



DELEGATE HANDBOOK

THE SEVENTEENTH ITERATION

WELCOME TO THE SEVENTEETH ITERATION

Each year, CAHSMUN welcomes hundreds of delegates from high schools all over Canada and North America, and continues to expand student participation in an activity that helps develop public speaking skills, diplomatic attitudes, and critical thinking abilities.

CAHSMUN is an extraordinary opportunity for students to debate political, social, and economic issues in an environment unlike any other. Through debating various world issues, delegates understand the complex relationships between numerous states, broaden their perspectives on an international platform, and develop comprehensive solutions to global issues that face world leaders today. The lively and stimulating debates present at CAHSMUN supplement the personal growth of all delegates and prepare them for their future as global citizens.

Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow



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SCHEDULE

Friday, April 9

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| 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm | • Registration |
| 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm | • Opening Ceremonies |
| 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm | • Dinner |
| 6:00 pm – 7:20 pm | • Committee Session I |
| 7:20 pm – 7:30 pm | • Break |
| 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm | • Committee Session II |

Saturday, April 10

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| 8:30 am – 9:40 am | • Committee Session III |
| 9:40 am – 9:50 am | • Break |
| 9:50 am – 11:00 am | • Committee Session IV |
| 11:00 am – 11:20 am | • Break |
| 11:20 am – 12:30 pm | • Committee Session V |
| 12:30 pm – 1:40 pm | • Lunch |
| 1:40 pm – 2:50 pm | • Committee Session VI |
| 2:50 pm – 3:00 pm | • Break |
| 3:00 pm – 4:10 pm | • Committee Session VII |
| 4:10 pm – 4:30 pm | • Break |
| 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm | • Committee Session VIII |
| 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm | • Dinner |
| 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm | • Delegate Social |

Sunday, April 11

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| 8:00 am – 10:00 am | • Morning Crisis (Session IX) |
| 10:00 am – 10:45 am | • Extended Break |
| 10:45 am – 12:00 pm | • Committee Session X |
| 12:00 pm – 12:10 pm | • Break |
| 12:10 pm – 1:10 pm | • Committee Session XI |
| 1:10 pm – 2:15 pm | • Lunch |
| 2:15 pm – 3:45 pm | • Closing Ceremonies |



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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

MESSAGE TO CANADIAN HIGH SCHOOLS MODEL UNITED NATIONS (CAHSMUN) 2021 CONFERENCE Vancouver, British Columbia, 9 to 11 April 2021

Our world faces an unprecedented crisis that is causing widespread human suffering, upending lives, devastating the global economy and risking reversals of hard-won progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

In these trying times, I welcome the holding of your Model United Nations activity. Your unwavering commitment to international cooperation is essential for tackling the COVID-19 pandemic -- the biggest test our world has faced since the Second World War.

We can only defeat the coronavirus if we do so globally. We must recognize that the poorest countries and most vulnerable will be the hardest hit, and that decades of development gains could be reversed. Countries already suffering armed conflict now face further upheaval. And the pandemic is having a disproportionate impact on the world's women.

The United Nations is undertaking a wide-ranging response – calling for a global ceasefire and working to control the pandemic, save lives, mitigate the socio-economic impacts, fight stigma and recover better.

We are strongly committed to providing full support to all, guided by our shared values. The world needs your energy, and I draw great hope from seeing your generation mobilize to address the challenges of our time and to build a healthier, more equitable and sustainable future for all.

In that spirit of common cause, I wish you a successful Model United Nations conference.

António Guterres



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

Message from the Prime Minister of Canada

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Canadian High Schools Model United Nations (CAHSMUN) 2021.

Since 2004, CAHSMUN has provided a wonderful setting for debates and discussions on a variety of topics that contribute to a meaningful and thought-provoking learning environment. Although this year's conference will be virtual and different from previous years, it still holds the same significance by allowing us to witness the remarkable intelligence and talent of our young people.



The COVID-19 pandemic has made planning and hosting events such as this one difficult, and I would like to thank the dedicated organizers for their hard work in making this event possible.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful conference!

Ottawa
2021



BRITISH
COLUMBIA



A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER JOHN HORGAN

As Premier of the Province of British Columbia, it gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to the Canadian High Schools Model United Nations (CAHSMUN) 2021.

CAHSMUN is an incredible opportunity for students to learn more about international diplomacy in a supportive environment. You will hone important skills, from leadership and public speaking to negotiation and conflict resolution. These are tools you can take with you no matter what your future goals may be. Your generation's voice provides an important perspective on global issues and it is encouraging to see students so committed to learning and challenging themselves.

While the cancellation of the 2020 conference due to the pandemic was a disappointment for many, it is wonderful to see the return of CAHSMUN in a virtual iteration. Though this year's event may look a little different, I am confident it will be a rewarding experience for all. An online conference of this magnitude takes a significant amount of time and energy to organize, and I would like to express my gratitude to all those who made this year's conference possible through hard work and innovation. Virtual events like this allow us to stay connected at a distance until it is safe for us to gather again.

I wish you all the very best in your proceedings. I have no doubt that your passion and enthusiasm will ensure CAHSMUN 2021 is a success!


