



INTRODUCTION TO MUN 101



Before you begin, please note: your success is not determined by the amount of training we provide you. Your preparation is determined by the amount of work **YOU** put into reviewing the material. That is the difference between a **good delegate** and **best delegate**.

MODEL UN IN A NUTSHELL

Simulating the United Nations on various world issues.

You impersonate a representative of a country and debate on the given issue based on your country's stance.

In this presentation, you will learn about the procedure to debate vaguely.



NOTE: SPEAK IN THIRD PERSON

* Address yourself as “the delegate of [Country Name] ...”



* HOW DOES A CONFERENCE WORK?

- 1) Choose a committee of your interest
- 2) Read over the background information
- 3) Conduct your research (create a position paper)
- 4) Bring your information along to a conference to debate your country's stance on a topic

NOTE: whatever you say must be in compliance with your country's position/stance on a certain topic.

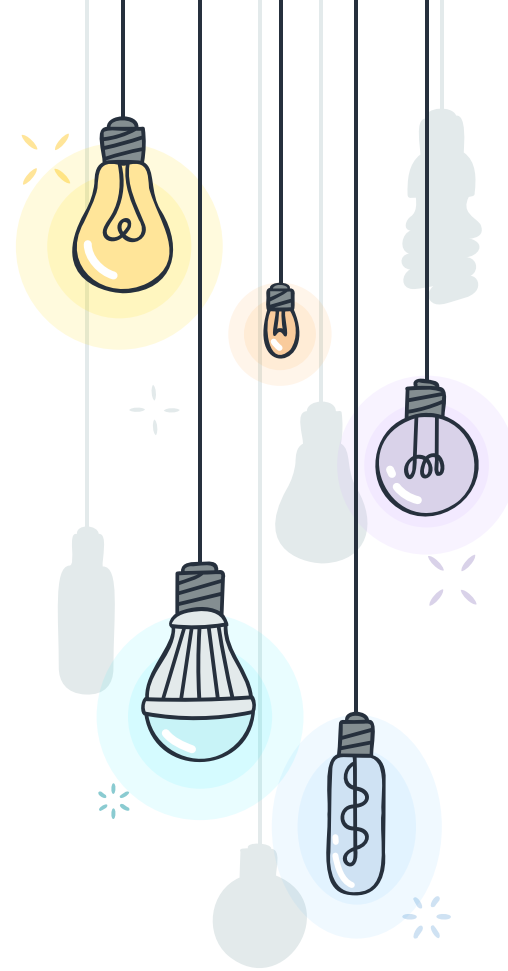
Ex: **Russia** and **Belarus**





MEET THE CHAIR!

Their role is to keep order in the conference. Everyone is answerable to the **Chair**.



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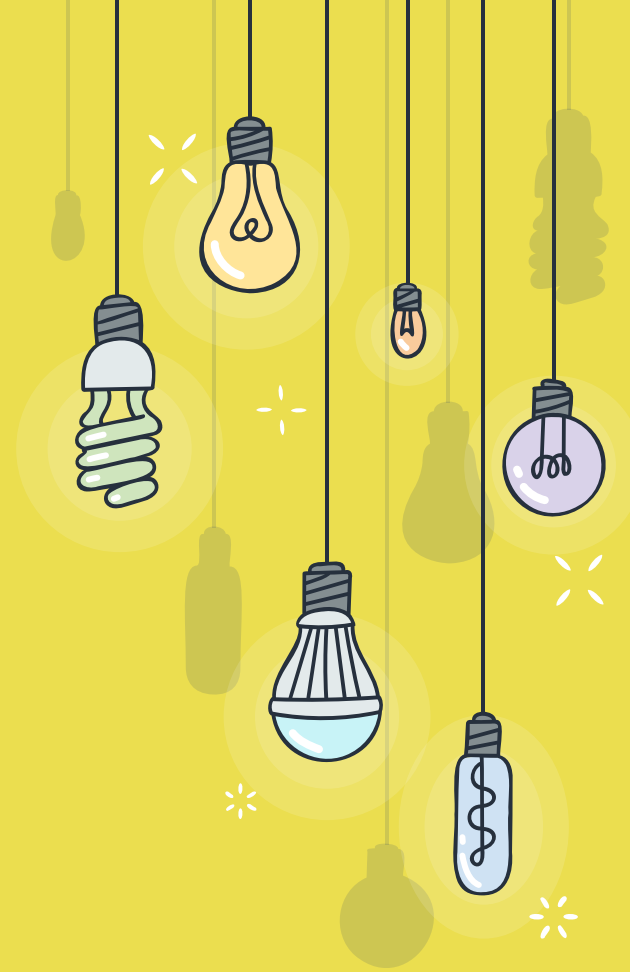
ROLL CALL + AGENDA

