

Delegate Resources: General Assembly (GA)

This section is designed to help delegates feel confident, prepared, and professional during a General Assembly Model United Nations conference.

Tips to Gavel (Rules of Procedure Basics)

- **Know when to raise your placard:** Always raise your placard to be recognized by the Chair before speaking or making a motion.
- **Address the Chair properly:** Begin with “*Honorable Chair, distinguished delegates...*” unless instructed otherwise.
- **Be concise and clear:** GA sessions move quickly—state motions and points clearly.
- **Common motions to know:**
 - Motion to open/close debate
 - Motion to set the agenda
 - Motion to enter moderated/unmoderated caucus
 - Motion to move into voting procedure
- **Wait for the gavel:** Do not speak while the Chair is speaking or while the gavel is in use.

(Video reference provided by organizers for additional guidance.)

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I prepare for my MUN conference?

- Research your **country’s position** on the topics
- Read the **background guide** carefully
- Prepare **opening speeches** for multiple discussion topics
- Practice answering questions such as:
 - What is my country’s main goal?
 - Who are my allies and potential opponents?
 - What compromises is my delegation willing to make?
- Use all **delegate resources** provided by your conference

How do I write a resolution paper?

A resolution is a formal document proposing solutions to the topic.

1. Title

A clear, specific title related to the topic

2. Preambulatory Clauses

- **Define:** Preambulatory clauses explain the **problem and background**

- Begin with italicized verbs (e.g., *Recognizing, Alarmed by, Noting*)
- Separate each clause with a comma

3. Operative Clauses

- *Define:* Operative clauses outline the **solutions and actions**
- Begin with underlined verbs (e.g., **Encourages, Calls upon, Requests**)
- Separate each clause with a semicolon
- Be **specific, realistic, and actionable**

During debate, delegates will **refer to and amend operative clauses**, so clarity is essential.

EXAMPLE RESOLUTION

Act Now Resolution

Sponsors: Chile, Costa Rica, China, North Korea, USA, Italy, Monaco, Venezuela, Australia, Jamaica

Signatures: Nigeria, Somalia, South Africa, Japan, Austria, Brazil, Norway, Myanmar, Luxembourg, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Singapore, Jamaica, Albania, Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Greece, Oman, Germany, Egypt, North Korea, South Africa, Ukraine, United States, Italy, Russia

The General Assembly,

Acknowledging the devastating impacts that biological hazards and pandemics have had and continue to plague our world with,

Recognizing the current lack of productive legislation and processes, there needs to be reforms within our early warning systems and uniting to create long lasting multilateral solutions regarding the past, present, and future,

Encouraging nations to unite to create a productive solution marked by communication, education, representation, and disaster mitigation,

Considering the comprehensive impacts of pandemics and biological hazards,

Calling upon each nation's sovereignty and autonomy,

Understanding the necessity of socioeconomic justice for all communities,

Recognizing that access to healthcare is a human right,

Taking into consideration principles of sustainable development,

Ensuring that future generations' necessities are being attended,

Section 1: Long Term Preventative Solutions

1. Supports the UNDRR to partner with the World Health Organization, under the discretion of member states to invest in hospital infrastructure and medical stockpiles in developing countries;
 - a. The investment in hospital infrastructure would include the distribution of funds to the creation and allocation of;
 - i. Hospital and clinics;
 - ii. Registered doctors and nurses;
 - iii. Vaccines;
 - iv. Ventilators;
 - v. Hospital Beds;
2. Affirms that supply chains are increasingly vulnerable during pandemics, and therefore member states should adopt;
 - a. Plans to diversify sourcing of;
 - i. necessary medical equipment and technology;
 - ii. Any other imports necessary for a member states' economy to thrive;
 - b. Keep stockpiles of essential medicine and technology such as;
 - i. Vaccines (Covid, Hepatitis B, Influenza... add more vaccines later);
 - ii. Masks;
 - iii. Ventilators;
 - iv. Treatments;
3. Strongly encourages member states to mitigate Future Biological Hazards through pro-active and re-active measures;
 - a. Applying Regulation Controls through various measures including;
 - i. Vaccination;
 - ii. Sick leave policies;
 - iii. Strict training/rules;
 - b. Isolation;
 - i. Separating areas from clean zones to prevent the spread of these hazards;
 - c. Monitoring cases of diseases that are not totally studied or known;
 - d. Continue to use PPE (personal protective equipment);
4. Strongly recommends member states to coordinate between health and education sectors to promote coordinated action in time of a pandemic;
 - a. Suggesting the adoption of a centralized government;
5. Calls upon the creation of an official nomenclature of "Biological Disasters", a new category under the UNDRR to deal with pandemics and biological hazards;
6. Urges member states to create a Multilateral Fund for Developing and Underdeveloped Countries for Biological Disasters, administered by UNDRR;

Subsection 1: Early warning systems

1. Encourages member states to strengthen and integrate early warning systems for pandemics and global disasters into national disaster risk reduction strategies;
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What is a bloc and how does it work?

A **bloc** is a group of countries that work together because they share similar views.

- Blocs often form during **unmoderated caucuses**
- Delegates collaborate to write and merge resolutions
- You may be in **more than one bloc**, but you can only sponsor one resolution

What is the Speakers List?

- The Speakers List determines **who speaks and in what order** during formal debate
- Delegates are added by raising their placard when the Chair asks
- You may request to be added **for or against** a topic or resolution
- Once you finish speaking, you may:
 - Yield to the Chair
 - Yield to another delegation
 - Yield to questions

Should I use personal pronouns when speaking?

No. Personal and secondary pronouns are not permitted in GA.

Things to NEVER Do in a GA Committee

Do not use personal or secondary pronouns, including:

- I, me, my
- You, your, we, our

ONLY use third-person language, such as:

- “The delegation of (country)…”
- “This delegation…”
- “The delegation of (country) urges member states to cooperate…”
- “The delegation of (country) would like to respond to the delegation of (country)…”

What happens during the voting procedure?

- Debate ends and the chamber moves to voting
- No speaking, talking, or passing notes
- Abstentions may or may not be allowed depending on the vote
- Resolutions pass with the required majority

What if I make a mistake while speaking?

Mistakes happen so stay calm.

- Pause, correct yourself if needed, and continue
- Chairs value professionalism over perfection

How do I stand out as a delegate?

- Speak clearly and confidently
- Use strong, diplomatic language
- Collaborate respectfully in blocs
- Be active in debate and caucuses

Final Advice

Model United Nations is about **diplomacy, collaboration, and critical thinking**. Come prepared, remain respectful, and remember: confidence grows with participation.