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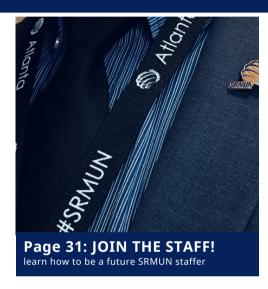








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SRMUN Atlanta 2024 Conference Schedule

Schedule subject to change. All times are EST.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024

1:00p – 4:30p SRMUN Atlanta 2024 Registration 1:00p – 3:45p Delegate Preparation Seminars

1:00p - 1:45p New Delegate Preparation

2:00p – 2:45p Rules of Procedure 3:00p – 3:30p Resolution Writing 3:30p – 4:00p Report Writing

5:00p - 5:45p SRMUN Atlanta 2024 Opening Ceremony

6:30p – 10:30p Conference Services 7:00p – 10:30p Committee Session 1

10:30p Chair & Rapporteur Interviews & Selection

10:30p Head Delegates' Meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024

7:30a – 8:30a Chair & Rapporteur Training 8:30a – 10:30p Conference Services

9:00a – 12:00p Committee Session 2

12:00p – 1:30p Lunch Break

1:30p – 5:00p Committee Session 3

2:00p – 3:00p Faculty Advisor Roundtable Session

5:00p – 7:00p Dinner Break

7:00p – 10:30p Committee Session 4 10:30p Head Delegates' Meeting

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024

8:30a – 4:00p Conference Services 9:00a – 12:00p Committee Session 5 10:00a – 11:00a Faculty Advisors' Meeting

12:00p – 1:30p Lunch Break

1:30p – 4:00p Committee Session 6

4:30p – 5:30p SRMUN Atlanta 2024 Closing Ceremony

Faculty Advisor Roundtable Meeting

Friday, November 22nd, 2pm-3pm Location: Embassy H

The SRMUN Board of Directors invites Faculty Advisors to join a conversation with fellow faculty colleagues about running a Model UN program and teaching international relations.

We hope you'll make time to join us to network with colleagues and share best practices!



Welcome!

From the SRMUN Atlanta Secretary-General, Jasmine Sutherland

Dear Esteemed Delegates and Faculty Advisors,

On behalf of the SRMUN Atlanta Board and Staff, it is my honor to welcome you to SRMUN Atlanta 2024! My name is Jasmine Sutherland, and I am thrilled to serve as your Secretary-General for this year's conference,

held November 21-23, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. SRMUN Atlanta continues its commitment to providing students with an invaluable opportunity to step into the roles of diplomats and policymakers, diving into some of the most significant challenges confronting the global community.

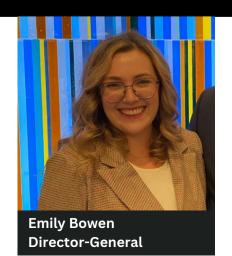
This year, we are excited to offer an array of committees that address a range of vital international topics. Our lineup includes new and returning committees designed to challenge delegates to engage deeply in global diplomacy and policy-making. We are especially pleased to introduce the African Union and the Historical Security Council, both of which bring a unique perspective to pressing global issues. We look forward to seeing how delegates approach these diverse topics, fostering dynamic discussions and cultivating skills that transcend the conference.

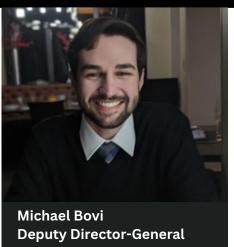
Throughout these three days, delegates will collaborate, debate, and draft solutions to tackle complex issues. This immersive experience will expand their understanding of international affairs and equip them with the skills and resilience needed to become the leaders and innovators of tomorrow. We hope that SRMUN Atlanta 2024 inspires delegates to think critically, challenge norms, and work towards groundbreaking solutions in a spirit of collaboration and respect.

We are eager to welcome you to Atlanta and to witness the passionate, thoughtful work of all the delegates. Wishing you all the best as you prepare for conference. We look forward to an inspiring and memorable SRMUN Atlanta 2024!

Warm regards, Jasmine Sutherland Secretary-General, SRMUN Atlanta 2024

Meet the Executive Staff







Orlando Valdez Under Secretary-General

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER Anivesh Bharadwaj

Associate (Law & Policy) Advisor

Anivesh Bharadwaj is an international legal scholar specializing in human rights, international humanitarian law, and international criminal law. He currently supports the UN's Office of the Special Coordinator on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OSCSEA), focusing on accountability, justice, and strengthening related policies across the UN. His experience includes roles with the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the World Bank, as well as a litigation background in India, where he focused on gender-based violence, human rights, and criminal justice for marginalized communities across various fora, including the Supreme Court of India.



Anivesh is also pursuing a JSD(/PhD) in International Human Rights and Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame and is a Doctoral Fellow at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies. He holds an LL.M. in International Criminal Law (Joint Program) from Columbia Law School and the University of Amsterdam, along with bachelor's degrees in Law and Commerce from the University of Delhi.



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MESSAGE FROM UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL ANTÓNIO GUTERRES

Thank you for taking part in this Model United Nations conference and for believing in the power of global cooperation to solve global problems. We need your engagement and ideas today more than ever. Conflict, poverty, hunger, and inequalities are on the rise. A surge of mistrust and misinformation is polarizing people and paralyzing societies. Human rights are under assault. And the triple planetary crisis climate disruption, pollution, and catastrophic biodiversity loss - is threatening lives and livelihoods everywhere.