HONOURABLE JOHN HORGAN
PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



SECRETARY-GENERAL · SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL

Dear School Advisors, Faculty Advisors, and Prospective Delegates,

Welcome to Canadian High Schools Model United Nations XVII.

My name is Emily Ni, and it is my honour to serve as the Secretary-General of CAHSMUN 2021. On behalf of the Secretariat team and the Board of Directors, I would like to extend a warm invitation to the seventeenth iteration of CAHSMUN, to be held from April 9th to 11th, 2021. Due to current restrictions and considerations concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, CAHSMUN 2021 will be held online for the safety of all participants. Although we may not be able to convene at the Sheraton Wall Centre Vancouver as planned, the Secretariat looks forward to upholding the same quality of discovery and discussion that CAHSMUN has provided for nearly two decades.

Over 16 iterations, CAHSMUN has continually welcomed hundreds of students from across the world to partake in a weekend of discussion, debate, and discovery. Our carefully crafted committees programme offers delegates the chance to represent heads of government in bustling General Assemblies, step into the shoes of military commanders during historical battles, and write riveting coverage of debate as journalists in the International Press Corps. CAHSMUN prides itself on upholding the principles of the real United Nations by emphasizing international consciousness, an academic orientation, and accessible service. Alongside our hardworking Staff and Secretariat teams, I am excited to continue CAHSMUN's long legacy of providing excellent diplomatic discussions in its upcoming iteration.

During these unprecedented times, it is now more than ever that the importance of unity and collaboration is needed to tackle the global challenges that face us in the present. CAHSMUN provides an educational platform for discourse that will equip the leaders of tomorrow with the skills to shape our future. Through Model UN, delegates are able to gain confidence and acquire invaluable skills in research, writing, and public speaking. CAHSMUN firmly believes that no student should be barred from such enriching experiences; we reaffirm our commitment to accessibility through comprehensive financial aid and our Foundations program, which supplies free resources and information sessions to registered schools.

Alongside the Staff and Secretariat of CAHSMUN 2021, I am fully committed to producing an exceptional conference experience for all participants. Please do not hesitate to contact me via sg@cahsmun.org if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for joining us, and I look forward to virtually welcoming you to CAHSMUN in April.

Sincerely,

Emily Ni
Secretary-General
Canadian High Schools Model United Nations 2021



THE SECRETARIAT TEAM



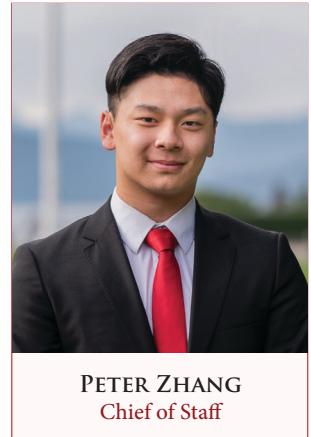
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Secretary-General



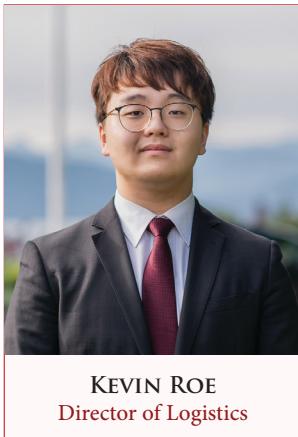
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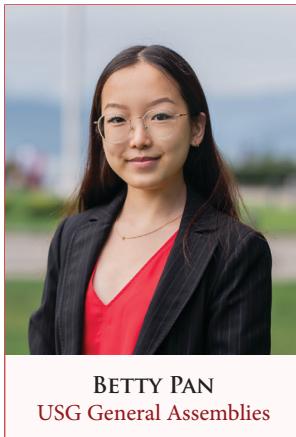
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KEVIN ROE
Director of Logistics



BETTY PAN
USG General Assemblies



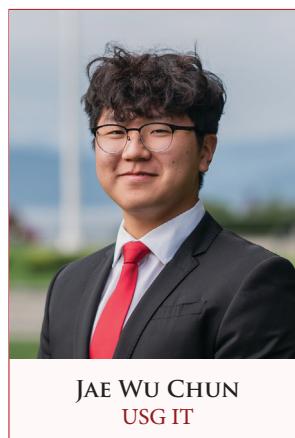
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KOBY CHEN
USG Delegate Affairs