The first order in the committee session.



“ This session is now in order and we will begin with roll call, please say **present** or **present and voting** when your country is called.

- Chair



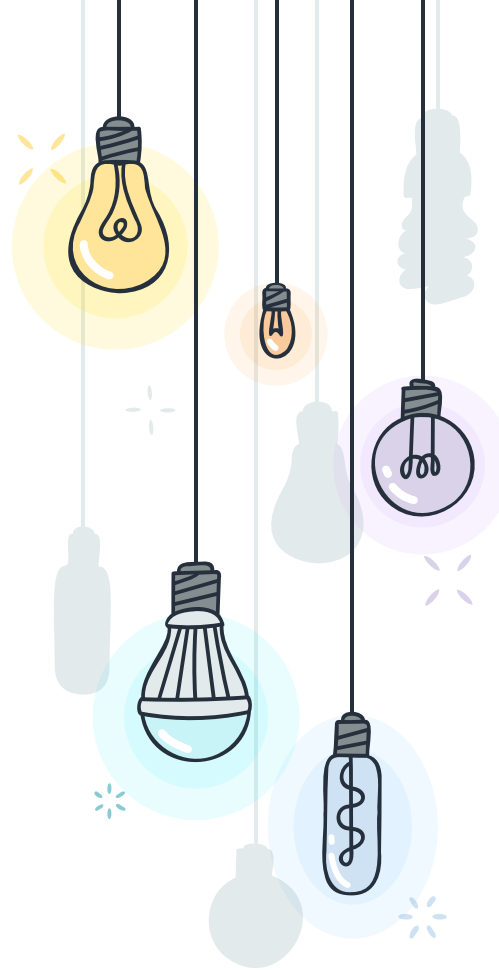
* PRESENT VS. PRESENT AND VOTING

Present

You are allowed to skip votes that are substantial (optional). However, **all procedures are mandatory to vote on.**

