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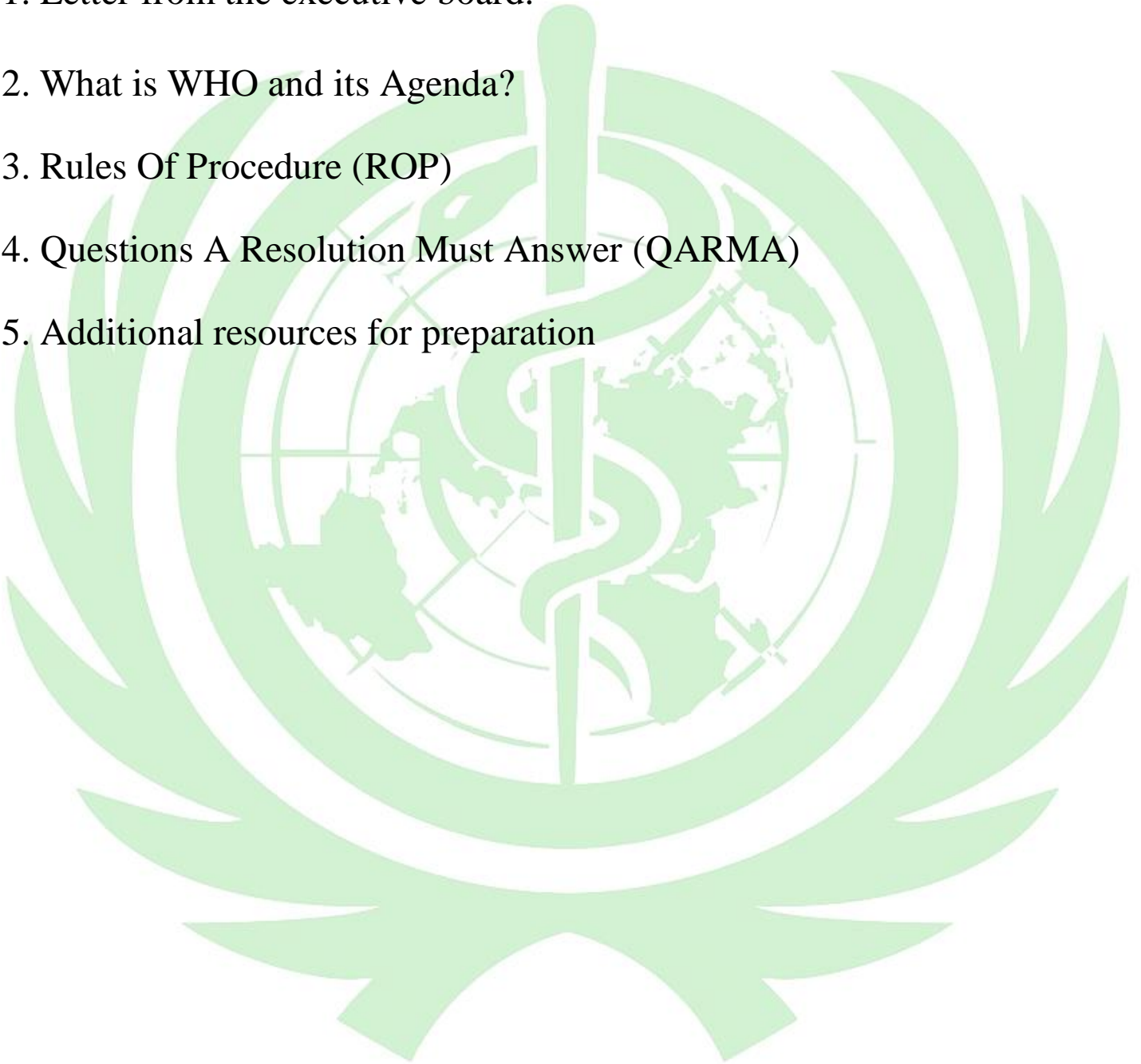
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Background Guide

Agenda: Effects of Climate Change on
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Letter from the EB

Dear Delegates, Distinguished Guests, and Esteemed Participants,

We are thrilled to welcome you to the “The Foundation School JMUN’23”. As the EB we are honoured to share our journey with you and express our utmost enthusiasm for the remarkable experiences that await every one of you.

Looking back through my own MUN journey, I remember the beginning that shaped my passion for diplomacy and global affairs. It was in the 8th grade when I first joined the realm of MUNs, starting a journey that would forever change my life.