But we can turn things around. Humanity has shown time and

again that we are capable of great things when we work together across geographies and generations. To do so, we need an inclusive and networked multilateralism – one that ensures young people have a seat and a say in shaping our common future. We need your creativity, courage, and commitment. I draw hope from seeing your generation challenge the status quo and call for transformative change. The United Nations is your steadfast ally in striving to build a more just, sustainable, inclusive, and peaceful world for all. Thank you.



The History of:

Southern Regional Model United Nations (SRMUN), Inc.

Inaugurated in 1990 in Greenville, South Carolina, with the intention of being an exemplary learning experience for undergraduate college students pursuing issues of international concern.

The first conference attracted delegations from 10 schools and a total of about 100 student participants. SRMUN's first Secretary-General, Julie Pauling, was instrumental in organizing the conference. As a student member of the Board of Directors of the National Model United Nations (NMUN) organization during 1990 - 1992, she was convinced that establishing a regional "spinoff" would achieve two useful goals: first, schools that sent delegations to the spring NMUN conference would be able to gain some experience at a fall conference that would be smaller and less overwhelming to newer participants and, second, schools in the southeastern part of the country financially unable to send delegations to NMUN would still have an opportunity to benefit from a Model United Nations experience.

The conference site was moved to Atlanta in 1991 in order to have a location that was more central and an area that was more attractive to interested schools. The tactic worked successfully in very little time. Around 20 schools and 250 students participated in the second annual conference. Conference participation over the next several years gradually increased to over 400. As SRMUN entered its second decade of activity in 2000, delegate numbers exceeded 500 participants from approximately three dozen campuses. Most of the schools involved in SRMUN are located in the southeastern United States, but several institutions from outside the region also furnish delegations. It is particularly gratifying to observe the same schools returning year after year. In addition, each conference sees delegations appear from schools sending students for the first time. A significant number of schools are also able to provide more than one delegation.

During its early years (1990 - 1993) the administration of the SRMUN conference was the responsibility of NMUN's Board of Directors. The NMUN Board was generous with its financial support to get SRMUN off the ground. It did not have its own independent Board until 1993. In addition, NMUN advanced the funding to SRMUN that was required to establish the conference in the amount of a \$10,000 loan.

The rapid growth of the newly-created conference enabled SRMUN to pay off the loan by 1995. By that time, SRMUN's independent Board of Directors was fully established and became the ultimate authority for the conference's professionalism. SRMUN at this point became a fully sovereign conference independent of and separate from NMUN and equipped with its own governing structure.

The structure of SRMUN over the years has revealed remarkable resilience in terms of how it dealt with what could only be referred to as growing pains. Atlanta was universally accepted as a natural physical location for the conference. It did become necessary to change hotel conference sites on a few occasions. However, as the conference grew in the number of attendees, first tier hotels developed substantial interest in hosting the event. From its inception, SRMUN has been held during the last half of November, normally the week before the Thanksgiving holiday. This schedule enables delegates for the greater part of the fall semester to prepare for the conference and also allow them to enjoy a brief recess before the final examination season commences. The conference itself traditionally runs from late Thursday afternoon to Saturday evening.

SRMUN attendees made it clear that there's a real need for a Spring conference. After researching possible locations, the Board of Directors voted to host the first annual SRMUN Spring conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, which was held in April 2013. Over ten vears later. SRMUN Charlotte has consistently grown as a successful Spring event. In October 2020, SRMUN expanded to host virtual conferences, and welcomed new schools from the far west in the United States and internationally from Canada, Costa Rica, and Kazakhstan.

SRMUN is a successful organization because of the loyalty and professionalism of its staff, delegates, faculty advisors, and supporters. There is no doubt that the original intention of the founders to make SRMUN a memorable learning experience has been and continues to be fulfilled. The participants are always eager, energetic, and devoted to their Page task.



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SRMUN's conferences are sponsored by an educational not-for-profit corporation, the Southern Regional Model United Nations, Inc. As of December 1, 2021, the Board of Directors for SRMUN, Inc. is a seven-member panel (with a minimum of one faculty advisor) and the Executive Director who are responsible for the overall state of the organization from year to year. Board members are responsible for meeting two or more times a year to conduct organizational business, including reviewing financial statements, creating strategic priorities of the organization, and approving all substantive content for the conference. The Board also selects and trains the Executive Staff of each conference; these offices are the Secretary-General, the Director-General, the Deputy Director-General, and the Under Secretary-General.

Reporting to the Board of Directors is the Advisory Group. The Advisory Group is composed of individuals who have applied and been approved by the Board to serve the organization by reviewing and making recommendations to the Board on all substantive matters relating to SRMUN conferences, including conference theme, committees, and topics selection, and more.

Any person who has served as Staff, Executive Staff, or in a Faculty Advisor capacity for a minimum of two SRMUN conferences is eligible to run for a seat on the Board of Directors. Approximately half of the Board is appointed per year, to staggered two-year terms. To be considered, a person must submit a completed application to the Executive Director by November 15. A slating committee determined by the Board of Directors will select the incoming Board Members from the pool of applicants each year, prior to December 1st. At any time, a person may submit an application to serve on the Advisory Group. To do so, interested applicants must submit a completed application to the Executive Director.

The Executive Director manages daily corporate affairs for SRMUN Inc. The Board of Directors is responsible for the hiring of the Executive Director. The Executive Director reports directly to the Board.



