

From the Executive Desk:

Honourable Member State Representative,

Welcome to the Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC) of the KIIT Model United Nations 2021. The agenda for the session has been will be a discussion on **“Prevention of arms race in outer space”**

While this agenda can be considered expansive in its own accord, we will best take efforts to narrow it down to the extent where we can comfortably discuss small sub topics in finer detail.

A deviation from the normal form of study guide you’re used to by now, is the fact that, for this edition, the secretariat is not going to provide you with one single document that essentially *spoon-feeds* the agenda to you. How it will be done is the fact, that this document you’re going through will be the only one manufactured by the Executive board. We will provide you access to a google drive where we’ll add all the resources that we think is essential to committee involvement.

You will also have a **document in the drive, where we keep adding links** for your reference, and this dynamic process will continue till day 0 of the conference.

Few things you have to remember with respect to this guide:

1. The documents we provide you with, are merely a background on the entire topic. Specifically, because we’re treating this as the bureau and not from a certain stance of foreign policy. Hence, we would expect each one of you to go beyond the scope of this document or the collection we provide you with, to know better where you stand with regards to your own national interests.
2. Some of the information provided to you might be country specific, but that in no way would mean an endorsement of the view that the document holds.
3. The procedure we follow will be UN4MUN, which we will be going through in detail before the start of committee. If you come from a UNA-USA background of experience, we would suggest to leave your preconceived notions outside of committee, as the focus here will be consensus building rather than endless argumentative debate.

4. The documents and information we provide you with **are not infallible**. What that essentially means is that, it does in no way mean that, if information is quoted in the documents, that information is undeniable or the absolute truth. If you come from a different school of thought, or your foreign policy gives you that elasticity, feel free to go against anything stated in our sources. You will not be subjected to any prejudice.
5. Your source of research does not matter as far as your understanding of your topic goes. Just because you're reading something off of a certain website doesn't make the knowledge you get any less valuable. Your source of understanding can be anything. Only in certain cases, the specific facts/statistics will differ based on the source but that comes much later. To begin with, go through all the websites you can.

Some quick pointers:

- Don't carry your UNA-USA bias along with you, because we're trying to build consensus more than we're looking for intense fights.
- Have good role-realization, understand your foreign policy well. The advantage with an agenda like this, is that it won't be tough for you to find out about where your allotment stands.
- We would rather look forward to discussing one very specific problem in detail, rather than discussing 20 different ones in lacklustre fashion. Be thorough in your research. The best debate happens when you're talking about specifics. *The devil is in the details.*
- Be respectful, to everyone else in the committee. Remember, the show isn't entirely about you. It's about everyone. And if you envision yourself in a diplomat's shoes, certain expectations come with it. Act like a diplomat. You're representing an entire nation.
- It is always better to balance your skills as a delegate than heavily relying on one of them as an MUNer. What we mean by this is that, you might be great at research or you might be great with your oratory skills, but you'll only be the best version of yourself when you balance the two skills right.
- As you're in a big committee, we can fairly expect some recognition issues right at the onset. Having been in committees like this ourselves, we understand the frustration of having a lot of things to say without having the time to say it, but that is what we're all working with. While we will try to maintain uniformity with regards to recognition, everyone at all points of time will not have the same exact number of speeches, and there will be irregularities. Why we mention this is, it's sometimes perceived as a bias and we would like to state that it is merely by circumstance, and no specific delegate at any point of time will be favoured.

- Remember the role that the Bureau plays in committee. Technically we are diplomats like all of you who are merely moderating your session. We do not have any technical powers over any of you as far as our allotments are also going to be that of a member state. So, very importantly, you're trying to convince committee, with your arguments. Not us.
- We will try to get a WhatsApp group made of some sort since this is an online conference, to facilitate your lobbying efforts.
- Know which fights to pick and which to let go. In a committee like this, concentrate on your own game rather than trying to win all the battles instead of the collective war.
- There will be nothing called a "substantial chit". **Period.**
- Since this is an online MUN, we will hit some snags here and there. Apologies in advance if that happens, please bear with us while we sort out the technical issues.
- **20 minutes will always be 20 minutes. Not 21. Not 22.**

Make sure you put in enough effort before committee, so that you're able to enjoy committee to its fullest. We look forward to having a great time moderating you. If you need any clarification or explanation with anything regards to the conference, don't hesitate to contact anyone of us from the Executive Board.

With that out of the way, here's the link to the guide. Please note, we do not own any of this content. It is merely for your reference.

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