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Delegates, please email any questions you may have on MUN procedure to longfellowmunclub@gmail.com; the secretariat is *always* willing to help you all!

a guide to model un:

explained (in as much detail as possible) for new delegates

position papers:

Position papers serve as your key document in preparing for a conference; alongside organizing research of your topic, it also presents your prepared plan to counter the issue. It includes:

- A cover page
 - The name of your committee (WHO, SPECPOL, UNICEF, etc.)
 - Your own name, as well as your represented country (may include your school name)
 - A flag of your country and *optional* country coat of arms
- Topic Background
 - A few paragraphs describing the crisis/problem at hand, and country stance and past action on the topic (statistics, acts, previous important documents are important!)
- Proposed Solutions
 - Your proposed plan to attack the matter; it should be as detailed as possible, listing actions that countries, representatives should take.

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diplomacy at its finest:

An overview of General Assembly
committees:

- ❑ Standard conference overview
 - ❑ Terms: must know
 - ❑ Committee example
 - ❑ Resolution procedure
 - ❑ Elaboration
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a conference overview:

Standard GA Conference Procedure:

1. Beforehand, a position paper and research should be prepared.
2. Debate is opened, and the floor is now open to speakers wishing to get on the speaker's list (should someone make the motion.)
3. Opening speeches made, and Agenda is set (A/B)
4. Moderated caucuses on said topic (formal speeches)
5. Unmoderated caucuses to form blocs and to start drafting resolutions.
6. Present resolutions, vote on resolutions.

The main goal of a committee is to pass a resolution -- or a paper detailing a plan to combat the committee's topic.

Committees include:

- WHO (*World Health Organization*)
- SPECPOL (*Special Political and Decolonization Committee*)
- UNEP (UN Environmental Programme)
- UNICEF (*UN Children's Fund*)
- etc.

model un must-know terms:

Motion : a specific action by a delegate to direct debate in a certain direction. Most motions in MUN conferences will usually be to open moderated/unmoderated caucuses.

Point: similar to a motion -- raised by a delegate who has a question about committee, etc.

Moderated caucus: Formal debate -- in which delegates go up to make speeches about the mod's selected topic for the mod's selected time.

Unmoderated caucus: Informal debate -- in which delegates may get up, unsupervised, and talk to one another. This is usually where delegates draft **resolution papers**.

Resolution papers: Papers made and submitted in committee, detailing a bloc's plan to tackle the committee's topic.

example:

Chair: *calls on Delegation of UK who is raising her hand/placard*

UK: motion for a 5:30 on past country action (5 total minutes, 30 second speaking time)

Chair: alright that is in order; let's vote on this motion -- all those opposed please raise your placard. *delegates opposing this motion raise hand/placard* All those in favor? *delegates in favor raise hand/placard*

Chair: Alright this motion passes -- UK would you like to go first or last?

UK: First. (or last, depending on your choice)

Chair. Alright, those wishing to get on the speaker's list... *selects more dellies to speak*

more things to know...

Keep in mind, that unlike Debate, Model UN delegates are usually to voice their ideas instead of attacking others. Only in Q&A may delegates question others' resolutions.

- A moderated caucus motion must require total speaking time: delegate speaking time, as well as topic.
 - Ex: 6:30 moderated caucus on possible solutions to tackle income inequality
- An unmoderated caucus motion only requires time, no topic.
 - Ex: 15 minute unmod

All motions will be voted on by delegates, for it to pass or fail. It requires a simple majority vote.

A passing resolution requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote by the committee.

after resolution voting...

Resolutions have been voted upon. Now what?

1. 2 for 2 against
 - a. 2 speakers for and against the paper are selected to speak and make their points.
2. Bloc Merging
 - a. More unmods may be held to merge two papers to create a better paper to be voted upon the committee once more
3. Friendly/Unfriendly Amendments
 - a. Amendments made by delegates to the paper as to make it better and hopefully pass (this includes adding or removing clauses)
4. Close debate
 - a. The committee session is over! It is adjourned by the chair, and delegates are allowed to chill (or go into FUNMUN).

the art of crisis:

An overview of crisis committees

- What is a crisis committee?
 - Crisis procedure
 - Terms to know
 - Directives, examples
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the art of crisis: an introduction

What is crisis?