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- II. Developing Affordable Solutions to Limit Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Developing Industry

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- I. Addressing the Challenges and Needs within Declining Populations
- II. Promoting Sustainable Urban Development in Response to Rapid Population Growth

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- I. Preserving Marine Biodiversity in Non-Territorial International Waters
- II. Promoting the International Governance of Artificial Intelligence

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- I. Rising Tensions in Somalia and Surrounding Member States
- II. International Security Implications of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
- III. The Situation in Iraq and Kuwait

UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC)*:

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- I. Open Agenda
- * Annotates a single-delegate committee
- ** Annotates a report writing committee

All committees, with the exception of UNSC and HSC, simulated at SRMUN Atlanta 2024 require a simple majority to pass. UNSC and HSC are subject to the P5-Veto.

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COMMITTEES & MEETING ROOMS

General Assembly Plenary (GA Plen) International Ballroom North

United Nations Industrial

Development Organization (UNIDO)

Embassy CD

African Union Embassy E

Commission on Population and

Development

Embassy AB

International Law Commission Embassy F

United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Harris

Historical Security Council Edgewood

SRMUN Opening & Closing Ceremony International Ballroom

SRMUN Registration Embassy G

Conference Services Embassy G

Caucus Space International Ballroom South

Delegate Preparation Seminars International Ballroom

Head Delegates Meetings International Ballroom North

Chair/Rapporteur Interviews & Training Embassy A

Board of Directors Meetings Williams

Faculty Roundtable & Meeting Embassy H

Faculty Advisors' Lounge Embassy H



MEMBER STATE ASSIGNMENTS

Member State	School	Member State	School
Algeria	College of Charleston - Club	Czech Republic	Radford University
Argentina	Western Carolina University	Ecuador	Presbyterian College
Australia	University of North Georgia	El Salvador	Spelman College
Austria	Mississippi State University	Ethiopia	Mississippi State University
Belgium	Guilford Technical Community College	Finland	Winthrop University
Botswana	Winthrop University	France	Flagler College
Brazil	UNC Pembroke	Germany	Valencia College
Cameroon		Guyana	Mississippi State University
	Radford University	Ghana	Western Carolina University
Canada	Appalachian State University	India	UNC Pembroke
Chile	University of Montevallo	Indonesia	University of North Georgia
	Auburn University	Iran	Auburn University
Colombia	Ohio Northern University	Italy	Valencia College
	Winthrop University	Japan	Winthrop University
	Lenior Rhyne University	Jordan	College of Charleston
Cuba	Columbus State University	Kenya	Columbus State University
Cyprus	Wake Forest University	Latvia	Ohio Northern University
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Auburn University	Lebanon	College of Charleston
Democratic Republic of the Congo	UNC Pembroke	Malaysia	Kennesaw State University
Denmark	Guilford Technical Community College	Malta	Mercer College
		Mexico	Presbyterian College
	C Hillsborough Community College	Morocco	Lenior Rhyne University
Dominican Republic		Mozambique	Western Carolina University
		Namibia	Georgia State University



MEMBER STATE ASSIGNMENTS

Member State School

Norway

Pakistan

Palestine Santa Fe College

Philippines Wake Forest University

Member State School

Netherlands University of North Georgia Switzerland Wesleyan University

New Zealand Wake Forest University Thailand Spelman College

Nicaragua Auburn University Turkiye College of Charleston - Club

Nigeria Appalachian State University United Arab Emirates University of Tennessee -

Martin

United Kingdom Hillsborough College

United Republic of Georgia State University

Tanzania

Peru Gulf Coast State College United States of Santa Fe College

America

Uruguay Kennesaw State University Poland University of Tennessee -

Martin Yemen University of North Georgia

Portugal University of North Georgia

Kennesaw State University

University of North Georgia

Republic of Korea Berry College

Romania Columbus State University

Russian Georgia State University

Federation

University of Montevallo

Rwanda

Kennesaw State University

Saudi Arabia

Georgia State University

Senegal

Radford University

Serbia

Kennesaw State University

Sierra Leone

College of Charleston - Club

Solomon Islands

Spelman College

Somalia

Berry College

South Africa



DELEGATE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: May I use my laptop or smart device (i.e., tablet or mobile phone) during the committee? **A:** Sorry delegate, no electronic devices are allowed during any part of formal debate which includes but does not limit speeches, motions, announcements, voting, and roll calls. Devices may be used in informal sessions such as during moderated and unmoderated caucuses.

Q: Any advice on where I can find information on a specific issue? I just heard something called sovereignty and I am totally lost.

A: The first option is approaching your faculty advisor. The second is Conference Services where you can research on the computers for free.

Q: It is really cold in this room, but I was told I cannot make a point of personal privilege to the dais in order to change that. What would be the best way to address it?

A: The way to address any items that involve temperatures, water, other delegate behavior, general questions, etc. is to either (1) send a note or email to the dais or (2) approach the committee director during a suspension of the meeting. This will ensure that your questions or concerns are addressed and answered quickly without distracting the entire body.

Q: I hear SRMUN delegates have every room in the hotel booked so it's cool to be loud in the hallways and our rooms late at night.

A: Even though SRMUN is the largest event in the hotel this weekend, there are still many guests who are not part of the conference. Let's respect these guests who are not cool enough to be at SRMUN. We understand you will still have energy after conference hours and want to caucus or work which is why the lobby is a prime area to use as it is available to us for the weekend, feel free to use it!

Q: I am a double-delegation, do we both have to be present during formal debate?

A: No, but at least one delegate from your delegation should be present during formal debate. You don't want to miss anything important!

Q: Can we leave our laptop, placard, and garbage in the conference rooms between sessions?