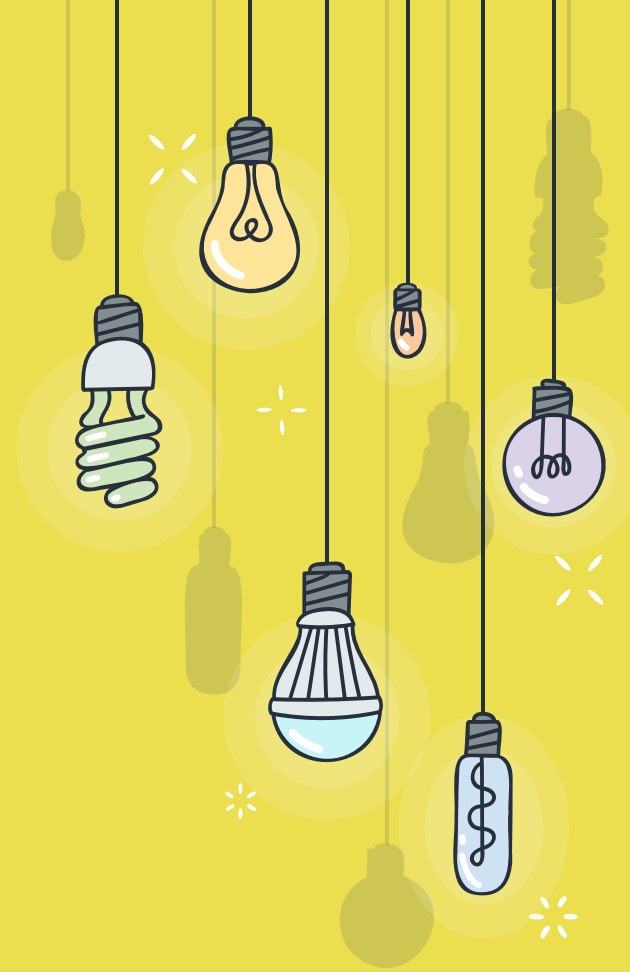
Present and Voting

You must vote for every single procedure, and **cannot skip when votes are optional (substantial).**



“ Are there any **points** or **motions** on the floor at this time?

- Chair





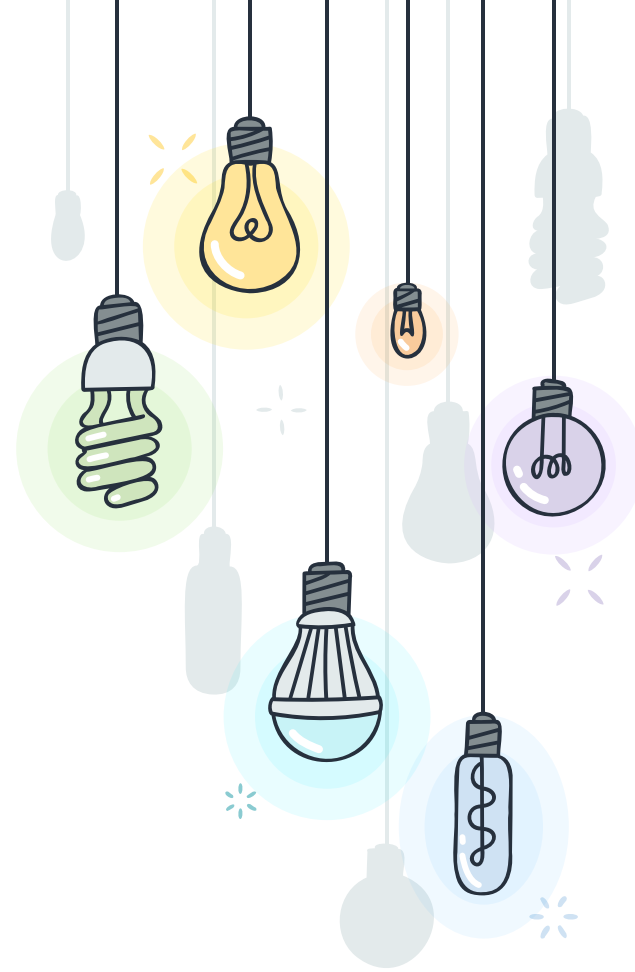
NEXT MOTION: SETTING THE AGENDA



* MOTIONING + SETTING THE AGENDA

Delegates must vote in which order their topics must be discussed. So a delegate will raise their hand and say,

