

THE GUIDE TO
DELEGATE
PREPARATION

United Nations Security Council

The Boko Haram terror in
Nigeria



RESOURCES

Rules of Procedure	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AvaEKch53eEw_Fz_MFpuN7lg4IEikao-7eByUcVYFuo/edit
Guide to writing a position paper	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1if4LjSSXwpT8inyMAwK7a94TXjaKC3osZpEBE3PkY-w/edit
Guide to writing a resolution	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MDJq4F5upMTwAlxtg6Jt3VdKbP2zxcN8RzgMOZl4BuM/edit
Criteria for winning awards	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Gog_x3dNAwDtxWbB3_zPAKosDJPAFaKcnQ1_J_CeDYo/edit

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MEET THE DAIS

Chairperson

Dear delegates, Hello! It is my utmost pleasure to welcome you to this wonderful conference. For starters, my name is Aaryaman Trivedi and I will have the gratuitous opportunity to serve as your chairperson in the United Nations Security Council. I am currently in the twelfth grade of my high school experience and I study at The Riverside School in Ahmedabad. I will try my best to graduate and go to law school, and hopefully see myself as an advocate. I love MUN conferences for their unpredictability, formality and the amount of fun I have personally had. As a chair, I will expect cooperation from your end, and in turn you will receive guidance, support, as well as just scrutiny. So until we meet, Stay chill and may the best delegate win!

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Vice-Chairperson

Hi delegates! I am Riya Shah, studying in Fountainhead School, Surat and I'm going to be your vice chair for this conference. I am currently in grade 11 doing the IB, and I have keen interest in Literature, Philosophy and International politics. I am really excited to see you guys at the second edition of the FSMUN. Being in the Security Council, I expect each one of you to be very well researched and come up with unconventional, creative and well, practical ideas. I hope this experience is not just about winning, but actually learning.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE AGENDA

THE BOKO HARAM TERROR IN NIGERIA

The international community has witnessed the exponential rise in terrorism in the past decade. For a society wishing to progress economically, socially and politically, the fear of a constant and imminent threat towards personal safety and security is one which cannot go unlooked. Terrorism is an issue which has been discussed and debated to all ends. The problem lies in the battle against it. Where is the line drawn between freedom fighting and blatant terrorism? What responsibilities does a nation hold in protecting its citizens, against cooperation with extremist groups? What efficient and effective measures can nations take

to prevent this issue from escalating any further? All pertinent questions which we, as a committee, have a duty to discuss and formulate answers towards. In specific relation to a particularly dangerous and escalatingly popular extremist group known as the Boko Haram.

This Islamic extremist group, situated primarily in north-eastern Nigeria, has evolved to become a threat to global security. On July 2014, it officially announced its support for the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), another larger extremist organisation bent on denouncing the Western world and its ideologies. This threat, whilst quantified, sits at a figure wherein more than 17,000 people have been killed since 2009. However this terror had been exploited to a, perhaps, even more diabolical level where in April 2014, 276 schoolgirls were mass abducted from Chibok, Nigeria. Boko Haram's name itself, when translated from Arabic and Hausa, literally means "Western education is forbidden." This, when put into the perspective of the acts they claim to undertake, determine their disputes with the west.

QUESTIONS THAT A RESOLUTION MUST ANSWER

A RESOLUTIONS MUST ANSWER ALL THESE QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE.
THIS WILL MAKE SURE THAT RESOLUTIONS ARE COMPREHENSIVE, THE DEBATE IS
STRUCTURED AND PURPOSEFUL AND IT WILL FORCE THE DELEGATES TO CRITICALLY EXAMINE
ALL ASPECTS OF THE AGENDA

- How can a long term plan be formulated to combat transnational terrorism?
- How can the UNSC define the particulars of what construes "terrorism" to better identify acts of terror in the future?
- What should be the focus of the UNSC - negotiating with and/or combating the Boko Haram, stopping it from spreading any further, or overcoming and supporting the civilians from everyday terror they face? Justify.
- How is the Boko Haram funded? What measures or steps can be taken to stop the same?
- What are the loop-holes of previous resolutions that can be rectified, how will this make solutions to combat the Boko Haram more practicable?
- To what extent does the responsibility to fight Boko Haram lie with Nigeria and its neighbouring countries? What role must the international community, especially the P5 countries play in combating this terrorist organisation?

SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

Documentaries/ Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=clRs9MjFQNs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kimbo5coAk>

Books

- The Hunt for Boko Haram: Investigating the terror tearing Nigeria apart by Alex Perry
- Boko Haram: Inside Nigeria's unholy war by Mike J. Smith

Websites

<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/archives/2015/jul/09/rule-boko-haram/>

<http://time.com/92436/what-is-boko-haram/>

<http://time.com/3655969/boko-haram-nigeria-advance/>

<http://bokoharam.net/>

<http://in.reuters.com/> on Boko Haram