A: NO, do not leave your valuables in the committee room during breaks. SRMUN and the hotel are not responsible for any lost or stolen goods. Also, please be cordial to the hotel staff by cleaning up after yourselves after each session, they would be extremely appreciative of this.

Q: Why can't we have Wi-Fi in every square foot in the hotel?

A: Unfortunately, due to the enormous cost, Wi-Fi in the conference rooms is not available. Meanwhile, there is free Wi-Fi at the Georgia Pre-Function Area outside of Conference Services, the lobby area, and in the guest rooms. We have been working on improving this situation and will notify if there's updates.

Q: I have been in committee all day but am on a roll on my working paper. Where can I grab a quick bite to eat and get right back to work? **A:** SRMUN knows a fed delegate is a happy delegate. This is why we want our delegates to be fully nourished during and out of committee sessions. The prime location of the Sheraton Atlanta has a ton of surrounding restaurants where you can grab and go!

Q: Where is the SRMUN Delegate Social, why aren't we having one?

A: With the prime downtown location of the Sheraton Atlanta, we wanted to give delegates the chance to explore the city and choose a place of their own to dance the night away. If you are lucky, you may even see some familiar faces out around town!

Q: Where can I get one of those awesome t-shirts or accessories that I see staff wearing? **A:** You can visit the SRMUN Threadless store at SRMUN.Threadless.com or Conference Services, where we accept all forms of payment!

Q: I'm unable to continue with Model UN as a class or I'm a graduating senior and this is my last SRMUN. I am heartbroken but I hear being a staff member seems just about the best opportunity, EVER! How do I get involved?

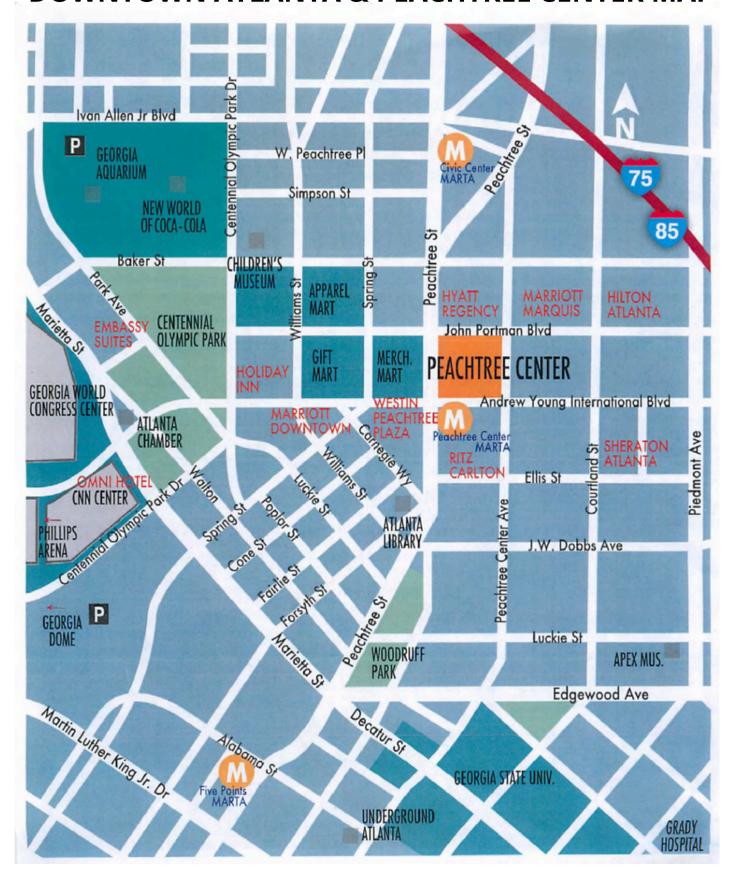
A: Great question, delegate! Announcements will be made throughout the conference on where to hand in applications. The application can also be filled out online, check it out on our website! We encourage you to ask staff members about their experience, we guarantee it will change your life! Positions may also be available at our upcoming SRMUN Charlotte event.

Q: I cannot wait to be a SRMUN delegate again, but I don't want to wait an entire year – what can I do?

A: Easy Answer! Register today for SRMUN Charlotte, taking place in late March at the Hilton Charlotte University Place Hotel. You may also already book your hotel rooms today.



DOWNTOWN ATLANTA & PEACHTREE CENTER MAP





SRMUN POLICIES

DELEGATE CODE OF CONDUCT

Delegates are expected to:

- To be "in character" also entails displaying respect for the opinions and ideals of fellow delegates, even if these opinions and ideals conflict with a given delegate's own Member State's priorities.
- Remain in character by consistently advocating the interests and representing the policies of their assigned Member State.
- Collaborate with fellow delegates where possible. Delegates who disrupt committee sessions or create problems in the committee room may be barred from further participation in the conference.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and professional manner at all times.
- Refrain from consumption of alcohol and other drugs in committee sessions. Note: Any issues related to illicit drugs or alcohol will be immediately directed to the attention of the SRMUN Board of Directors and Executive Staff.
- Respect fellow delegates at all times and in all methods of communications. Using information and communication technologies such as email, cell phones, text messages, instant messaging, defamatory personal websites, and social media to support deliberate and hostile behavior intended to harm other delegates is strictly forbidden.
- Know and follow these rules and regulations.
- Delegates who disrupt committee sessions or the conference or who are found to have violated any clause of the <u>SRMUN Code of</u> <u>Conduct</u>, which you may scan the QR Code for further information, may be barred from further participation in the conference, forfeiting any delegate fees and/or award eligibility.