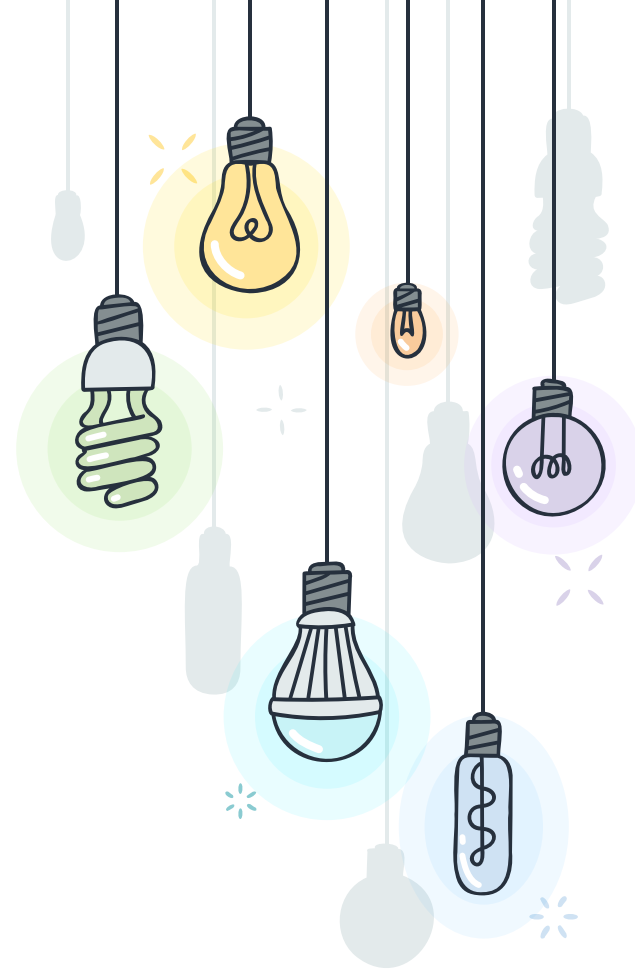
“Motion to place Topic _ first on the agenda, followed by Topic _, followed by Topic _.”



* PRIMARY (OPENING) SPEAKERS LIST

The Chair begins by asking all delegates interested in discussing the voted issue. This is known as the Speakers List. The Chair then chooses delegates to be placed on the Speakers List.

A country may only be on the Speakers List **once**.



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MODERATED CAUCUS

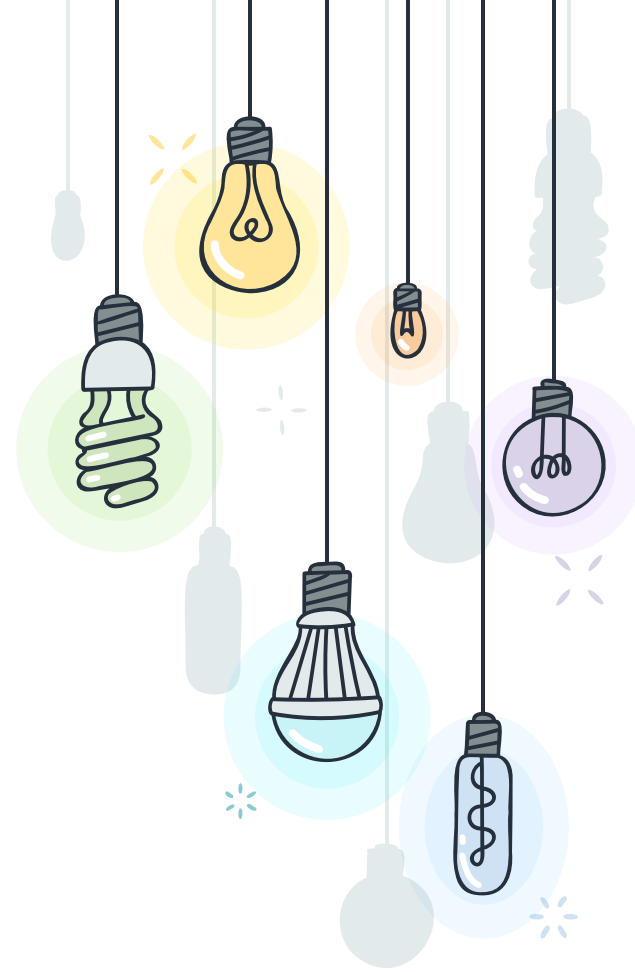
"Informal debate"



* MODERATED CAUCUS

During Moderated Caucus, the Chair calls on delegates one-by-one so that they can each address the committee in short, timed speeches.

