

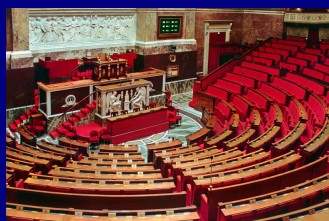


TFS - JMUN 2023



International Press Corps- Reporting and Photography

BACKGROUND GUIDE



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Letter from the EB

Esteemed Delegates,

We warmly welcome you to the TFS - JMUN. We are honored to be your head chairs in the International Press Committee. We express our gratitude for the opportunity to assist you and eagerly anticipate commencing this new venture together. We expect passionate discussions and a sense of enjoyment over the day.

Our goal is to give all of you a valuable experience and to help you guys overcome the fear of public speaking. We hope our background guide serves as a starting point of your research, and we encourage exploration beyond its scope.

Four to five photographers will capture images during the MUN, focusing on IPC photography rather than reporting.

There will be an orientation PPT 2-3 days before the MUN, which will clarify all your doubts. We assure you of our utmost efforts to make this an unforgettable MUN experience for you and us.

Please note that Position papers will not be needed in this MUN.

We look forward towards to an extraordinary MUN conference with you all.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Board Members of the International Press Committee.

WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS ALL ABOUT?

The International Press within the United Nations is like a global storyteller. Journalists from different backgrounds share news and stories about what happens in the UN. They try to be fair and tell the truth about decisions and events. They write about big issues like climate change, human rights, and peacekeeping. Their stories can change how people think and make countries do better things.

These journalists also help those who aren't often heard. They talk about experiences from different groups of people. Overall, they make sure everyone knows what's important and try to make the world fair for everyone. They're like a big spotlight, shining on what's going on and making sure everyone understands.

Although IPC delegates carry an unconventional role in the MUN arena, the experience gained is unique and undoubtedly valuable. IPC provides a rare opportunity for those interested in pursuing a career in the journalism field as well as aspiring writers to explore the uncharted territory of article-writing and sharpen their writing skills.

Moreover, the International Press serves as a platform for diverse voices, amplifying narratives from marginalized communities, shedding light on their experiences, and advocating for their rights on a global stage. In essence, the International Press plays a pivotal role in shaping the narrative around international affairs, fostering dialogue, and engaging global citizens in the pursuit of a more peaceful, just, and equitable world.



TYPES OF ASSIGNMENTS

Format of All Articles

- Title (of your articles; i.e Effects of Climate Change on the world)
- Delegate's Portfolio - (*nothing but the line under the title describing your designation*) such as *'The delegate of BBC reporting from WHO sheds light/opines on (in case of OP-ED) on climate change affecting various parts of the world*
- Body - should be written in neat and legible handwriting; the word limit varies from article to article

At this conference, you will all be writing mainly two types of articles-

1. Opinion Editorial (OP-ED)(400-600 words; minimum one page, however word count will be done) - In Model United Nations, when you write opinion pieces as a delegate representing a news agency, you share what you think about important agenda topics. Your article should show what you believe in, backed up by facts that prove your point. Pick a big topic everyone disagrees on, and explain your agency's view clearly. Your power comes from making a strong case that mixes your thoughts, real facts, and what your agency thinks in the Model UN setting.
2. Beat (250-450 words) - In Model United Nations, beat-based articles are like super summaries. They stay with what's talked about in committees without adding personal feelings or talking about specific votes or decisions. These articles dive deep into the talks that happen in committees, zooming in on certain topics or discussions during the meetings. They help you get what the committees talked about, making it easier to understand what's going on in the simulation.

PRESS CONFERENCE

The press conference is a very important aspect of the International Press Corps. It is the platform where delegates of their respective news agencies will be given an opportunity to ask questions. These questions:

- can be pertaining to the Agenda
- Need not be related to the Agenda or committee; you are given the freedom to ask any questions to a particular delegate adhering to proper use of language and vocabulary
- Can be based on statements the delegate made in the committee
- Can be based on the actions the delegate's country/portfolio has performed in the past at the time of the committee

The questions should be precise and straightforward. Follow ups are a must and are encouraged during a press conference. A total of about 6 questions must be prepared; they need not contain a background story but surely should contain a context. They should be delivered with appropriate body language and phrasing. **All questions must be shown/sent to the International Head of Press prior to the conference and only be asked with the approval of the EB.** These questions are marked on the basis of:

- Delivery and tone (speak with confidence)
- Phrasing
- Quality of Follow Ups
- Content quality/research

You are also requested to not use a certain set of words and phrases while being a part of IPC and attending the press conference. Instead you should use:

- Rape - Use words like sexual harassment; violence against women/men
- Terrorist - Non state actors; Insurgents
- Refugees - Displaced persons; forced migrants
- Disability - Persons with disability; differently abled individuals
- Substance Abuse - Drug dependency; substance misuse
- Mental Health Issues - Mental health conditions

The usage of words like 'dumb', 'stupid' or 'idiot' is strictly prohibited. Also, please make sure to adhere to the time period given for questioning. Extra time will not be entertained. Maintain a rhetoric, flair and exquisite vocabulary to enhance your follow ups/ questions.

Do not shy away or lose confidence from spewing venom in the form of written word, keep all your press-con's and articles strongly worded but without the use of unparliamentary language.

Lastly, make sure your questions represent your particular designation/portfolio. You are the delegate of the news agency as soon as you step into the conference.