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# General Information

## Dress Code

The expectation at StamfordMUN is that all delegates adhere to a strict dress code. Model United Nations is a forum that intends to be both a model of and a model for the United Nations. In order to achieve this, clothing should reflect the level of professionalism delegates of nations in the real world have. Delegates are strongly recommended to wear formal attire or 'Business Formal'. Failure to adhere to the dress code is therefore considered a form of disrespect to the institution.

## Lanyards and Placards

All delegates will be supplied with lanyards and placards on the first day of the conference. Delegates will be expected to wear these lanyards to every committee session, for the entirety of the conference. Placard plastics must be left within the respective committee rooms, but the Placard Papers can be taken home if desired.

Lost Lanyards and placards will not be replaced.

## Transportation

For those students in Singapore, the closest MRT station is Woodleigh Exit B, on the North East Line (NE11). For those wishing to take buses or taxis, Stamford American International School is situated approximately 10 minutes drive from NEX. All International Participants will be provided with busing to and from the conference venue.

All participants are advised to enter through gate 1 (turnstiles) in order to pass through security checks and enter the campus.

## Schedule

| Friday April 24th |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm | Delegate Arrival    |
| 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm | Opening Ceremony    |
| 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm | Committee Room Tour |
| 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm | Reception           |

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| <b>7:00 pm – 7:30 pm</b>   | <b>Delegate Send Off</b>     |
| <b>Saturday April 25th</b> |                              |
| <b>8:30 am – 9:00 am</b>   | <b>Delegate Arrival</b>      |
| <b>9:00 am – 10:45 am</b>  | <b>Committees in Session</b> |
| <b>10:45 am – 11:00 am</b> | <b>Break 1</b>               |
| <b>11:00 am – 12:30 am</b> | <b>Committees in Session</b> |
| <b>12:30 pm – 1:30 pm</b>  | <b>Lunch</b>                 |
| <b>1:30 pm – 3:00 pm</b>   | <b>Committees in Session</b> |
| <b>3:00 pm – 3:15 pm</b>   | <b>Break 2</b>               |
| <b>3:15 pm – 5:00 pm</b>   | <b>Committees in Session</b> |
| <b>5:00 pm – 6:00 pm</b>   | <b>Closing Ceremony</b>      |

## Ceremonies

The opening and closing ceremonies will take place in the Reagan Theatre (Adams Building, Level B1). After the start of the ceremony, the doors will be closed and none will be allowed admission.

**The Opening Ceremony will commence on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.**

**The Closing Ceremony will commence on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.**

Delegates are reminded to arrive at the Reagan Theatre 10 minutes prior to the start of the ceremonies to facilitate a smooth start.

# Rules and Regulations

## Decorum

Decorum is the order and respect for others that all members of any committee must observe during the conference. Model United Nations is a simulation of an institution where nations come together to negotiate, compromise, and reach consensus for constructive solutions. It is for this reason that general decorum is to be observed in each committee room. The chair may call for decorum if they feel that the house is not maintaining basic decorum or respect for a speaker, the chair, or their role as a representative of their respective country.

## External Food and Drink

There is to be **no ordering on delivery platforms of food or drink** at any time during the conference. Delegates should note that SAIS Woodleigh Campus is an allergen-free campus, and that dietary preferences have been taken into account with the food providers.

Delegates are permitted to bring food from home in a lunchbox or bag in accordance with their dietary preferences.

Consumption of any illicit substances including alcohol, cigarettes, vapes, or any nicotine products is strictly prohibited. Individuals caught using these substances will be subject to the discipline of Singapore Authorities.

## Credentials

All participants are required to wear their StamfordMUN-issued credentials throughout the conference. Those not wearing their lanyards will not be allowed entry onto the Stamford American International School campus.

Though there likely shouldn't be, if there is a significant problem or mistake with the printing of your credentials, contact a member of the Admin staff or Secretariat on the first day of the conference.

## Plagiarism

**Plagiarism will not be tolerated at any time during the conference.** The chairs will be checking all resolutions for work that may potentially be copied, including ChatGPT and AI. If any resolution is found to contain plagiarism, directors will be contacted and it may result in the student's dismissal from the conference

# Use of technology

In efforts to reduce paper waste, StamfordMUN I will feature the use of laptops and electronic devices. Please note that the use of technology is a privilege, not a right. If any delegate is found to be abusing their privileges, they will face the appropriate consequences-likely resulting in the loss of access to technology.