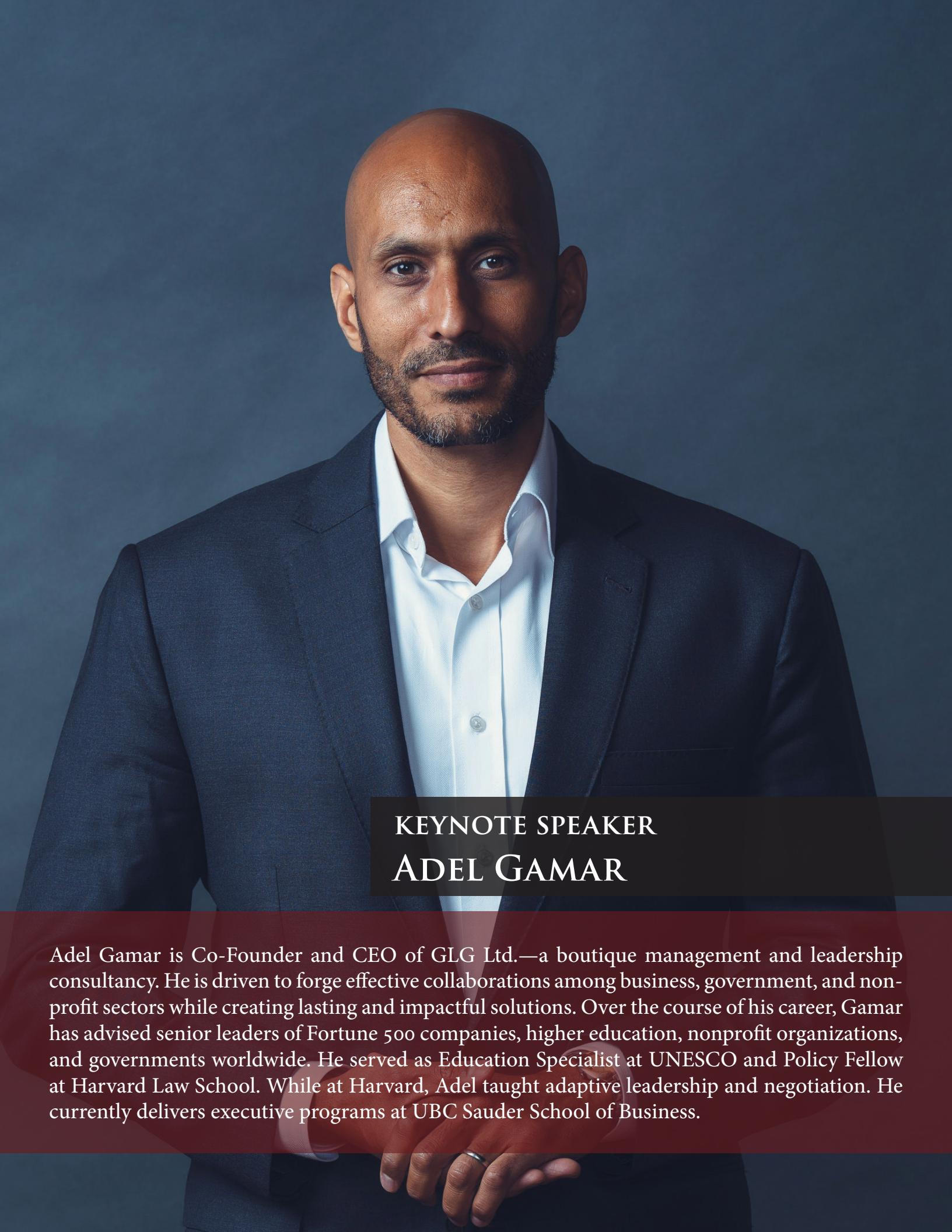
TINA SHI
USG Marketing



JAE WU CHUN
USG IT



OWEN EBOSE
USG Outreach

A professional headshot of Adel Gamar, a middle-aged man with a shaved head and a light beard, wearing a dark suit and white shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER ADEL GAMAR

Adel Gamar is Co-Founder and CEO of GLG Ltd.—a boutique management and leadership consultancy. He is driven to forge effective collaborations among business, government, and non-profit sectors while creating lasting and impactful solutions. Over the course of his career, Gamar has advised senior leaders of Fortune 500 companies, higher education, nonprofit organizations, and governments worldwide. He served as Education Specialist at UNESCO and Policy Fellow at Harvard Law School. While at Harvard, Adel taught adaptive leadership and negotiation. He currently delivers executive programs at UBC Sauder School of Business.



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Minecraft & Roblox Servers

The Delegate Social: Distancing

Saturday, April 10th
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



\$300 Worth
of Prizes



Jackbox TV



Trivia



DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

Madeline Kim, Angel Yuan, Christopher Yu

Topic A Targeting Illicit Arms Trade on the Dark Web

Topic B The Insurgency of Terrorism in Nigeria



SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE

Vivian Liang, Alex Logan, Sourav Arora, Brandon Chan

Topic A Child Labour in Developing Countries

Topic B Persecution of Linguistic Minorities



GENERAL ASSEMBLIES COMMITTEES PROGRAM



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Jasmine Yang, Cindy Zhang, Andrew Liu, Leia Tsao

Topic A Prevention of Chronic Respiratory Diseases

Topic B Livestock Health and Consumption



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS

Adam Dawood, Ellie Hwang

Topic A Rising Sea Levels in Southeast Asia

Topic B Impacts of Rapid Urbanization



EUROPEAN UNION

Cynthia Gan, Owen Hawes, Stephanie Hai

Topic A Asylum Policy Review

Topic B Assessing the Effectiveness of the Minsk Protocol



INDIGENOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Annushka Agarwal, Leo Li