Crisis committees are fast-paced MUN committees that often emulate small organizations and boards. Rather than representing a country, delegates take on the role of a character that can range from an ambassador to a news reporter to a fictional character, depending on the committee. Each delegate aims to assert their character's viewpoint and end the conference having amassed the most social, political, or economic power, or other goals they wish to have achieved.

Unlike General Assembly committees, crisis committees do not follow as strict protocols; delegates are very much often free to create the story they wish to see unravel in committee, as well as using own creativity and skill to face problems and speak, more loosely, in committee.

Expect speeches to be more on the spot, casual, and loose.

a conference overview:

1. Beforehand, research on role should be prepared, as well as a basic crisis arc, or plan of action. Portfolio powers of character will come in handy.
2. Debate is opened, and delegates may motion for a speaker's list. Afterwards, moderated caucuses, round robins, and more debate may occur in the same way as it may be in GA committees.
3. Throughout the committee, delegates may send private directives and notes to the crisis director to push for action.
4. Crisis updates may occur throughout the committee based on delegates' actions. Each crisis update allows a select number of delegates to ask questions concerning the update.
5. Unmods occur for delegates to group together to plan an action, or a public directive, to counter the update and resolve them in a way. Public directives would then be presented and voted upon in committee (same as a resolution would in GA).

a conference overview cont.

Crisis is comprised of two main forums:

1. **In-room.** This term refers to a delegate's performance inside committee, including his/her speeches, collaboration with other delegates, and directive writing. In-room operates much like a GA committee. A **chair** calls for motions, and delegates cycle through **moderated caucuses** and **unmoderated caucuses** to debate possible solutions to the topics posed by the committee.
2. **Out-room.** Out-of-room tactics are what make crisis unique from GAs. Through writing **crisis notes** that are delivered to **crisis staffers**, delegates can create their own storylines as they establish connections with figures in the realm of their committee and take advantage of loopholes other delegates have created in their in-room directives to gain greater power.

crisis terms

Directives: Notes that state plans of action; will directly change the course of committee

- Private directives: what they sound like; they're directives you write and send privately, with your own plan of action. You can turn this into a joint directive by having others sign with you
- Public directives: Directives that a group of representatives have signed, and carry more weight than private directives. These directives will have to be voted upon to be passed.

Crisis Updates: Directives change committee, so following directives, Crisis Staff may provide a Crisis Update. These are exactly what they sound like; updates on the ongoing crisis. Change your plans accordingly based on these updates

crisis terms cont.

Portfolio Powers: The powers and resources available to your character

Crisis Arc: Your general plan of action

Example of some motions:

“Motion to open speaker’s list”

“Motion for 7:1 mod on the latest crisis update”

“Motion for a 30 sec round robin on the growing threat of banana monkeys”

“Motion for a 15 min unmod”

“Motion to present a public directive, followed by a 4 min Q/A”

example of a crisis directive (Joint)

Operation Obama Prism

Signed: Kavuto Kutt (Headmistress of Hogwarts), Alexandria Dodo (Head of the Auror Office)

In response to the influx of dark magic practices in Hogwarts, Kavuto Kutt and Alexandria Dodo determines to undertake these measures

1. Curfew times will be strictly set to be at 8:30 PM
2. Hogwarts teachers will be given permission to use magic to restrain students that practice dark magic
3. A elite division of 5 Aurors will be stationed at Hogwarts to investigate activity and enforce safety precautions. This division is led by Alexandria Dodo.
4. Any student confirmed by Headmistress Kutt to have practiced dark magic will be expelled immediately, and be taken for further questioning at the Ministry of Magic

example of a crisis directive (Private)

Hold back my troops that I had wished to send; instead start recruiting men into the army, training them in camps set up across America. West Point; we will move 100,000 recruited men there to be trained. Camps will be set up away from bigger cities, and will be mostly secret; disguise them as prestigious dance academies. Men in these camps will be trained for trench warfare, handling of a gun, and basic military training. After men are trained for a week of intensive training on all of these points, send them to New York, Virginia, and Maryland to be prepared to be send overseas using the method I stated before.

Signed,

General John Joseph Pershing

Again, welcome...

club proceedings and info for new delis:

- Whether this be your first or seventh conference, LFMUNC welcomes you all! We hope you take this opportunity to learn new things, gain experience, and most of all, have fun!

See you all on June 6!