All delegates are encouraged to bring along a laptop in order to maximize efficiency in committee, **All resolutions, amendment submission forms, and other conference resources will be shared online.** However, all delegates will be provided with notebooks, using which they may communicate with other delegates during the committee. Should the Secretariat or Chairs notice that the committee is distracted whilst in debate, this privilege will be taken away. Resolutions will not be printed and extra notepaper will not be provided unless absolutely necessary. Amendments will be submitted through a google forms link in order to create a quicker amendment submission process.

## Conference Information

### Room Assignments

| Committee Name   | Building location and floor: |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| Security Council | Adams Building, Floor 3      |
| NATO             | Adams Building, Floor 3      |
| LoN              | Adams Building, Floor 3      |
| ECOSOC           | Adams Building, Floor 3      |
| UNEP             | Adams Building, Floor 3      |
| DISEC            | Adams Building, Floor 3      |
| COP-30           | Adams Building, Floor 3      |

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| UNESCO | Adams Building, Floor 3 |
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## Secretariat

**Secretary-General :** Jwala Vijayapushpa

**Deputy Secretary-General :** Vishwatha Venkatesan

**Deputy Secretary-General :** Yusra Wahab Khan

**Deputy Secretary-General :** Alban Yu Marie de Montlivault-Guyon

**Deputy Secretary-General :** Nitisha Shukla

## Participating Schools:

- **Stamford American International School (SAIS) [Hosts]**
- German European School Singapore (GESS)
- Tanglin Trust School (TTS)
- Singapore American School (SAS)
- International French School (Singapore) (IFS)
- UWCSEA Dover Campus (UWCD)
- UWCSEA East Campus (UWCE)
- Nexus International School Singapore (Nexus)
- Canadian International School Singapore (CIS)
- North London Collegiate School (Singapore) (NLCS)
- Australian International School Singapore (AIS)

# Conference topics

- **COP 30 (United Nations Climate Change Conference)**
  - Regulating international supply chains and consumer behavior to foster a circular economy in the fashion industry.
- **United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP)**
  - Addressing the global trafficking of endangered species to protect biodiversity and prevent ecosystem collapse.
- **United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**
  - Balancing the benefits of foreign investment with the protection of local labor rights and the environment.
- **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**
  - Evaluating the economic and ethical frameworks for the return of historical artifacts to countries of origin.
- **Disarmament and International Security Council (DISEC)**
  - Establishing a normative framework for the development, proliferation, and ethical oversight of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS).
- **Historical League of Nations (HLoN/LoN)**
  - German Remilitarization of the Rhineland: Addressing violations of the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Treaties (7th March 1936).
- **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)**
  - Coordinating intelligence sharing, military support, and prevention strategies to combat terrorist organizations operating in and affecting the MENA region, while protecting civilian populations and respecting national sovereignty.
- **United Nations Security Council (Expanded Version) (UNSC)**
  - Strengthening international cooperation to monitor, control, and reduce the spread of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons.

# Pre-Conference Preparation

Leading up to the conference, each delegate will be expected to formulate opening speeches to present to the committee at the start of the conference. This opening speech should be no longer than 60 seconds in length, focusing on the stance of the delegate's country on the issues at hand.

Delegates are highly encouraged to use facts and figures to support statements that they make. Remember that this is your chance to impress other delegates and form a strong resolution writing bloc, so make the most out of your opening speech! While it is recommended that delegates create draft resolutions prior to the conference to make the lobbying and merging process more efficient, arriving at the conference with one will not be a requirement at StamfordMUN.

1. Please note that all delegates will be required to make an opening speech at StamfordMUN I 2025; delegates will be given 1 minute to give their opening speech
2. Delegates will not need to submit any position papers prior to debate.
3. It is highly recommended that all delegates formulate draft resolutions for the lobbying & merging process, however, this is not a requirement.

# Conference Procedure

## UN4MUN Rules of Procedure

Model United Nations has been in practice for over 70 years; however, it was not monitored by the UN itself. Consequently, the UN Department of Public Information decided to launch UN4MUN, an initiative to teach MUN teams how to bring their simulations more in line with the way the UN actually works. One committee at StamfordMUN I will follow this procedure. The following rules of procedure, adapted from UN4MUN focuses on its core principle of consensus. It is unique in the sense that it reflects how the UN has changed over the years.

Find the Rules of Procedure [Here](#)

## THIMUN Rules of Procedure & Formal Debate

### Parliamentary Procedure

Except where otherwise adapted or limited by conference bye-laws, Robert's Rules of parliamentary procedure are used.

