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Letter from the Secretary General

Hello and welcome to PADUAMUN 2024! My name is Mariagrazia Elena Pascarella Burger, and I am thrilled and deeply honored to be your Secretary-General for the 2024 edition of PADUAMUN. The journey leading up to this moment has been filled with excitement and anticipation as our team has worked tirelessly to ensure that this year's conference surpasses all expectations. We have left no stone unturned in our quest to make PADUAMUN 2024 truly exceptional.

My Model UN journey started in 2021, my first Virtual MUN where I received a Verbal Mention in the SOCHUM committee. But my first time enjoying and understanding what really Model United Nations is about was in the PADUAMUN 2022, I remember being extremely nervous from hours of practicing and memorizing, even tho I won Outstanding Delegate it was not until the PUCPMUN in Lima that I understood that I didn't need to memorize everything or be so nervous, it was also there when found my committee Disec securing a Verbal Mention. In 2023, my MUN journey expanded with participation in four conferences all of them being the Disec committees always working in doubles. In Lima, I attended NewtonMUN, SanSilvestreMUN, and MarkhamMUN, earning Honorable Mention, Best Position Paper Award, and Outstanding Delegate respectively. At PaduaMUN, I clinched the Best Delegate title. My most recent challenge was preparing and debating in the NHSMUN in New York, where I represented my skills in the LEGAL committee. As I look ahead to PADUAMUN 2024, To all participants, both seasoned veterans and newcomers alike, I offer a word of encouragement: seize this opportunity to shine. Showcasing your leadership, creativity, and collaboration skills will not only enrich your own experience but also contribute to the collective success of the conference. Together, let us engage in thought-provoking discussions, foster creative solutions, and forge lasting friendships. With that said, I extend my warmest wishes for a memorable and rewarding experience at PADUAMUN 2024. May this conference inspire you to reach new heights and leave an indelible mark on your MUN journey. I eagerly anticipate the vibrant debates, innovative ideas, and camaraderie that await us in August.

Until then, let us make PADUAMUN 2024 an unforgettable chapter in the annals of Model United Nations. I look forward to seeing you all in August!

Letter from the Committee Director

Welcome to the TPA committee!

My name is Brenda Cuti and I will be your committee director. First of all, it is an honour for me to be, once again, a committee director at the San Antonio de Padua school's MUN. I am eager to hear the exchange of opinions on our committee and learn more from you. I know from now on that the debate will be a success.

So that you know a little more about me, I am a student of International Relations at one of the best universities in the world, King's College London, in the United Kingdom. In the future I want to become a diplomat and a human rights ambassador. From this information, I think you can tell that I am very interested in MUN's issues. I consider that the conversations it brings, such as current wars, security issues, protection of minors, borders and immigrations, LGBT rights and more, are fundamental for academic and self-growth. MUN was precisely one of the things that helped me choose the direction of my life after school, the career I wanted and the university. In addition to academics, in my free time I like to spend time with my friends, travel to new countries and watch movies.

On our committee, I hope that everyone will do their best, overcome their fears, and work hard. Thus, I encourage you to stay very informed and read as much as possible about current world issues beforehand.

Finally, the moderator, Astrid Cuti, and I hope that in this committee you will have a lot of fun and bring out the best in you. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to let us know at any time during the debate and before. Also keep in mind that the committee will be a place for respectful exchange of opinions, so we will not tolerate any type of disrespect towards any member of the committee. We are excited to see you soon.

Best of luck!

Introduction to the Committee

The Collins English Dictionary defines the Press Corps as “a group of journalists and reporters who are all working in a particular place, for different news organizations.” But the Press Corps is much more than that. So, what exactly is the Press Corps?



Simply put, your role as a press delegate is to impact a committee by creatively and progressively influencing the debate. It involves understanding the surrounding dynamics and using that knowledge to achieve your desired

outcome. Journalism is essential for a progressive and truly democratic world, representing the most basic form of freedom of speech. It is about informing people about the unknown and unheard, shedding light on what lies in darkness, and is vital for a functional society. A press delegate serves as a beacon in the dark, creatively and uniquely affecting those around you and the committees through various tools and forms of content.

History of Press Corps

Journalism has always been a part of our world. The earliest form of journalism as we know it today is recorded in ancient Rome (59 BCE); the "Acta Diurna" worked as a circular, documenting important events of the day and then being displayed somewhere in the city for citizens to read. Since ancient times, journalism has evolved. With the help of technology, the mass circulation of newspapers and similar media became much more feasible. Innovations like the telegraph and the printer all contributed to shaping the world of modern journalism, where news can come in various forms and from multiple outlets.

The Press Corps in PaduaMun 2024 will be based on the United Nations Correspondents Association (UNCA). The UNCA was founded in 1948, three years after the formation of the United Nations in 1945. The UNCA acts as the organization representing the United Nations Press Corps. Initially, the UNCA consisted of only fifty members, mostly American and Canadian media representatives. From its beginning, the UNCA aimed to bring members of diplomatic delegations together through press conferences, social functions, luncheons, and more. To improve its performance, the organization established the Global Media Awards of Excellence for UN Coverage. These awards are given to journalists globally and are held annually in December in New York up to this day.



Committee Dynamics

As a press delegate, committee dynamics differ from your usual MUN committee. To aid your understanding, we have broken it down into two parts: how you will interact within the committee and how you will interact with other committees.

