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# MUN 2026

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# Agenda

- Introduction of State Board
- Model United Nations Overview
- Council Breakdown
- International Court of Justice
- Topics
- Conference Experience
- Cultural Showcase
- Resolution Writing
- Website and Due Dates
- Questions

# State Board

**Secretary General-** Lincoln Trumps

**President of the ICJ-** David Russo

**Security Presiding Officer-** Mason Bond

**Security Presiding Officer-** Brinkley Bennett

**Eco/Soc Presiding Officer-** Sydney Alltmont

**Eco/Soc Presiding Officer-** Greta Bailey

**GA Presiding Officer-** Ujesh Chakravarty

**GA Presiding Officer-** Riya Reddy

**GA Presiding Officer-** Field Barba

**GA Presiding Officer-** Ava Thevenot

**GA Presiding Officer-** Barsha Debnath

**GA Presiding Officer-** Jared Lane

# What is the United Nations?

- An international body that convenes annually at the UN headquarters in New York City
- Serves as a forum for nations to collaborate on projects of international interests and resolve disputes
- Each year, the United Nations will organize committees, conferences, and meetings to discuss the pressing issues of our time
- Many of these discussions will result in the passage of resolutions, which are action-based plans meant to address these issues on the international level.

# What is your role at MUN?

- Research the viewpoints of your nation
- Represent the viewpoints at conference to debate and draft resolutions

# Council Breakdown

## General Assembly

- A forum that includes delegates from all member states
- The main deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations

## Eco/Soc

- The Economic and Social Council (Eco/Soc for short) is the central forum for discussing international economic and social issues
- Composed of delegates from approximately a third of all member states

## Security Council

- Forum for international disputes related to threats to the peace, breaches of the peace, or acts of aggression
- Includes 5 permanent member states: the United States, Russia, China, France, and the United Kingdom
- UN Peacekeeping enforces the resolutions passed by the Security Council

# Topics

**GA:** Human Effects on the Environment, Emergency Response Systems, and Elderly Aid/Care

**Eco/Soc:** Malnutrition, Access to Vaccinations, and the Death Penalty and Extrajudicial Executions

**Security:** Private Military Companies, Transnational Organized Crime, and Taiwan-China: Taiwan Strait

# International Court of Justice (ICJ)

- **Purpose:** Resolve legal disputes between countries based on cases provided by State Board
- **Requirements**
  - Consent from both challenged and challenging countries
  - At least one delegate to represent each country
- **Roles:** Chief Justice, Associate Justices (6), Complainant (Challenging Country), Defendant (Challenged Country)
- Associate Justice Application due by January 29th!

# Media Delegates

Similar to LEG, we will be adding media delegates to Model UN this year!

Media delegates will be responsible for:

- Taking pictures
- Interviewing delegates and candidates
- Creating a recap video of the conference
- Making social media posts

If this role interests you, an application is coming to the website soon!

# Crisis

While at conference, a surprise new topic/problem will be introduced in all councils.

- Previous examples: hackers, climate change, pandemic, aliens.

Follows the format for brainstorming and resolution writing, but there is no need to do prior research!

# Conference Timeline

- Thursday
  - Registration/Check-In
  - Opening Session
  - Topic Presentations, Position Statements, Resolution Writing in Councils
  - Cultural Showcase
- Friday
  - Sec Gen Candidate Press Conference
  - Resolution Debate
  - Lunch
  - Crisis Discussion and Debate
  - PO Candidate Speeches
  - Banquet
  - Dance and Trivia

# Conference Timeline

- Saturday
  - Plenary Session
  - Hotel Checkout
  - Closing Session

## Attire

Chamber and Plenary: Business formal (blouses, skirts, pants, button down shirt, blazers, etc.)

Banquet: Homecoming-style (changing from business formal is not necessary)

Fun Times: Casual clothing (shorts, t-shirts, leggings, etc.)

All delegates must maintain appropriate dress at all times, no matter what event is happening.

# Country Profile Submissions

- **Country Profile Submissions** - February 13th
  - One Country Profile submission is due *per country*
  - Provide statistically significant information about your country and your country's stances on each of the topics for each council your country is represented in
  - A Word document on the website allows students to see all questions on the form at once, and prepare their answers before submission.
  - Includes some topic specific questions for students in each council to answer.

# Cultural Showcase

- On the First Night of conference
- The Cultural showcase is a skit, song, or other creative display put on by our delegates to showcase your country's culture and greatest attributes
- UK, USA, France, China, and Russia are required to participate in cultural showcase
- Cultural showcase will happen during the conference and everyone will have the opportunity to watch
- All acts must be appropriate and must be approved by the state director prior to the showcase
- Can be either **videoed (must be submitted by March 8th)** or **performed live**

# Resolution Writing

- Everyone will write resolutions together at the conference, but you should start thinking about the topics beforehand.
- Resolution writing is a collaborative process, so get ready to work with new countries and people from other schools!
- Maximum countries as authors
  - **GA: 3**
  - **Eco/Soc: 3**
  - **Security: 3**
- Minimum of **four countries as signatories**
- Need more information? Check out the FAQs page on the website for more help!