In general, the Student Officers know the proper procedure and how to apply the rules. They are available to give help and information and delegates may ask for clarification or explanation of the rules. This is most easily done by rising to a point of order, a point of information to the Chair or a point of parliamentary inquiry. Such points are not allowed to interrupt a speech.

### Powers of the Chair during Formal Debate

The Chair proposes the limitation of debate time for each motion. When debate time has been exhausted, the Chair proposes either the extension of debate time or the closure of debate and subsequent vote on the question being considered (the Previous Question).

Since a high degree of consensus is aimed at, open debate is the norm, except on really contentious issues, where the Chair may propose closed debate. The Chair may, in the interest of debate, or in order to work towards consensus, call upon a particular delegate to speak, even if they have not requested the floor.

The Chair may also, for the same purposes, restrict the speaking time of an individual delegate. The limitations of debate time include the time taken for replies to points of information but do not include the time taken for questions to the speaker or for other interruptions.

The Chair will announce the guillotine time (the absolute maximum debate time for one resolution) to the assembly.

The Chair may call recesses or adjournments.

Decisions of the Chair may be appealed but are not debatable. A two-thirds vote against the Chair's decision is normally required for such an appeal to be upheld.

## Quorum

A majority of the total membership of each forum constitutes a quorum.

## Amendments to the Agenda and to Resolutions

Amendments can only be submitted by a speaker who has the floor.

Proposed amendments to the agenda may be submitted in each forum at the start of business.

The purpose of proposed amendments to resolutions is to improve the resolution with the object of achieving wider consensus.

When an amendment is moved to a proposal, the amendment is voted on before a vote is taken on the main motion. If a second amendment (amendment to the amendment) is moved, it will be voted on before the vote is taken on the first amendment. If the adoption of the second amendment necessarily implies the acceptance or rejection of the first amendment, the first amendment is not put to the vote.

Debate on amendments usually occurs in closed debate, with a set time for and against the proposed amendments. Delegates may abstain during voting.

All delegates may vote on amendments.

## Referring a Resolution or Question

A resolution or question may be referred to another Council, Commission or Committee, e.g. to the Security Council. The desirability of referral is debatable. It requires a majority vote, and is not normal procedure in most conferences.

## Reconsideration and Tabling

Once a resolution has been formally adopted or rejected by a vote of the assembly concerned, it can usually only be reconsidered after all business on the agenda has been completed and normally requires a two-thirds majority in favor of reconsideration.

Tabling, or laying a resolution on the table, temporarily disposes of it. A motion to table a resolution is not debatable and requires only a simple majority in favor. A two-thirds majority is needed to take matters from the table, however.

## Yielding the Floor to other delegates

The floor may be yielded by one delegate to another only once consecutively.

## Rising to Points and Interruption of Speeches

A Point of Personal Privilege must refer to the comfort and well-being of the delegate. It may not refer to the content of any speech and may only interrupt a speaker if the speech is inaudible.

A Point of Order may relate to procedural matters only.

A Point of Information may be directed to the Chair or to the speaker who has the floor if he has indicated that he is willing to yield to points of information. A point of information must be formulated as a question, although a short introductory statement or reference may precede the question. A follow-up question or series of questions from the same questioner are usually not in order.

A Point of Parliamentary Enquiry is a point of information directed to the Chair concerning the rules of procedure.

A speech may not be interrupted by any point except a point of personal privilege referring to audibility.

All other points are dealt with only when the speaker has yielded the floor either to points of information, to another delegate, or to the Chair.

## The Previous Question

Moving the Previous Question calls for the closure of debate and for a vote to be taken on the motion pending. It may be moved by the Chair or a speaker who has the floor.

## Voting

All delegates at THIMUN and THIMUN-affiliated conferences may vote both on amendments and on the resolution as a whole. In the event of a close result, the Chair may institute a roll-call vote in which each member's name is called in turn and its vote recorded.

After the Chair has announced the start of voting procedures, no interruptions are allowed except for points of order connected with the actual conduct of the voting.

Abstentions - Abstentions do not count either for or against the adoption of a motion, i.e. a resolution passes if the number in favor exceeds the number against regardless of the number of abstentions.

Veto Rights - The Security Council will apply the special provisions concerning voting as stated in the UN Charter. Veto rights are not allowed in non-Security Council committees or commissions.