Topic A Pipeline Development in Canada

Topic B Indigenous Communities in Canada's Criminal Justice System



REGIONAL BODIES COMMITTEES PROGRAM



NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

David Deng, Laura Choi, Matthew Leung

Topic A The Rise of China's Expansionism

Topic B Anti-Satellite Threats



UNITED STATES SENATE

Othman Mekhloufi, Joshua Dar Santos, Alec Yang, Nikki Wu

Topic A Affordable Health Care

Topic B Infrastructure Development of Black Communities



UNITED NATIONS ENTITY FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

Alishba Irfan, Matthew Chen, Eric Li

Topic A The Role of Women in Terrorist Organizations and Militias

Topic B Countering Barriers to Maternal Health and Care



UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Nick Liu, Naomi Chin, Marcus Lai

Topic A Fashion Industry's Implications on the Environment

Topic B Ocean Pollutants



SPECIALIZED AGENCIES COMMITTEES PROGRAM



INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

Mikael Borres, Sakura Gibson, Ahmad Shams

Topic A Domestic Workers' Rights
Topic B Prison Labour

UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

Austin Ma, Henry Xi

Topic A The Rojava Revolution
Topic B The Balochistan Conflict

FACEBOOK

Joyce Chen, Tienlan Sun

Topic A Facing Off Against Tencent
Topic B The Rise of Fake News



FICTIONAL CRISIS COMMITTEE

Ethan Jasny, Justin Jia,
Catherlin Liu

Topic The Duchy of Grand Fenwick



HISTORICAL CRISIS COMMITTEE

Vivian Gu, Joshua Bhullar,
Daniel Gao

Topic The Norman Conquest of
England 1066



KOREAN CABINET

Ben Kang, Darren Yang,
Olivia Gibson

Topic The Korean War

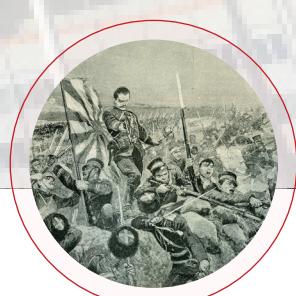


CRISIS COMMITTEES COMMITTEES PROGRAM



INTERNATIONAL PRESS CORPS

Jonah Ezekiel, Caitlin Adams



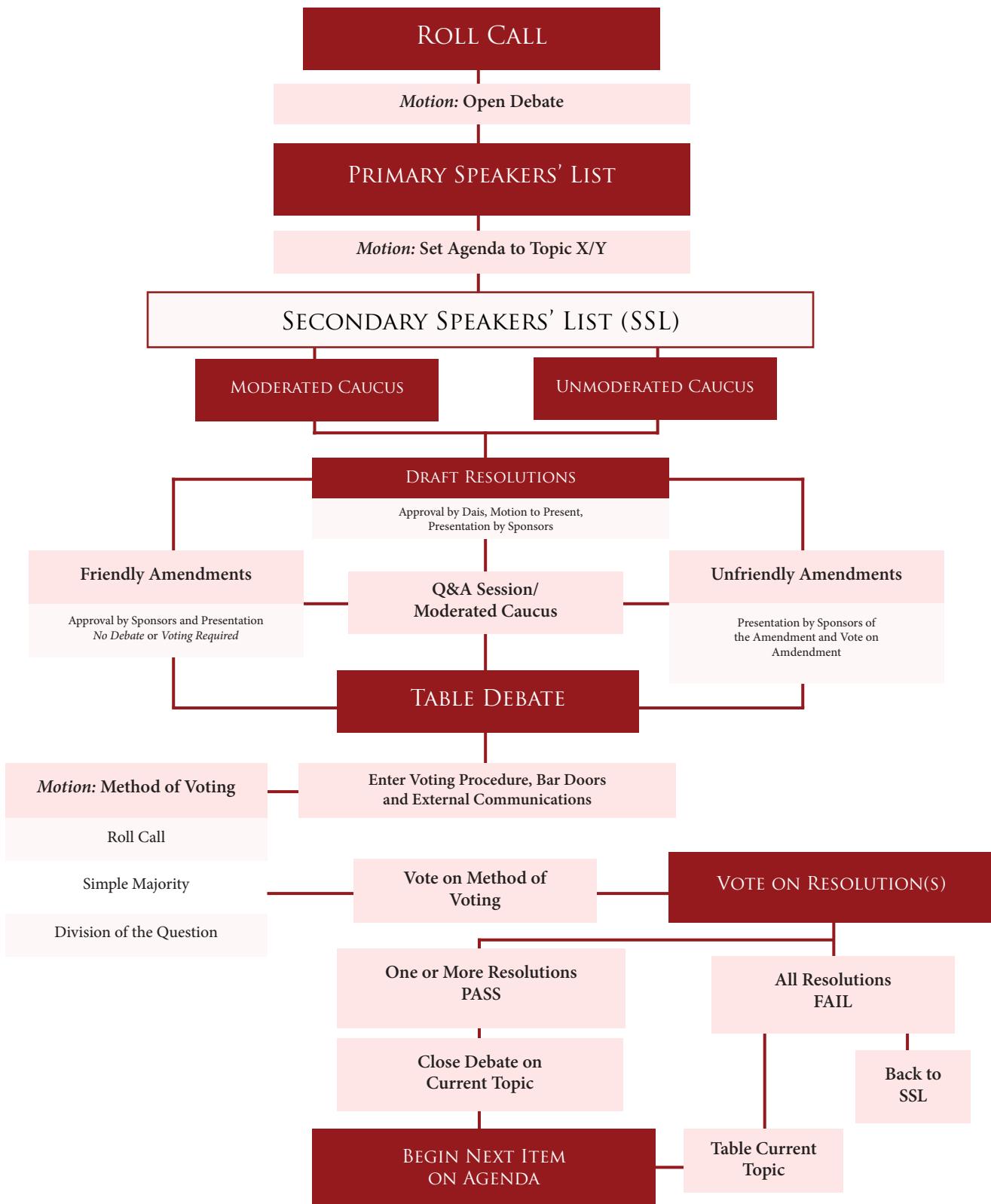
JOINT CRISIS COMMITTEE

William Tsai
Derek Wu, Armaan Jaffer, Victoria Munro
Tyler Rosenzweig, Mia Tsao, Lauren Thomas

Topic Supremacy for the Far East, 1894: Japan
VS Russia



DEBATE FLOWCHART





RULES OF PROCEDURE

GENERAL RULES

SCOPE	<p>These Rules of Procedure govern all committees at the CAHSMUN with the exception of MiniE, JCC, IAC, HCC, FCC, Cabinet, IPC, and NGO (for which other rules shall be provided), and apply during all scheduled and extraordinary sessions. No other Rules of Procedure shall apply.</p>
DELEGATE CONDUCT	<p>Delegates are expected to remain productive and courteous throughout the conference and respectful to Staff Members and other delegates. English shall be the official and only working language during all committee sessions. No simulated accents or national costumes are allowed (see Dress Code below).</p> <p>Delegates are expected to be present for Roll Call, which shall be taken at the beginning of every committee session. Delegates unable to attend a committee session must inform the Director prior to that session. Delegates not abiding by the Rules of Procedure shall be called to order by the Chair. Any delegate feeling as though they are being treated unfairly should contact the Committee Staff or Secretariat.</p>