# Resolution Writing and Debate Timing

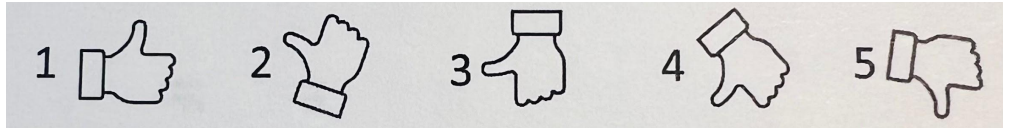
## Resolution Writing

- I. **Topic Presentation** – Presiding Officer
- II. **Questions on the Topic** [1 minute] – Delegates
- III. **Position Statement Presentations & Idea Sharing and General Discussion** [11 minutes] – Delegates
- IV. **Collaboration and Resolution Writing** [22 minutes] – Delegates
- V. **Resolution Presentation** [1.5 minutes per Resolution] – Resolution Author
- VI. **Resolution Ranking** [1 minute] – Delegates

## Resolution Debate

- a. **Read Resolution** – Presiding Officer
- b. **Opening Statement** [3 minutes] – Resolution Author
- c. **Technical Questions** [3 minutes]
- d. **Debate Round** [12 minutes]- Alternates between
  1. Opposition [2 minutes]
  2. Proposition [2 minutes]
- e. **Resolution Author Summary** [2 minutes]
- f. **Country Caucus** [1 minute]
- g. **Country Vote (one representative per country)**

# Resolution Ranking



**Author presentation** - How well did the author speak/present?

**Originality** - How original and creative is the resolution?

**Feasibility** - How practical is this resolution?

**Relevance to the topic** - Does this resolution directly address the topic being considered?

**Debatability** - How much can your country specifically debate on this resolution?

# Resolution Structure

*Authors:* Countries and Schools of author delegates

*Section I:* Background (Why is your country proposing this resolution?)

*Section II:* Implementation (How will the goal of this resolution be accomplished?)

*Section III:* Funding (How will this resolution be paid for?)

*Section IV:* Penalties (Are there any consequences to not following this resolution? Is it opt-in or mandatory?)

*Signatories:* A minimum of four countries must be signatories for a resolution to be heard

**Sponsor Countries:** United Kingdom, Bhutan  
**Council:** GA Gold  
**Club(s):** Haynes Academy, Episcopal Acadiana  
**Topic:** Topic 2  
**Resolution Number:** 39

## A RESOLUTION

**TO:** International Application of the UK 2008 Climate Change Act

### **SECTION I:**

The United Kingdom passed a Climate Change Act in 2008 requiring a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by at least 80% of 1990 levels by 2050. We believe this act is able to efficiently tackle the root cause of climate change and, as a result, would like to implement a similar act internationally. The United Kingdom has domestically utilized Greenhouse Gas Removal (GGR) technologies such as afforestation and bioenergy with carbon capture and storage, to actively remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere, and the operation of GGR technologies on an international scale is necessary to significantly lessen the effects of climate change. In combination with this, this resolution seeks to initiate climate studies in areas vulnerable to coastal and glacial erosion to gauge how tree planting efforts would help mitigate the effects of this erosion.

### **SECTION II:**

The passing of this resolution will result in examination and discussion in the climate change committee of the United Nations regarding implementation of the 2008 Climate Change Act on an international scale. As of now, the climate change committee has been unable to create effective change in combating the issue, so bringing forth the 2008 Climate Change Act as a basis for a complete, extensive plan to mitigate climate change internationally.

In addition, studies will be sponsored regarding coastal erosion and trees to prevent this. This resolution will set forth an international environmental investigation to determine where tree planting efforts will be most effective to prevent erosion.

### **SECTION III:**

Financing for this implementation will be determined by the climate change committee of the United Nations following our discussion of the proposal of the act and initiation of the studies.

### **SECTION IV:**

The program for environmental studies on coastal erosion and tree planting efforts is optional.

**Signatories:** Albania, Australia, South Sudan, Egypt

# State Board Positions

Secretary General- Leads crisis planning and implementation. Presides over the Plenary session. Coordinates the efforts of the Presiding Officers. Mediates any and all international disputes. Assumes additional duties as necessary. Candidates from each district are elected at Pre-MUN; submit your intent to run form before your regional meeting.

Presiding Officer - 10 total (2 Security, 2 Eco/Soc, 6 GA). Works on creation of topics for respective chamber and the crisis. Facilitates debate as a Chair/Clerk, ensuring parliamentary procedure is upheld throughout the conference. Assists the Secretary General in any preparation leading up to/at conference. Submit intent to run before your district meeting.

# State Board Positions

Please note some changes to the amount of candidates per district:

- Districts with **1-3 schools** may nominate **one (1) candidate** per office
- Districts with **4-6 schools** may nominate **two (2) candidates** per office
- Districts with **7-9 schools** may nominate **three (3) candidates** per office
- This pattern continues accordingly for larger districts

# Website and Due Dates

- Everything you need is at [www.layoutandgovernment.org](http://www.layoutandgovernment.org)
- All deadlines and resources can be found there
- **Secretary General AND Presiding Officer Intent to Run Form** - Due at Pre-MUN (Weeks of February 3rd and 10th)
- **Country Profile Form** (*country data information and position statements*) - February 13th

**Questions?**

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**For any further questions, please reference**  
**[www.layouthandgovernment.org](http://www.layouthandgovernment.org) or email**  
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