DRESS CODE:

- Standard delegate attire for the conference is business jacket, slacks (or skirts for women), dress shirt (with tie for men) and dress shoes.
- Shirts that expose excessive bare skin on the chest, stomach or are otherwise revealing are inappropriate. Clothes that reveal undergarments are inappropriate.
- Dress sweaters for men are generally considered too casual, unless a tie is worn underneath.
- Shorts, ball caps, jeans, sneakers, sandals, and sunglasses are forbidden.

- It is inappropriate for delegates to display any national symbols such as flags, pins, crests, etc. on their person during committee sessions. UN symbols are acceptable.
- Western business dress is preferred. Cultural dress is only permitted for international delegates whose native country's accepted professional business dress includes traditional cultural dress. These delegates are the only individuals to whom this applies. Any delegate attempting to use cultural costume to portray a "character" will be asked to leave the committee chamber and change into clothing that is more appropriate. The SRMUN organization will not tolerate any delegate's attempt to mock traditional cultural attire or abuse it as a costume.
- All clothing must adhere to guidelines that portray professionalism and modesty. If a delegate's attire is deemed inappropriate by the SRMUN staff, the delegate will be asked to leave the session and return with appropriate attire.

BADGES

- All conference attendees are to wear their credentials during official meetings.
- Participants are identified as follows:

- Executive Staff: Dark Blue

- Staff: Blue - Board: Red

- Head Delegates: Yellow

Delegate: WhiteAdvisor: GreenGuest: Pink or Tan

SEXUAL HARASSMENT & DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the intention of SRMUN that the environment of our conferences best achieves our educational goals. The SRMUN Executive Staff and Board of Directors will not tolerate any instances of harassment or discrimination based on race, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, or medical condition.

If any participant at SRMUN, whether a delegate, Faculty Advisor, observer, committee staffer, Executive Staffer, Executive Directorate member, or member of the Board of Directors believes they have witnessed or encountered discrimination and/or harassment, which results in a hostile working environment or disparate treatment, they should bring it to the attention of any one or more of the following people: any member of the Board of Directors, any member of the Executive Directorate (Executive Director and 3 Deputy Executive Directors), or any member of the



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SEXUAL HARASSMENT & DISCRIMINATION POLICY continued...

Executive Staff (Secretary-General, Under Secretary-General, Director-General, and Deputy Director-General). Any person receiving such a report is obligated to pass along such reports to a member of the Board of Directors of their choosing (should they themselves not already be a member) as quickly as possible, and no later than within 24 hours. Alternatively, a report can be submitted by scanning the QR code below. Please be sure to include accurate contact information so that a SRMUN Board Member can contact you regarding your report. Anyone reporting instances of harassment or discrimination will be protected by the organization from retaliation.

The SRMUN Board must investigate the merits of the allegations, interview all parties involved, and submit a written report to the rest of the Board. Based on the investigation's findings, the Board of Directors may:

- Take no action;
- Issue a verbal reprimand;
- Remove an involved individual from the conference; and/or,
- Implement any other action that the Board deems appropriate.

To review the complete SRMUN Sexual Harassment Policy, please scan the QR Code.



CONFERENCE SERVICES POLICIES

- A maximum of two delegates will be allowed in Conference Services to work on each working paper at any one time. Delegates are expected to write their working papers outside of the lab and should utilize the designated caucus space of the conference.
- There will be NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES allowed in Conference Services.
- Internet resources are only for research use.
 Delegates will not be permitted to check their email. WiFi is provided in the designated caucus space and hotel lobby area.
- As SRMUN goes "green," delegates should electronically share or send their working papers to the dais via the respective committee email instead of printing at Conference Services. If a delegate wants to print a document, copies will be made for the delegates at a charge of \$.10 per copy, unless given a waiver by a dais member, this cost is used to defray the rental and repair costs for

- copiers at SRMUN's conferences.
- Staff application printing is free of charge, although the staff application can be electronically submitted via the SRMUN website.
- Delegates may also purchase replacement badges and placards in Conference Services.
 Replacement badges will cost \$5.00 and replacement placards will cost \$10.00.

PLAGIARISM

SRMUN, Inc. encourages unique and exceptional dialogue amongst our participants through the free flow of ideas and conversations, with the expectation that all written and spoken words be original thought. All materials, including but not limited to: Position Papers, speeches, and working papers/draft resolutions, and reports are subject to a zero-tolerance policy regarding plagiarism or the unaccredited use of another's words. Any delegate found in violation of this stated policy will receive no credit for the entirety of their work, including receiving a score of zero for position papers found to include words that are not cited and/or properly credited to the original author.

SRMUN AWARDS POLICY

Each year, the SRMUN Board of Directors recognizes exceptional delegations with both Position Paper and Conference Awards using set criteria. For the Virtual SRMUN conference, awards will be announced during the Closing Ceremony. Schools within the United States will receive their awards via mail.

POSITION PAPER AWARDS

Before the start of the conference, delegates utilize the SRMUN website to submit Position Papers for each committee in which their assigned Member State is represented. These two-page Position Papers are graded by our volunteer committee staff using a standard rubric. Once all on-time papers are graded, delegation scores are calculated. The highest scoring delegations among these receive an Outstanding Position Papers Award during the SRMUN Closing Ceremony.