In Mod Caucus, you discuss a specific topic within your topic.





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UNMODERATED CAUCUS

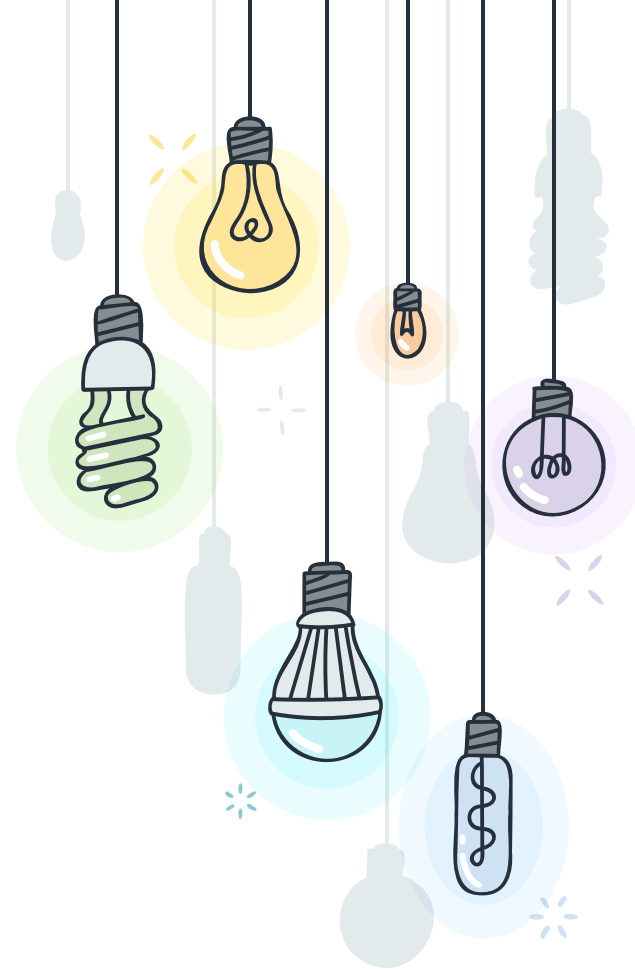
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* UNMODERATED CAUCUS

During Unmoderated Caucus, the committee breaks temporarily so that delegates may meet with each other and discuss ideas.

You do not have to raise your hand or be answerable to the Chair in Unmods.



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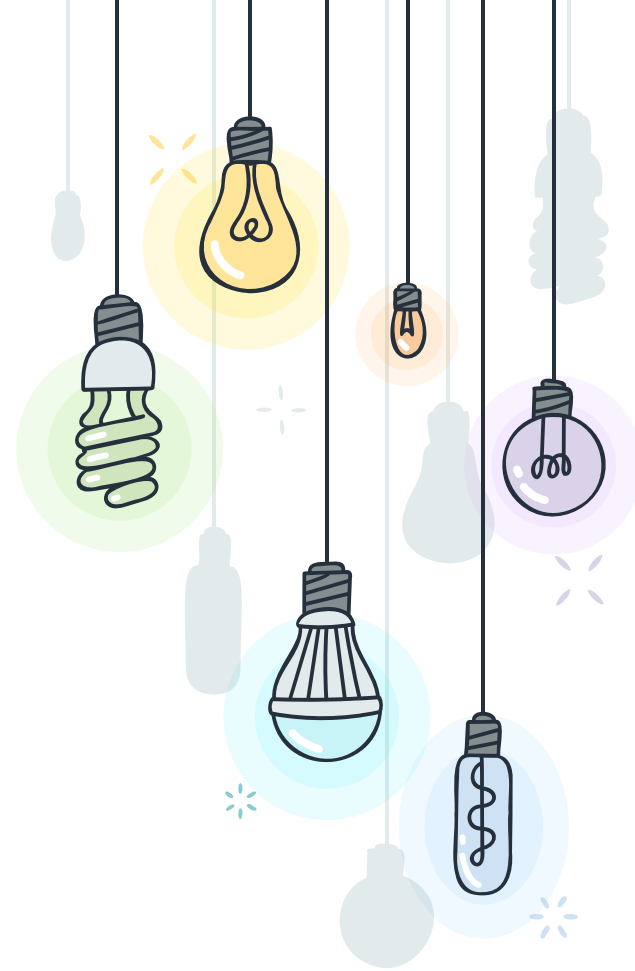
CLOSURE OF DEBATE