- **Interaction within the Committee**

As a press delegate, you will spend most of your time outside the committee performing interviews, writing articles, presenting updates, and more. However, there are a few guidelines regarding your interaction within the committee:

- You must be present in the committee during the start and five minutes before the end of each session.
- All work (pieces of content) must be uploaded to a drive that will be shared with you at the beginning of the conference. You must not open or edit any drive file outside of your own.
- Unless otherwise instructed, all work must be done and submitted within conference hours.

- **Interaction with Other Committees**

When visiting other committees, you must first introduce yourself to the chair or director (under the name of your news agency) by sending them a note to let them know you are present. When preparing updates, always confer with the chair of the committee beforehand and be respectful in your interactions. Diplomacy is a compulsory part of MUN and thus of the Press Corps too. It is imperative that you interact with other delegates respectfully and diplomatically at all times. During interviews, always keep these values and ideals in mind.



Forms of Content

Please keep in mind that all forms of content and media you release will be checked by the Chair and must follow committee and conference guidelines, as well as your organization's bias and policies.

- **Article:** Articles are the most common form of content. When creating an article, your focus is to report on a specific issue or situation inside your chosen committee. An article must include certain aspects which depend on your organization (headers, social links, images, logos, fonts). Articles may include your personal opinions, but they must be aligned with your organization's bias and beliefs.
- **Update:** Updates (news flashes) are a common way for a Press Delegate to interact with the committee and thus alter the course of debate. Updates generally include facts, news, opinions, and new information that aim to challenge and/or spark debate in the committee. When doing updates, the dais may allow Press Delegates to receive questions. Addressing these questions can significantly impact your update's influence on the committee. As with articles, when including your opinion in an update, ensure it aligns with your organization's bias and beliefs.
- **Video:** Videos are a great and creative way to present updates and articles. They are very engaging for delegates, and updates can be presented in video form as well as articles or other media. Videos showcase your ability as a Press Delegate to present information in various ways. However, like other forms of content, videos are subject to guidelines and must follow your organization's bias and views.
- **Infographics:** Infographics are a visual way to highlight and present information regarding a specific situation related to a committee you are working on. They may include statistics, quotes, facts, photos, and other forms of information (as long as bias and policies are respected).
- **Others:** Other forms of content can be produced, including social media, websites, and photography. If any delegate wishes to produce content in any form not listed here, they are welcome to do so as long as they consult the dais first.
 - **Social Media:** Press Delegates are allowed to create social media accounts to connect better with delegates and increase the impact of their content. The content you put into your social media depends on you and can be as creative as you wish (while following the conference and committee guidelines).
 - **Websites:** Delegates may use websites to share their articles, show information about their press agency, upload photography, etc. The website's content may vary

depending on its purpose. Websites can be as creative and imaginative as delegates wish (again while following conference and committee guidelines).



Delegate Evaluation

Throughout the conference, you will be evaluated on four criteria: participation, knowledge, language and format, and attitude.

- **Participation:** As Press delegates, it is expected that you participate and involve yourself in the committees of your interest. We will look for your interviews with other delegates, the updates you produce, and your presence in the committee itself.



- **Knowledge:** We expect delegates to have in-depth knowledge of their news agencies and the committees they are attending. Delegates should provide more than superficial information about their committees of interest when producing media pieces.
- **Creativity:** During this conference, delegates will have a lot of creative freedom and the opportunity to explore different media and forms of content. We expect you to take advantage of this and go as far as your creativity (and policy) allows.
- **Language and Format:** Delegates should use language appropriate for their news agencies and reflect their essence. The formatting of videos, articles, and all content pieces should also reveal the news agency's essence and follow the news agency's formatting guidelines.
- **Attitude:** Delegates should maintain a positive and respectful attitude throughout the conference. We will evaluate not only your content pieces but also you as a delegate.

Guidelines for Position Papers

Delegates will be required to present a position paper, including:

- **Paragraph 1:** A brief introduction to your press agency. Questions to guide you: What's the mission of your press agency? Why is it relevant? How has it been relevant through the years?
- **Paragraph 2:** Choose the committees you would like to focus on during the conference and explain why you chose them. We recommend choosing two committees.
 - Remember, "quality over quantity".
- **Paragraph 3:** Your mission within the conference and what your news agency intends to accomplish by the end of the conference. Use the chosen committees to support your ideas.
- **Bibliography:** A bibliography in APA 7th citation format is required. Any position paper that does not include a bibliography will be considered plagiarized work and ruled out, meaning the delegate will not be eligible for an award.

We encourage delegates to adhere to the following format:

- **Font:** Times New Roman 11 pts.
- **Line Spacing:** 1.15.
- **Margins:** 1 inch (2.54 cm) from all sides (standard margins).
- **Pages:** 1-page max. (excluding bibliography).
- **Bibliography format:** APA 7th.

Delegates must submit their position papers to be eligible for an award. To prepare for the conference, we suggest additional research on your press agencies, the committees you plan to report on, and further information. If you have any questions or concerns regarding position papers or anything else, please contact us. We are more than happy to help.

Closing Remarks

Thank you for reading the study guide! As chairs, we expect diplomacy, engagement, and hard work that will be reflected in the different forms of content you will present at the conference. If you have any doubt, don't hesitate in asking any of the chairs present. We are looking forward to getting to know all of you during the conference.



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