The Position Paper evaluation scores are emailed to Faculty Advisors after the Faculty Advisors' Meeting with the Board on the final day of the conference. The evaluation sheets explain how delegations scored in several metrics. Late papers will be graded, if possible, but any late or missing Position Papers will make that entire delegation ineligible for Position Paper awards. An example feedback sheet is available at: http://www.srmun.org/docs/sample_pp_scoring-pdf.



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POSITION PAPER AWARDS continued...

Outstanding Position Paper Awards will be announced and distributed during the Closing Ceremony. At SRMUN Virtual, evaluation scores are emailed to Faculty Advisors and awards will be sent by mail.

COMMITTEE DELEGATION AWARDS

Delegations are nominated by SRMUN conference staff and awarded the Committee Delegation Award, which will be announced during either in the final committee session or the SRMUN Closing Ceremony. Delegations that show superior skills in their preparation and presentation of their Member State, as specifically noted in their committee, are recognized for their specific contributions through this award. The breakdown of Committee Delegations Awards is as follows: Each large-size committee will receive up to six awards, each medium-size committee will receive up to four awards, and each small committee will receive up to two awards.

CONFERENCE DELEGATION AWARDS

During the conference, our volunteer committee staff nominates exceptional delegate performance in each committee at the end of each session. The following criteria are used to determine the merit of each delegation:

- Caucusing Does the delegation make a concerted effort to work with other delegations during informal debate? Do they attempt to incorporate nations outside of their respective regional bloc while maintaining character?
- Diplomacy Does the delegation work to find cohesion and compromise among their fellow Member States? Does the delegation take a respectful, educated, and professional approach to working with other committee delegates?
- Participation Does the delegation articulate their policies and beliefs succinctly and efficiently? Do they use their persuasive skills to engage other delegates while maintaining a diplomatic approach?
- Preparation Does the delegation adequately represent the policies of their Member State in the context of the topic? Do they have a solid understanding of the topics and scope of the committee as it pertains to the Member State they are representing? Have they provided research and documentation to support their convictions? Do they organize their thoughts to effectively articulate the changes they are advocating through the delivery of the committee?

 Resolution Writing - Does the delegation contribute substantive material to be used in the production of working papers?Do they work effectively with other committee delegates to generate working papers that are relevant to the topic and within the scope of the committee?

These nominations are then tallied by the SRMUN Board. Final scores are calculated as follows:

The number of committees in which each delegation (Member State) is represented is multiplied by the number of committee sessions (usually 6). This is the maximum theoretical score each delegation may achieve. For example, if the delegation for China is represented in 7 committees, their maximum theoretical score is 7 * 6 = 42. The actual number of times throughout all six committee sessions that a delegation is nominated is then divided by this number to arrive at a fractional score.

In our example, assume China was nominated 38 times throughout the conference. The delegation for China will receive a fractional score of 38 / 42 = 0.90476.

At the end of the conference, all delegations are ranked in descending order by their fractional score. Fractional scores are not reported and will not be released publicly. The highest-scoring delegations receive an Outstanding Delegation Award, followed by Distinguished Delegation, and Honorable Delegation. The total number of awards given at the SRMUN Closing Ceremony will vary from year to year, depending on the number of delegations in attendance. Not all delegations will receive an award.

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SRMUN RULES OF PROCEDURE

RULES ARE LISTED IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE Motion * **Purpose** Debate Vote Point of Order Correct an error in procedure None None Appeal the decision of Challenge a decision of the Chair 2/3 None the chair Suspension of the Meeting for an Recess Meeting Majority None Unmoderated Caucus Suspension of the Meeting for a Recess Meeting None Majority Moderated Caucus Adjournment of the **End Meeting** None Majority Meeting End debate without a 2 pro/2 Adjournment of Debate 2/3 (Roll call) substantive vote con Closure of Debate Move to an immediate vote 2 con 2/3 Division of the Question Vote to consider operative Majority pro/2con (1st Vote) clauses separately Accept a Draft Resolution by Adopt by Acclamation No opposition None consensus Roll Call Vote Vote by roll call None None Reconsideration Re-open debate on an issue 2/3 2 con 2 pro/2 Set Speaker's Time Set or change speaker's time limit Majority con No additional speakers added/ to again permit additional Close/Reopen Speaker's List None Majority speakers Adoption of Agenda Approval of agenda order None Majority

^{*}The 5 motions that are shaded are the only ones that can be used during voting procedure. These are also listed in order of precedence.



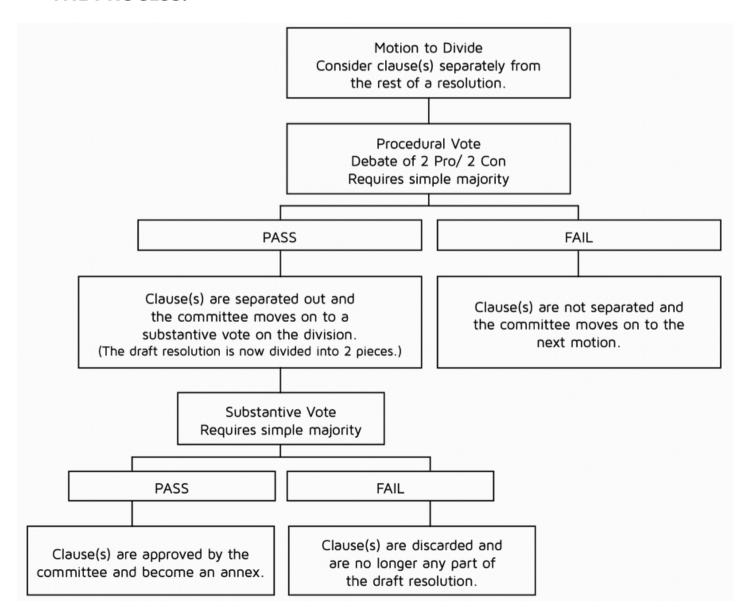
DIVISION OF THE QUESTION

WHY DO YOU MOTION TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION?