The committee we were assigned to, was the UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime), an assembly of nearly 80 individuals united by their shared commitment to addressing pressing global issues. As we entered the committee room, a wave of excitement and apprehension washed over us. We wondered if we would ever get the chance to voice our opinions amidst such a vast gathering of talented delegates. However, much to our surprise, the dynamics of the committee quickly transformed. Within the first hour of the session, we found ourselves speaking on three separate occasions, capturing the attention of our fellow delegates and making a meaningful contribution to the discussions at hand.

Throughout the three days, we not only spoke multiple times but also learned from other delegates. We learned that MUNs were not only about public speaking and research but were a complex mix of research, diplomacy, and confidence, among others. This motivated us to attend more conferences and hone our skills to perfection. “We can quote laws and articles that we once didn't know existed off the top of our heads and teach upcoming MUN delegates in the circuit too”. We are proud to be part of some of the best delegations across the MUN circuit and win awards at prestigious institutions.

So, we hope MUNs can make an impact on your lives, similar to mine. With that, we wish you all a memorable and rewarding Model United Nations experience.

Best regards,

The EB

What is WHO and the aim of the committee?

1. What is WHO?

WHO is the World Health Organization which deals with health and education-based issues at a global level. It provides a platform to speak about health issues politically.

2. What is our agenda?

Our agenda is “Effects of Climate Change on Health”. In this committee, we are going to discuss the ill effects of climate change on human health and how to tackle this global issue.

3. What is WHO's (a.k.a our) role in this issue?

Our role in this issue is to provide solutions, alternatives, and provisions to tackle this issue and to have quality discussions about the agenda.

Our Agenda

Climate Change repeatedly has been considered the greatest problem of the 21st century. Climate Change has various geopolitical effects and can benefit other countries geopolitically. However, its health impacts can be very severe and in the worst-case scenario can undo years of progress. Countries need to realize these concerns and work to deal with them as well as make sure others are doing it as well.

-Climate change can impact human health in various sectors:-

- Air Pollution → It Causes Acid Rains
 - Harmful Heat Waves → It Causes Skin Related Issues
 - Unexpected Floods
 - Unexpected Draughts
- } Both of them have an ill effect on agriculture

Rules & Procedures of the Committee (ROP)

1. ROLL CALL

The Chairperson ensures that every member participates in committee discussions by taking roll call before the debate starts. The committee then votes on the topic they will discuss first.

2. GENERAL SPEAKERS LIST (GSL)

The Speakers List format allows delegates to make speeches in front of the room. This format ensures everyone gets an equal chance to speak and express their views.

3. MODERATED CAUCUS

The committee may vote to change the format to a Moderated Caucus to dive deeper into specific issues after some speeches. Delegates raise their placards to be called on to speak, and the Chairperson calls on speakers one by one.

4. UNMODERATED CAUCUS

In an Unmoderated Caucus, delegates are free to get up and roam around the room to work with other countries with similar policies. This format is good for building alliances and drafting resolutions.

5. RESOLUTION

At the end of the conference, all countries in the committee will vote on whether to pass a resolution. This is the time for everyone to come together and decide on a course of action.

6. POINTS

Delegates can raise points throughout the session to address issues. The following are the types of points:

- **Point of Information (POI):** Raises an issue or unclear aspect of a delegate's speech
- **Point of Order (POO):** Points out issues in a delegate's speech
- **Point of Personal Privilege (POP):** Raises an unrelated attribute of the committee to be altered
- **Point of Parliamentary Inquiry:** Clarifies doubts about committee proceedings
- **Right to Reply (RTR):** Raised if an offensive statement to a country's principals, morals, or important persons was made by another delegate.

QARMA (Questions a Resolution Must Answer)

Q1. How can public health adapt to climate-driven infectious diseases, and what strategies mitigate their impact on communities?

Q2. How can policymakers address mental health challenges from climate events, and integrate preventive measures into healthcare systems?

Q3. What measures should be taken to reduce the health risks associated with air pollution and heat waves?

Q4. How can innovative technologies be used to tackle climate-driven health issues?

Q5. How can global collaboration address health disparities from climate change, ensuring vulnerable populations access adequate healthcare and resources?

Additional resources for preparation

1. <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/climate-change-and-health>
2. <https://www.cdc.gov/climateandhealth/effects/default.htm>
3. <https://www.epa.gov/climateimpacts/climate-change-and-human-health>
4. https://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/programs/climatechange/health_impacts/index.cfm



Thank you

**We hope you enjoy your time as a
delegate in the WHO!**