upon	Expresses its hope	Strongly condemns
Condemns	Further invites	Suggests
Confirms	Further recommends	Supports
Declares	Further reminds	Takes note of
Deplores	Further requests	Transmits

SIGNATORIES AND SPONSORS:

Signatories are countries that may or may not agree with the substance of the draft resolution but still wish to see it debated before the body so that they can propose amendments.

Sponsors are those who have directly contributed to the paper, or the dictated authors. The chair will inform delegates of the minimum or maximum number of sponsors and signatories.

SAMPLE WORKING PAPER:

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Resolution GA/3/1.1

General Assembly Third Committee

Sponsors: United States, Austria and Italy

Signatories: Greece, Tajikistan, Japan, Canada, Mali, the Netherlands and Gabon

Topic: "Strengthening UN coordination of humanitarian assistance in complex emergencies"

The General Assembly,

Reminding all nations of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, which recognizes the inherent dignity, equality and inalienable rights of all global citizens, **[use commas to separate preambulatory clauses]**

Reaffirming its Resolution 33/1996 of 25 July 1996, which encourages Governments to work with UN bodies aimed at improving the coordination and effectiveness of humanitarian assistance,

Noting with satisfaction the past efforts of various relevant UN bodies and nongovernmental organizations,

Stressing the fact that the United Nations faces significant financial obstacles and is in need of reform, particularly in the humanitarian realm,

1. Encourages all relevant agencies of the United Nations to collaborate more closely with countries at the grassroots level to enhance the carrying out of relief efforts; **[use semicolons to separate operative clauses]**

2. Urges member states to comply with the goals of the UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs to streamline efforts of humanitarian aid;

3. Requests that all nations develop rapid deployment forces to better enhance the coordination of relief efforts of humanitarian assistance in complex emergencies;

4. Calls for the development of a United Nations Trust Fund that encourages voluntary donations from the private transnational sector to aid in funding the implementation of rapid deployment forces;

5. Stresses the continuing need for impartial and objective information on the political, economic and social situations and events of all countries;

6. Calls upon states to respond quickly and generously to consolidated appeals for humanitarian assistance; and

7. Requests the expansion of preventive actions and assurance of post-conflict assistance through reconstruction and development. **[end resolutions with a period]**

Conference Policies

Position Papers:

As the Secretariat has decided to alleviate pressure on participating delegates, position papers will therefore be optional for all General Assembly (GA), Crisis, and Specialized committees. Should a delegate wish to write a paper, they may be emailed to chairs at the start of the committee for feedback -- however this does not influence qualification for awards in any way.

Dress Code:

LFMUNC requires all delegates to dress in western business attire, or business casual to maintain a formal setting. Delegates may also choose (should they wish) to dress in another way that may abide to their role. LFMUNC, however, condemns any dress displaying racial, sexist, or any sort of discriminatory slur.

Technology:

Due to COVID restrictions, LFMUNC permits the usage of technology used to access BBCU links to committees and reception areas. However, in-room research is not permitted, as research should've already been prepared beforehand. Delegates found violating this policy will be sent a strict warning.

In BBCU, we ask that delegates mute themselves when not speaking, and lower their hands when not applicable. At chair's discretion, delegates may or may not have to turn on their camera. Lastly, we ask that participating delegates please do not share committee links with those not participating. Any intruders or instances of "room-bombing" will immediately be reported to the secretariat, and specified intruders will be kicked out by the chair.

Harassment and Cyberbullying:

LFMUNC hopes to provide a safe environment, and therefore will not tolerate any form of discrimination or harassment to other delegates based on (but not limited to) sex, race, sexual orientation, and religion. Those who are found guilty of violating this will face consequences, be that a warning or immediate disqualification.

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is an immediate offense, and is condemned by LFMUNC which abides by terms that include the reuse of resolutions from prior conferences, presenting work that is not of one's own, and stealing words and documents from others. Delegates caught plagiarising will be immediately disqualified from awards, with a strict notice sent to their school.

FAQS

What should be my name upon entering committee?

Delegates should sign into committee links using the following format:

- 1) Country/Role (real name)
 - a) Ex: Botswana (Joe Bidome), Marquis de Laffayette (Thomas T. Monke)

Chairs may share a spreadsheet at the beginning of committee as an index to take school, name, and role represented. This will be for individual awards and basic attendance.

Can Sponsors join a committee?

Absolutely! If you are a Sponsor, we ask you enter with your name in the following format:

- 1) (Sponsor) name - school
 - a) Ex: (Sponsor) Mary Louis - Chickfila Middle School

Sponsors are always free to drop in committees to spectate, or catch up on how delegates are doing.

Will we get awards?

Yes, Longfellow will be providing gavels, and delegation awards to winners, as well as paper awards -- all awards will be provided at Longfellow Middle School (2000 Westmoreland St. Falls Church, VA, 22043), and will be available to the student officers and/or sponsors of schools in the area for a curbside pickup. For participating schools not in the area, we will ask for a provided address to mail awards to. The provided awards at LFMUNC I are as listed:

- ✓ Honorable Mention
- ✓ Outstanding Delegation
- ✓ Best Delegation
- ✓ Best Middle School
- ✓ Best Small Delegation
- ✓ Best Large Delegation

What should I do when I encounter a technical difficulty?

We completely understand, and expect there to be technical difficulties; so, should a delegate encounter such a difficulty, please notify the chair or co-chair, and they may refer you to one of our lovely Tech Support staffers.

Other questions? Check our website <https://lfmunc.weebly.com/> for more information or contact longfellowmunconf@gmail.com.