DRESS CODE	<p>CAHSMUN strives to uphold a professional, gender-inclusive dress code. All delegates are expected to wear Western business attire during all scheduled and extraordinary committee sessions. This includes dress pants, dress shirts, neckties, sweaters, vests, cardigans and/or blazers, skirts, dresses, blouses, and tights. The Secretariat and Committee Staff reserve the right to send any delegates not dressed in proper Western business attire back to their hotel rooms to change.</p>
ELECTRONICS POLICY	<p>Delegates may use laptop computers or tablets during committee sessions to write working papers and draft resolutions only. Delegates are expected to arrive at the conference with their research prepared. Academic use of electronics is expected and enforced as part of conference policy. Violations may be penalized.</p>
DUTIES — STAFF	<p>The Committee Staff, otherwise known as the Dais, consists of the Director, the Chair, and Assistant Director, and in select committees, Crisis Staffer(s), as appointed by the Secretariat. The Director is the final authority on the committee, and may suspend or amend the Rules of Procedure at any time. The Director may interrupt the flow of debate to address the committee. The Chair is responsible for enforcing the Rules of Procedure, directing the flow of debate, ruling on points, and granting the right to speak. The Chair may rule any motion out of order at any time. Assistant Directors may moderate and assist delegates with technical advice, help in midnight crises, take notes on committee debate and participation, and complete any other task required by the Director. Overall, the staff team may take on flexible roles to ensure the smooth running of committee sessions at CAHSMUN 2021.</p>
DUTIES — SECRETARIAT	<p>The Secretary-General and their appointed officers compose the Secretariat, the ranking officials of the conference. The Secretariat reserves the right to suspend, amend or modify the Rules of Procedure at any time. An officer of the Secretariat may address the committee or serve as a member of the Committee Staff at any time.</p>



RULES OF PROCEDURE

FLOW OF DEBATE

ROLL CALL

The Chair will conduct Roll Call at the beginning of each committee session. Delegates must indicate their presence in response to the Chair as either 'Present' or 'Present and Voting'. Delegates who indicate their presence as 'Present and Voting' may not abstain from any substantive vote. Delegates arriving late to a committee session must send a note to the Dais indicating their delegation (country) and presence.

QUORUM

Quorum must be established in order to begin formal debate or enter voting procedure in a committee. Quorum is met when one-third of members are present, and shall be assumed unless otherwise challenged by a Point of Order. Note that Quorum is not applicable in the United Nations Security Council.

AGENDA AND PRIMARY SPEAKERS' LIST

The committee's Agenda denotes the order in which the two topics will be discussed. In order to set the Agenda, a delegate must move to open the Primary Speakers' List. The Primary Speakers' List is strictly used to debate the precedence of topics that shall be discussed by the committee.