Voting phase



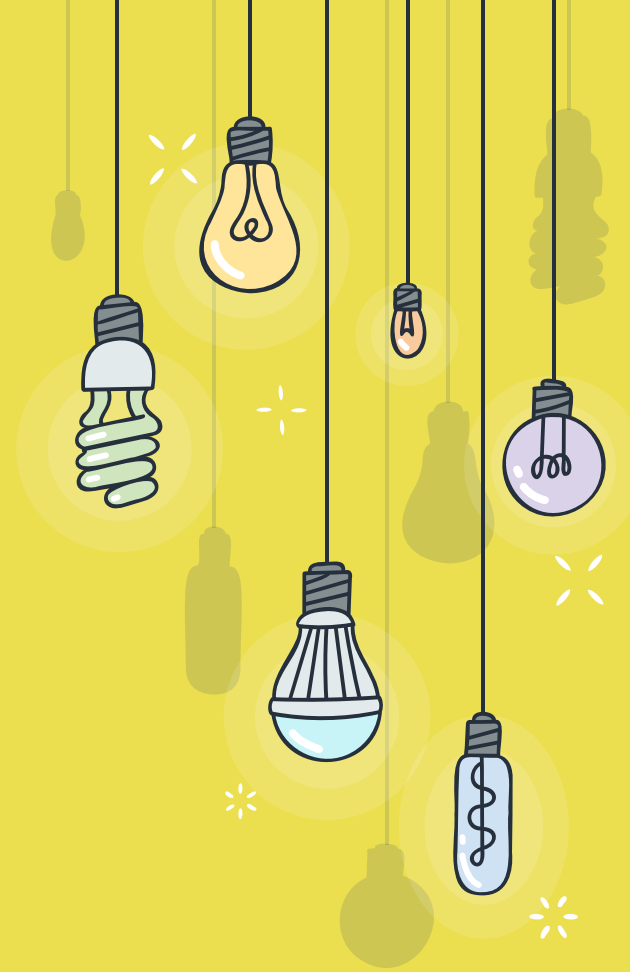
* CLOSURE OF DEBATE

Once a delegate feels that their country's position is clear to others and that there are enough draft resolutions on the floor, they may make a motion to proceed into **presenting working papers**, then voting on them by moving for the closure of debate.



“ **Half** of the people + **one delegate** voting must agree to pass the draft in order for it to become a resolution. Delegates are able to vote more than once for a resolutions.

- Voting Procedure



Session begins	Roll call, then motion to set agenda.
Setting Agenda	"The country of [name] moves to place [topic A] first on the agenda, followed by [topic B]."
Opening Speakers List (Formal Debate)	The Chair chooses delegates to be placed on the Speakers List. They may only appear on it once.
Moderated Caucus (Informal Debate)	During Moderated Caucus, the Chair calls on delegates one-by-one so that they can each address the committee in short, timed speeches.
Unmoderated Caucus (Informal Debate)	Delegates may meet with each other and discuss ideas. Resolutions are drafted, and delegations seek the support of signatories.
Closure of Debate	Once the Speakers List is exhausted, the committee automatically moves to resolution presentations, followed by voting.
Voting	After motion to close debate is approved, delegates vote on resolutions. Once finished, the committee moves onto the next topic.