# Resolutions

## Lobbying and Merging

Lobbying and merging is one of the most crucial aspects of any Model United Nations conference. During this time, delegates are to form blocs with other delegates to write collaborative Working Papers. “Working Papers” are Draft Resolutions before they have been approved for debate by the Approval Panel. During Lobbying and Merging, delegates are urged to find like-minded delegates on the topic and use their research to come up with a solution to the issue that will later be debated.

Lobbying and Merging is the most informal session of a conference. Delegates are not required to speak in third person and there are no restrictions on the use of laptops, so long as they are used appropriately to write what will later have the ability to be a full-blown resolution.

## Submission Process

After your success in lobbying and merging, you must now put your Draft Resolution through the submission process.

In order to do so, you must meet the minimum submission requirements:

- **Co-submitters:** minimum 2-3 delegates.
- **Signatories:** at least 1/3 of the committee.
- **Preambulatory Clauses:** at least 5.
- **Operative Clauses:** at least 7.

The distinction between co-submitters and signatories is that co-submitters are those that worked with you on the resolution, while signatories may simply wish to see the resolution debated in committee.

First, you must have your Chairs look through your work and make sure that the content is acceptable for debate. Chairs may make suggestions on what exactly you should add, remove, or change in order to make your Working Paper stronger. Delegates should really consider accepting the changes suggested by the Chairs. All of the Chairs at StamfordMUN have passed through a very selective application process and are highly experienced when it comes to all things MUN.

Your chairs will act as the approval panel, correcting any errors in formatting, grammar, spelling. They will essentially ‘vet’ the report and then send it off for final approval by the secretariat.

At the end of the submission process, your Draft Resolution becomes an approved Draft Resolution and is now ready to be debated in your committee. The chairs may select it as the topic of debate at any time, and each delegate will be sent a link to access the document.

# Resolution Vocabulary

## Draft Resolution

Simply, a draft of a resolution. This precedes a resolution in the way that it must be approved by your chairs. After being approved, this becomes a resolution once it has been voted on by the committee. The format of a draft resolution is one long sentence, with no full stops until after the final clause. Different committees have different limitations to what can be put into place within a resolution. If you are unsure at any point during the conference, approach your chairs for clarification.

## Resolution

A resolution is a delegate's proposed solution to the issue at hand. The resolution is made up of preambulatory and operative clauses. It is a formal statement or proposal to your MUN council or committee.

## Main Submitter

A resolution's main delegate. This delegate is considered the representative for the resolution and its bloc. This delegate is the one that spearheads the approval process. Normally, this is the delegate who has contributed the most to a resolution, has a country crucial to the issue, or knows the resolution and the topic best. The main submitter will, after the resolution has been chosen to be debated, approach the dais, read out the operative clauses, and commence the first speech on the resolution.

## Co-Submitter

A co-submitter is someone who has signed onto a resolution's co-submitter sheet. Any country can be a co-submitter on any resolution, barring restrictions that limit the number of resolutions any one delegate can co-submit. Co-submitters do not necessarily need to support the resolution. Signing on as a co-submitter simply means that they want to see the resolution debated. There will be no minimum co-submitter requirement, but delegates are encouraged to have at least 5.

## Operative Clauses

Operative clauses are crucial to a successful resolution. They are where delegates place their ideas for how exactly a resolution is going to tackle the issue. Examples of words or phrases that begin an operative clause are: Affirms, Calls Upon, Emphasizes, Encourages, Further invites, etc...

## Preambulatory Clauses

The preambulatory clauses act as a background to the issue being solved in the resolution. Examples of phrases that begin preambulatory clauses include, but are not limited to: noting, taking into account, alarmed by, deeply disturbed by, etc.

## PSA

Once debate time on a resolution has elapsed, the committee will move directly into voting procedures on the resolution. For a resolution to pass, it requires a simple majority (more votes "for" than "against"). In the case that there is a tied vote, the resolution fails. Should there be an exceeding amount of abstentions, a "motion to divide the house" may be called upon. However, this will be at the discretion of the chairs.

# Note Passing

Note passing is a privilege, not a right. Notes are expected to be sent to other delegates regarding what is currently being debated. Those found to be sending notes not in accordance with the rules set forth by the conference and/or the chair will have their note-passing privileges revoked and will be subject to other penalties. All notes must be written in the English language.

# Political Actors (PolActs)

Any committee's chairs may request the presence of political actors, affectionately known through the abbreviation PolActs. All requests are subject to the approval of the Secretariat. PolActs will feature world leaders and figures in relation to the topic at hand. They will be used to further progress the debate in the committee as well as spark insightful conversation.