Following a motion to open the Primary Speakers' List, delegates will vote on the motion by simple majority. Once the motion passes, the Chair will recognize up to two speakers in favour of the motion and two speakers against the motion. These delegates will speak in alternating order beginning with the speaker in favour and ending with the speaker against the motion. The speaking time for all speeches in the Primary Speakers' list is sixty (60) seconds. Immediately following these speeches, delegates must present a motion to set the Agenda ("The delegation of X moves to set the Agenda to topic A/B"). Once such a motion has been presented, the committee shall vote on the motion to set the Agenda, which requires a simple majority to pass.

Once the Agenda has been set, the committee shall begin debate on whichever topic was passed through the opening of a Secondary Speaker's List (see Rule 10). In committees where two topics have been prepared, only one motion to set the Agenda is in order: if the motion to set the Agenda to Topic A fails, the committee shall immediately enter discussion on Topic B, and vice versa.

SECONDARY SPEAKERS' LIST

Following the setting of the Agenda, a motion must be presented and voted upon to open the Secondary Speakers' List, which requires a simple majority to pass. Immediately following this, a motion to set the duration of speeches within the Secondary Speakers' List can be presented; the default value is one minute, and does not require a motion.

Once the duration of speeches has been set, the Chair will prompt delegates that wish to be added to the list of speakers. Delegates may also send notes to the Chair requesting to be added to the list of speakers. The purpose of the Secondary Speaker's List is for delegates to voice general opinions on the current topic being discussed. Furthermore, it acts as a buffer between other forms of substantive debate, such as moderated caucuses and unmoderated caucuses.



RULES OF PROCEDURE

FLOW OF DEBATE

YIELDS	TO CHAIR	Upon completing a speech (when delegates have finished speaking) during the Secondary Speakers' List, delegates must yield the remainder of their time in one of four ways. Delegates who speak for the entirety of their allotted time should yield to the Chair nonetheless out of courtesy. Listed below are the four types of yields:
	TO DELEGATE	The remaining time in a delegate's speech will be absorbed by the Chair. Delegates must yield to the Chair if they do not wish to yield to another plausible party.
	TO QUESTIONS	The remaining time in a delegate's speech will be yielded to a specific delegate. The delegate being yielded to may either accept or decline the yield. Should that delegate accept the yield, the Chair will recognize the delegate for the entirety of the remaining time. Any additional time left over shall be absorbed by the Chair. Yielding a yield is out of order.
	TO COMMENTS	The Chair will call on delegates with questions to now raise their placards. Delegates selected by the Chair will be allowed to ask one question to the speaker, that is, the delegate who originally made the yield. Back and forth questions, rhetorical questions and questions not meant to obtain information are out of order. The speaker may refuse to answer any question, but only the speaker can respond to questions.
CAUCUSES	UNMODERATED	An unmoderated caucus allows delegates to leave their seats to examine a topic area in a more informal manner and discuss working papers and draft resolutions. An unmoderated caucus may not exceed fifteen minutes in length. The motion requires a simple majority to pass. The Chair may rule a motion for an unmoderated caucus dilatory at their discretion.
	MODERATED	A moderated caucus allows the Chair to temporarily deviate from the Speakers' List in order for the committee to engage in specific, less formal substantive debate. When a moderated caucus begins, the Speaker's List is deviated from, and the Chair recognizes those delegates who desire to speak. The delegate who made the motion for the moderated caucus has the right to speak first. Debate in moderated caucuses allows delegates to interact in a less formal manner, and allows for faster transitions between speakers. A motion for a moderated caucus requires a simple majority to pass, and must specify the duration of the proposed caucus and the speaking time for individual speeches. The committee will revert to the Speakers' List should no delegates wish to speak during a moderated caucus. No motions are in order during a moderated caucus until it has expired. Yields are not in order during moderated caucuses.



RULES OF PROCEDURE

FLOW OF DEBATE

ACTIONS PERTAINING TO DEBATE	CLOSE	A delegate may move to close debate on any procedural or substantive (see “Voting” section) matter whenever the floor is open. Should a motion to close debate pass, the committee will enter voting procedure immediately.
	TABLE	The tabling of debate refers to the indefinite postponement of debate on a topic, draft resolution or amendment until it is reopened. After a motion to table debate “on __ (e.g. Topic A, Draft Resolution 1.0, etc.)__” has been passed, there will be no further debate on the topic, draft resolution or amendment allowed until a motion to reopen it is passed.
	SUSPEND	The suspension of debate refers to the postponement of all committee functions until the next scheduled or extraordinary committee session. A delegate may move to suspend debate only when the committee nears the end of that committee session. The Secretariat reserves the right to suspend debate at any time.
	ADJOURN	The adjournment of debate refers to the indefinite postponement of all committee functions for the rest of the conference, and is in order only when the committee nears the end of the last committee session of the conference. The Secretariat reserves the right to adjourn debate at any time.
	OPEN / REOPEN	A motion to open debate must be moved and passed at the beginning of each committee session to commence debate, while a motion to reopen debate refers specifically to debate on a topic, draft resolution, or amendment that has been previously closed/postponed. The former occurs generally only at the beginning of each session, while the latter can be motioned at any time, provided that there exists debate to be reopened.

