

THE GUIDE TO  
**DELEGATE**  
PREPARATION

GENERAL ASSEMBLY I:  
Disarmament and  
International Security

International norms to  
eliminate state sponsored  
terrorism



# RESOURCES

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

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# MEET THE DAIS

## Chairperson

Samir Devnani, 17 years old, is currently studying the A level curriculum of CIE at Riverside School, Ahmedabad. It gives him great pleasure in being up-to-date with current affairs / political issues while at the same time figuring out the complexities of classroom theories that he believes are often dismantled by the practicalities of life.

Public speaking, debating and MUNs have only recently become a regular feature in his schedule, until then, he was all about politics, economics, cricket, soft instrumental music and food. Samir aspires to pursue Economics & Political Sciences in the build-up to his dream of becoming a civil servant.

## Vice-Chairperson

Priyanka Jagadeesan, 16 years old, is presently studying the International Baccalaureate at Ahmedabad International School. Debating and MUNs have been an interest since quite a while now, however, there is more to her than that. She also takes immense pleasure in listening to music of all genres and kinds, watching movies, and is an avid reader who simultaneously loves travelling to different parts of the world.

Her subjects of interest range from film, fashion and food to medicine, microbiology and mathematics...well, perhaps not mathematics. Priyanka plans on taking up Psychology and Medicine in order to become a doctor and contribute to the welfare of society.

# INTRODUCTION TO THE AGENDA

## INTERNATIONAL NORMS TO ELIMINATE STATE SPONSORED TERRORISM

At a time where conventional federal warfare activities have become obsolete, several nations have chosen to adopt the strategy of sponsoring terrorist activities which fulfil the federal agenda without exposing direct involvement. Overt state involvement, to many nations, appears to be a riskier option, than directly funding aggressive terrorist activities that maintain the inactive military status of these nations. This nature of military activity allows nations to function without the fear of federal military intervention from other nations. It allows them to free themselves from the fear of international scrutiny, sanctions and retaliation.

Since most military activities that the world indulges in come under the span of control of the Disarmament and International Security committee, it is DISEC's responsibility to identify or create and implement norms preventing illegal military activities such as state sponsored terrorism. The purpose of this committee is to identify past measures against state sponsored terrorism, and redefining and amending them to be better suited for the complexities of today's warfare activities. Delegates are expected to come with a thorough knowledge of the history of agenda, and the 1974 Draft Definition of Aggression adopted by the United Nations General Assembly might serve as good starting point.

Furthermore, the DISEC expects to hold strong debate regarding new legislature in line with various country policies that could be passed as a resolution. However, the delegates must first be fully aware of the span of control that DISEC or the United Nations has for that matter. Article 2(7) reminds all member nations that United Nations statutory authority is exempt from legislative intervention in the domestic jurisdiction of any member nation of the United Nations. Therefore any resolution that this committee passes must not harm the sovereignty of the any country's jurisdiction of military rights.

The delegates are expected to come up with a consensus regarding a solution against the problem of state sponsored terrorism. DISEC must be able to successfully pass a resolution that prohibits the exercise of member nations who directly indulge in terrorist activities for the covert benefits that state sponsored terrorism offers.

The chairpersons of DISEC at the Model United Nations conference believe that Samir Gandhi's report of state sponsored terrorism is a good reference and starting point to understanding the complexities of this issue. The link to Mr. Gandhi's report is given below.

<https://www.nls.ac.in/students/SBR/issues/vol10/1009.pdf>

# 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

- What are the aims of the resolution?
- How does the committee plan to tackle the issue and take steps in order to accomplish the aims?
- Who provides the funding for it?
- Does it adhere to the humanitarian needs?
- How flexible and feasible is it?
- Take into account the ratification terms.
- Consider flexibility of punishments to countries that don't abide.
- Who keeps a check on the implementation?
- To what extent is it the United Nation's responsibility to recognize the threat of states who sponsor terrorism?
- On what legal grounds can the United Nations recognize state sponsors of terrorism?

# SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

Resources available as guidance to your research binder include:

<http://www.fountainheadschoools.org/fsmun/index.html>

The official FSMUN website. You can start with the pre-made resources for general information such as rules of procedure, criteria you'll be based on, etc.

<http://www.un.org/en/ga/first/>

The DISEC website that tells you all about the committee.

<http://www.un.org/en/index.html>

The official UN website itself! There's always something valuable to find here.

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

For a fact file on the respective country including all aspects of it, from geography to economy.

<http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/au/erickson.pdf>

Very helpful. Just go through it.

<http://unbisnet.un.org/>

Provides a search tool for all speeches to UN documents, a very helpful resource.

<http://www.un.org/en/globalissues/terrorism/>

Provision of an overview and redirection to other links.

<http://research.un.org/en>

Guides on relevant topics.

<http://www.un.org/en/terrorism/strategy-counter-terrorism.shtml>

The actions taken to counter terrorism.

<http://www.un.org/en/terrorism/ga.shtml>

Further details regarding the subject of discussion.