



# Express Guide

## University of Waterloo Model United Nations

### Primary Speakers List

At the beginning of each conference, the chairs will ask for a primary speakers list, which delegates can ask to be added to. Each member of the speakers list will have the opportunity to offer an introductory speech.

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**Motions** are suggestions on how debate should proceed. To raise a motion, raise your placard, and wait for the chair to call on you. You can raise motions to...

**Enter Moderated/Unmoderated Caucus**- Used to enter debate. Follows the format of: *"Motion for a \_ minute moderated/unmoderated caucus, with a speaking time of \_ seconds/minute."*

**Introduce a Resolution**- The chair may ask you to proceed to read the operative clauses.

**Introduce an Amendment**- This motion can only be introduced after the delegate has been recognized and the chair has already approved the amendment.

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**Points** are used when a delegate is uncomfortable or needs clarification. They include Points of:

**Personal Privilege**- This point refers to the comfort and wellbeing of the delegates. Delegates can interrupt a speaker only in the case of audibility, or an urgent personal issue that is not directly related to the conference.

**Information**- This point allows delegates to be supportive of the speaker or question the validity of the speaker's points. Delegates must wait until the speaker yields their time, and the point will be subject to approval from the chair.

**Right of Reply**- This allows a delegate to respond during a moderated caucus if directly accused of something by another delegate. The first delegate's defense cannot then be countered.

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### Resolutions...

are formal, written documents outlining steps that the United Nations member states should do to combat the problem at hand. Before a resolution is passed, it is called a **working paper**. After being passed, it is called a **resolution**. They are formatted as seen below.

#### Participants:

**Sponsors** are responsible for most of the content, and will bind their country to all decisions therein. Resolutions need a minimum of 3 sponsors.

**Signatories** are not bound to the resolution, but agree that it should be brought up for discussion. Resolutions need a minimum of 8 signatories.

#### Content:

**Preambulatory Clauses** outline the background of the situation and the resolution reached. Preambulatory clauses begin with action words such as *Reaffirming*, *Recognizing*, and *Seeking*.

**Operative Clauses** are concrete, step-by-step directions for what sponsors and signatories have agreed to. They should be the majority of a resolution. Operative clauses start with instruction words, such as *Requests*, *Encourages*, and *Calls*.