**MUNQSMUN 2014**

**International Press Application : Editors**

Instructions:

* *Please ensure that you provide relevant responses to each question of the application.* ***No document other than this will be evaluated.***
* *Save this file as 'yourname\_ipapp' and send it to the e-mail ID* ***ip.munqsmun2014@gmail.com*** *latest by* ***1 September 2014.***
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1. **PERSONAL DETAILS**

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**2. MODEL UNITED NATIONS EXPERIENCE**

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*\*Please feel free to add rows to the table if required.*

*\*Applicants with no prior MUN experience are not eligible to apply as editors.*

3. As an editor, you will be editing all articles of reportage for the newsletters of the conference. We are looking for editors who possess fine analytical skills, comprehensive knowledge of international affairs, and most importantly, excellent command over the language. To evaluate applicants on these parameters, following is an unedited article on capital punishment. **You are to edit the article in this document itself as no other document will be evaluated.**

*Before the citizens of the world, we are children of some families. Into a world where everyone has a opinion on everything there could be, we learn to weave our reality from opinion of an elder, and supposedly 'wiser' early in our lives. So you're family thinks Mahatma Gandhi's Congress should be voted to power? You would vote for them. How does it matter if the basis of their vote is someone who lived decades ago? Why should you even read manifestos of other potential candidates? They're all corrupt anyway, right? this isn't merely about being blind to reality in the realms of logical opinions. Perhaps we just don't care. Perhaps we are to blinded by sentiments to embrace logic. The world today finds itself in a situation akin. The same youth, blinded by age-old opinions holding less significance with the changing needs and situations of the society, will go on to vote for a Party he doesn't know much about. He will also go on to grow in support of death penalty. The same people, when faced with an political crisis as the Damini Case of 2012 would also flock the protest rallies, demanding death penalty because that would scare away any other potential criminals. Why should you bother checking the stats anyway? The self-proclaimed aware politico youth of the nation must has. And even if they haven't, those 'bastards' deserve death for a crime this heinous, don't they? And this is where we go wrong. & this is why we need a reality check. Moving away from the web of opinions and from aggravated sentiments, its time we create a reality of our own. Amnesty International in an report of April 2012, declared the notion and claim of death penalty as a deterrent to crime as 'fundamentally flawed.' By relating homicide rates as regards to the existence of death sentence de jure/de facto, it was found that homicide rates were relatively low in states that didn't practice capital punishment.*

*Obviously, the report said, in a society where death penalty is present, violence is embedded in its core values. In an atmosphere of belligerence, crime cannot stay to far. If that's not all, economic implications present staunch opposition to capital punishment. The death penalty costs more, mostly due to the fact that death penalty trials and appeals are longer and more costlier. Also, the inmate typically spends years on death row and death row prison, housing , more security and costs more than regular prisoner. In addition to be more burdening on a nation's economy, death penalty always leave the eventuality of wrong execution. In another of its several reports on instances of unfairness executions, Amnesty International reported the case of Yokamon Hearn. Hearn was sentenced for a murder he committed when he was 19. He was also thought to have a developmental mental disability that amounted to “mental retard”, but was executed nonetheless. Akin to this, there are several instance of wrongful executions embedded in the history of the world. While wrongful imprisonment can take place, there is an opportunity for rectification and redress. Once a person is wrongly executed, how do you get them back? You don't. You've killed a citizen, wrongly so. You've killed the faith of your citizens in the very mechanism of justice....Allow me dear reader to introduce you to another dimension of reality this is away from the collective rage of your countrymen you demanded death sentence for the rapists with; in a world where opinions of others become our reality, I wish to syringe you're nations.*

*This is away from the 'logic' belief you chose to amalgamative your rage with that death sentence would drive criminals. Because recently, reality is an illusion. And is human intelligence.*

4. In not more than 200 words, explain your vision for the International Press team of MUNQSMUN 2014. If you are selected as an editor, what would your working framework be?

5. If you are not selected as an editor, would you like to be considered as a reporter for the International Press of MUNQSMUN 2014?