POINTS

POINT OF	ORDER	A delegate may raise a Point of Order to bring attention to the Chair an error in the execution of the rules of procedure. The delegate may not speak on the substance of the matter under discussion. Delegates should allow the courtesy of letting the speaker finish before raising a Point of Order.
	PERSONAL PRIVILEGE	A Point of Personal Privilege is for your personal comfort. If any external physical circumstances affect your ability to participate in the debate, such as the temperature of the room, the font size of the directive discussed, or the audibility of the speaker, you may raise a Point of Personal Privilege. You do NOT need to raise this point to go to use the restrooms.
	INQUIRY	Delegates may raise a Point of Inquiry if they are uncertain about any aspect of the committee. This could be in relation to the topic at hand, rules of procedure, or general conference information. Delegates are asked to refrain from raising a Point of Inquiry while another delegate is speaking.



RESOLUTION PAPER GUIDE

OVERVIEW

During debate and unmoderated caucuses, delegates with similar stances come together to form working groups or blocs, in which delegates combine ideas and solutions into draft resolutions. Resolution papers are the cumulative result of the discussion of a committee, and serve to outline proposed solutions for the global community regarding the topic at hand.

A successful resolution paper will outline comprehensive solutions to each major issue of a given committee topic. Sponsors of a draft resolution should strive to write a document that explores issues outside of the scope of their own bloc, in an effort to accurately represent the goals of the committee. While many draft resolutions may be presented, only one draft resolution may be voted in by the committee to become the official resolution paper for the given topic.

For rules of procedure regarding voting on resolution papers, please refer to the CAHSMUN 2021 Rules of Procedure Guide. Most importantly, please do not hesitate to ask your Dais members for assistance or clarification.

GENERAL FORMATTING GUIDELINES

Resolution papers should always be in Times New Roman, 12pt font size. A draft resolution should be titled with an appropriate version number assigned by the dais to distinguish it from other draft resolutions with “[the topic number].[.][paper number]” (e.g. “Draft Resolution 1.1”). Please refer to the sample resolution on page 4 for detailed formatting guidelines regarding punctuation, italicization, and underlining of phrases.

SPONSORSHIP AND SIGNATORY STATUS

A draft resolution requires sponsors and signatories in order to be presented on the floor. A specified number of signatories must be obtained before introducing a draft resolution (please refer to the CAHSMUN 2021 Rules of Procedure Guide for specifics). A sponsor takes part in the writing and development of a draft resolution, while a signatory simply wants to see the draft resolution debated. Note that signatories do not need to necessarily support the paper. Thus, a delegate can only sponsor one draft resolution, while he or she can be a signatory of multiple draft resolutions.



RESOLUTION PAPER GUIDE

KEY PHRASES OF RESOLUTION PAPERS

Resolution papers are divided into multiple components, each of which serve a specific purpose to the document. Below are a list of phrases that comprises a resolution paper:

Clause: Clauses are the main substantive content of resolutions, each containing a single argument or action. Clauses can be either Preambulatory or Operative.

Phrase: Phrases are the first word(s) of a clause. They introduce the clause and define the nature of its recommendations.

Preambulatory Clause: The preambulatory clauses of a draft resolution state the reasons for addressing the topic. Preambles can reference the UN Charter and past international actions. Each clause begins with a preambulatory phrase that is italicized and ends with a comma.

“Reaffirming its resolution of 3/1993, which encourages governments to cooperate with NGOS to address natural disaster recovery,”

Operative Clause: Actions and recommendations made in a draft resolution are written in the form of operative clauses. Operatives should be organized logically with each clause containing a single idea or proposal. Operatives may split into sub clauses or sub-sub clauses to further develop ideas. Each operative is numbered, begins with an operative phrase, and ends with a semicolon. A draft resolution ends in a period after the last operative.

“10. Calls for the development of an SCO trust fund that:

- a. Funds cross border anti-terrorist checks;
- b. Supports recovery centres for displaced persons of:
 - i. War;
 - ii. Terrorist Attacks;
 - iii. Climate crises;
- c. Supports all other operative resolutions denoted in this paper in conjunction with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).”

Amendment: An amendment is a change that a delegate would like to introduce to the draft resolution after it has already been submitted to the Chair. Rules of Procedure regarding raising amendments and voting upon amendments can be found in the CAHSMUN 2021 Rules of Procedure Guide.



RESOLUTION PAPER GUIDE

SAMPLE RESOLUTION VOCABULARY

Preambulatory Phrases		Operative Phrases	
Affirming	Fully believing	Accepts	Directs
Alarmed by	Further deplored	Adopts	Emphasizes
Approving	Further recalling	Affirms	Encourages
Aware of	Guided by	Appeals	Endorses
Bearing in mind	Having adopted	Appreciates	Expresses its appreciation
Believing	Having considered	Approves	Expresses its hope
Confident	Having examined	Authorizes	Further invites
Contemplating	Having heard	Calls	Further proclaims
Convinced	Having received	Calls upon	Further reminds
Declaring	Having studied	Commends	Further recommends
Deeply concerned	Keeping in mind	Condemns	Further requests
Deeply disturbed	Noting with regret	Confirms	Further resolves
Deeply regretting	Noting with deep concern	Congratulates	Instructs
Desiring	Noting with satisfaction	Considers	Invites
Emphasizing	Noting further	Decides	Proclaims
Expecting	Noting with approval	Declares	Reaffirms
Fully alarmed	Observing	Deplores	Recognizes
Fully aware	Reaffirming	Designates	Regrets



SAMPLE RESOLUTION PAPER

Draft Resolution X.Y

Topic: Draft Resolution Sample

Sponsors: Official names of the sponsoring countries, separated by commas (between 1-3 or 2-5, depending on committee size).