During voting procedures, a delegate may move for the division of the question motion if they want to highlight a particularly important or critical operative clause(s).

In highlighting the clause, Member States in support would vote "yes" in the procedural vote and then "yes" for the substantive vote. If the substantive vote passes, the highlighted clauses become a separate annex with the original preambulatory clauses from the original draft resolution.

THE PROCESS:





UNMODERATED CAUCUSING

Unmoderated caucuses, one of two forms of the suspension of the meeting at SRMUN, is an essential part of your committee experience. These intermittent breaks from formal debate allow delegates the freedom to move about the committee room and discuss the topic at hand with their fellow delegates.

During unmoderated caucuses, you will collaborate and negotiate with the other committee members to create working papers that will move toward becoming draft resolutions.

MOTIONING FOR AN UNMODERATED CAUCUS

- During formal debate, any delegate can request an unmoderated caucus by motioning for the "suspension of the meeting for an unmoderated caucus."
- A delegate must also state the length of time that you want the caucus to last. The maximum amount of time allowed is 30 minutes.
- Example: "Nigeria moves for a suspension of the meeting for the purpose of an unmoderated caucus for a period of 20 minutes."
- Once the dais accepts the motion, a vote will be taken and a simple majority is required for the motion to pass.
- If multiple motions for unmoderated caucus are on the table, the body will vote on them by most disruptive to least disruptive. For example, if motions are entertained for 20 minutes and 30 minutes, the longer length of time will be voted upon first. Also for this example, if the 30-minute unmoderated caucus passes, the 20-minute motion will be removed from the floor from further consideration.
- Motions for suspension of the meeting are not applicable during voting procedures.

TIPS FOR CAUCUSING EFFECTIVELY: TAKE THE DIPLOMACY CHALLENGE!

Discuss	Past resolutions, sub topics, data, charts, maps, etc. are valuable keys to creating solid resolutions and will be very helpful to you and your fellow delegates. Offer these items during your discussions.
Invite	Ask other members of your regional bloc to join you in discussion.
Plan	Choose which ideas are most important and which ones have room for negotiation.
L isten	Allowing other delegates to speak will add to the discussion and help flush out possible solutions.
One on One	Incorporate individuals that you may not have heard from and get their opinions on the issues.
Mind the time	Stay focused on the topic and the discussions which will lead to the creation of a thought out and widely supported resolution.
A sk questions	If you disagree with another delegate, calmly ask questions that will help you better understand their position. Find out if there is any common ground and focus on ideas that you can agree on.
C onnect	Establish great relationships by learning your fellow delegate's names, and more about their ideas.
Y es	The ultimate goal is a resolution that the committee will vote on. Keep that in mind by

respecting other delegates to the fullest during your negotiations.

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MODERATED CAUCUSING

The moderated caucus allows committees to focus on a specific facet of the topic at hand for a detailed discussion. The motion for these caucuses will delineate the overall time, speaker's time, and subject of the caucus. There is no speaker's list, and delegates will raise placards to be called upon in order to speak. The maximum time for a moderated caucus is 20 minutes. The moderated caucus is useful to focus the committee on a specific sub-topic for consideration.

How to Motion for a Moderated Caucus:

- During formal debate, any delegate can request a moderated caucus by making the following motion: "(Member State) moves for a suspension of the meeting for the purpose of a ___ minute moderated caucus with a speaker's time of ____, discussing ___."
 - Example: "Spain moves for a suspension of the meeting for the purpose of a 20-minute moderated caucus, with a speaker's time of 45 seconds, discussing financing for draft resolution 1-1."
- Remember, you must include (1) total length of time; (2) speakers time; and (3) topic for discussion for every moderated caucus motion.
- Once the dais accepts the motion, a vote will be taken and a simple majority is required for the motion to pass
- Motions for suspension of the meeting are not applicable during voting procedures

Things to remember and consider:

- If the motion for moderated caucus passes, the chair will ask the delegation that made the motion if they reserve the right to speak first. Delegations may reserve this right, or refuse. They may not reserve the right to speak last.
- If the motion for moderated caucus fails, the committee may move back into formal debate or continue voting on motions that are still on the floor.
- Unmoderated caucuses take precedence over moderated caucuses.
- Moderated caucuses remain on the table for voting once a different moderated caucus or an unmoderated caucus has expired.
- Make sure to clearly define your topic for consideration in the moderated caucus. Get a feel of
 the committee with regards to the topic of moderated caucus, giving you an idea of how specific
 to make the topic.
- If delegates are not raising their placards to speak, the chair may use their discretion to end the moderated caucus prior to the end of the stated time.

HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE DELEGATE

Effective delegates possess the skills to communicate and compromise. The work of the United Nations is a collaboration of different viewpoints and policies; however, most all resolutions passed by the bodies are by consensus. There are several keys to working successfully in your committee:

Research: Topics at SRMUN are ever-changing issues facing our global society, and as such, research on these topics often update from when Position Papers are submitted. Delegates are welcome to conduct supplemental research during the conference; however, developments on the topics are suspended once the SRMUN Opening Ceremony begins, except for Security Council.