Signatories: Official names of the signatory countries, separated by commas (the number of Signatories must be at least one-fifth of the size of the committee – signatories do not necessarily support the resolution but want to see it debated). *Both lists, sponsors and signatories, must be placed in alphabetical order.*

The (Committee Name),

Noting that preambulatory clauses outline the issue at hand,

Fully aware that one line should be skipped before and after every clause,

Recalling that preambulatory clauses begin with italicized preambulatory phrases,

Bearing in mind that a comma is used at the end of each preambulatory clause,

Noting further that preambulatory clauses end in a comma before the resolution moves on to the operative clauses,

1. Declares that operative clauses address the action that should be taken to combat the issue;
2. Invites delegates to underline the operative phrases before an operative clause;
3. Calls upon operative clauses to end in semicolons;
4. Recommends clear and concise wording through splitting an operative clause into sub-clauses:
 - a. With a colon to introduce the first sub-clause,
 - b. With a comma to transition to the next sub-clause,
 - c. With the use of sub-sub-clauses if needed:
 - i. Using ‘i, ii, iii’ etc.,
 - ii. Having at least two sub-sub clauses,
 - iii. Not permitting sub-sub-sub clauses;
 - d. With a semicolon at the end of the last sub-clause;
5. Resolves that a resolution must always end with a period.



MODEL UN GLOSSARY

Abstain - During a vote on a substantive matter, delegates may abstain rather than vote yes or no. This generally signals that a state does not support the resolution being voted on, but does not oppose it enough to vote no.

Agenda - The order in which the issues before a committee will be discussed. The first duty of a committee following the roll call is usually to set the agenda.

Amendment - A change to a draft resolution on the floor. Can be of two types: a “friendly amendment” is supported by the original draft resolution’s sponsors, and is passed automatically, while an “unfriendly amendment” is not supported by the original sponsors and must be voted on by the committee as a whole.

Bloc - A group of countries in a similar geographical region or with a similar opinion on a particular topic.

Caucus - A break in formal debate in which countries can more easily and informally discuss a topic. There are two types: moderated caucus and unmoderated caucus.

Decorum - The order and respect for others that all delegates at a Model UN conference must exhibit. The Chair will call for decorum when he or she feels that the committee is not being respectful of a speaker, of the dais, or of their roles as ambassadors.

Division of the Question - During voting bloc, delegates may motion to vote on certain clauses of a resolution separately, so that only the clauses that are passed become part of the final resolution. This is known as division of the question.

Moderated Caucus - A type of caucus in which delegates remain seated and the Chair calls on them one at a time to speak for a short period of time, enabling a freer exchange of opinions than would be possible in formal debate.

Operative Clause - The part of a resolution which describes how the UN will address a problem. It begins with an action verb (decides, establishes, recommends, etc.).

Point - A request raised by a delegate for information or for an action relating to that delegate. Examples include a point of order, a point of inquiry, and a point of personal privilege. See our Charts of Rules and Motions.

Preambulatory Clause - The part of a resolution that describes previous actions taken on the topic and reasons why the resolution is necessary.

Quorum - The minimum number of delegates needed to be present for a committee to meet. In the General Assembly, a quorum consists of one third of the members to begin debate, and a majority of members to pass a resolution.

Resolution - A document that has been passed by an organ of the UN that aims to address a particular problem or issue. The UN equivalent of a law.

Roll Call - The first order of business in a Model UN committee, during which the Chair reads aloud the names of each member state in the committee. When a delegate's country's name is called, he or she may respond “present” or “present and voting.” A delegate responding “present and voting” may not abstain on a substantive vote.

Unmoderated Caucus - A type of caucus in which delegates leave their seats to mingle and speak freely. Enables the free sharing of ideas to an extent not possible in formal debate or even a moderated caucus. Frequently used to sort countries into blocs and to write working papers and draft resolutions.

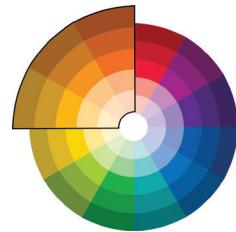
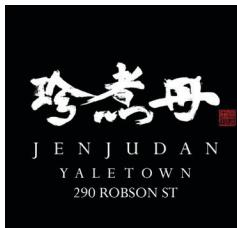
Working Paper - A document in which delegates' ideas are proposed. Frequently the precursor to a draft resolution.

Vote - A time at which delegates indicate whether they do or do not support a proposed action for the committee.

Voting Bloc - The period at the end of a committee session during which delegates vote on proposed amendments and draft resolutions. Nobody may enter or leave the room during voting bloc.



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