Caucusing allows the free flow of ideas and conversation. Outside of the unmoderated and moderated caucus time in sessions, delegates can initiate these conversations over breaks. Please review the unmoderated caucusing on the prior page and be sure to practice DIPLOMACY.

Moderated caucuses allow delegates to have a rapid exchange of ideas in a more formal setting. The caucus works like a conversation, with the Chair facilitating the debate, and no speaker's list.



PREAMBULATORY CLAUSES

The preamble of a draft resolution states the reasons for which the committee is addressing the topic and highlights past international action on the issue. Each clause begins with a present participle (called a preambulatory phrase) and ends with a comma.

Preambulatory clauses can include:

- References to the UN Charter;
- · Citations of past UN resolutions or treaties on the topic under discussion:
- Mentions of statements made by the Secretary-General or a relevant UN body or agency;
- Recognition of the efforts of regional or non-governmental organizations in dealing with the issue; and General statements on the topic, its
- significance and its impact.

SAMPLE PREAMBULATORY CLAUSES

- Affirming
- Alarmed by
- Approving
- Aware of
- Bearing in mind
- Believing
- Confident
- Contemplating
- Convinced
- Declaring
- Deeply concerned
- Deeply conscious
- Deeply convinced
- Deeply disturbed
- Deeply regretting
- Desiring
- Emphasizing
- Expecting

- Expressing its appreciation
- Expressing its satisfaction
- Fulfilling
- Fully alarmed
- Fully aware
- Fully believing
- Further deploring
- Further recalling
- Guided by
- Having adopted
- Having considered
- Having considered further
- Having devoted attention
- Having examined
- · Having heard
- Having received
- Having studied

- Keeping in mind
- Noting with regret
- Noting with deep concern
- Noting with satisfaction
- Noting further
- Noting with approval
- Observing
- Reaffirming
- Realizing
- Recalling
- Recognizing
- Referring
- Seeking
- Taking into account
- Taking into consideration
- Taking note
- Viewing with appreciation
- Welcoming

OPERATIVE CLAUSES

Operative clauses identify the actions or recommendations made in a resolution. Each operative clause begins with a verb (called an operative phrase) and ends with a semicolon. Operative clauses should be organized in a logical progression, with each containing a single idea or proposal, and are always numbered. If a clause requires further explanation, bulleted lists set off by letters can also be used. After the last operative clause, the resolution ends in a period.

SAMPLE OPERATIVE CLAUSES

- Accepts
- Affirms
- Approves
- Authorizes
- Calls
- Calls upon
- Condemns
- Confirms
- Congratulates
- Considers
- Declares accordingly
- Deplores
- Designates
- Draws the attention
- Emphasizes
- Encourages

- Endorses
- Expresses its appreciation
- Expresses its hope
- Further invites
- Deplores
- Designates
- Draws the attention
- Emphasizes
- Encourages
- Endorses
- Expresses its appreciation
- Expresses its hope
- Further proclaims
- Further reminds

Further requests

Further recommends

- Further resolves
- Has resolved
- Notes
- Proclaims
- Reaffirms
- Recommends
- Regrets
- Reminds
- Requests
- Solemnly affirms
- Strongly condemns
- Supports
- · Takes note of
- Transmits
- Trusts





TIPS TO CREATING DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

WORKING PAPERS

Before a document is accepted by the Dais, to be voted on, it is referred to as a working paper.

- Delegates need to first download the official SRMUN working paper template from any Conference Services computer or visit their SRMUN Hub committee webpage on <u>srmunhub.org</u>.
- A working paper must have the following attributes to be accepted as a draft resolution:
 - At least one Sponsor
 - A combination of Signatories and Sponsors to equal 25% of the committee present during the first session.
- Sponsors have had substantive additions either through direct clauses or impactful ideas to the working paper. These are the only individuals called to the Dais when edits are returned.
- Signatories are Member States who would like to see the idea debated and do not necessarily have to agree with the idea.

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

Once a working paper has been accepted by the Dais, it is then referred to as a draft resolution

- Once a draft resolution has been accepted, preambulatory clauses cannot be altered.
- Draft resolutions will be titled based on the topic being discussed and in the order they were selected. The topics are numbered based on how the delegates have ordered them on the agenda and not necessarily how they are ordered in the background guide. Examples:
 - During topic 1, a working paper is submitted and accepted by the dais it is "Draft Resolution 1-1."
 - The next working paper submitted and accepted is then "Draft Resolution 1-2."
- During the second topic a working paper is submitted and accepted by the dais, it is now titled "Draft Resolution 2-1"
- When a working paper is accepted by the Dais to become a draft resolution, the Signatories and Sponsors are removed and this becomes a document of the body.

MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Often a draft resolution needs changes to garner support or to build consensus. SRMUN provides for these changes through two avenues, and its Google Form is available on the SRMUN Hub:

- Modifications are usually small in nature, often rewording a phrase for clarity or a rearrangement
 of ideas. These are changes that all Sponsors of the draft resolution agree to being made.
 Signatory support is not required, but they are usually consulted. All modifications need to be
 written out on a modification form and submitted to the Dais, with the acceptance and
 acknowledgment of all Sponsors. There is no vote needed for modifications, they are made and
 introduced to the body once the Dais accepts them.
- Amendments are typically more drastic changes to the document and can include, but are not limited to, removing or rewording operative clauses, or changing the scope or intention of a clause. These are changes that do not have the support of all the Sponsors. Amendments require 1/4 of the delegate support to be accepted by the Dais. The Amendments are voted on prior to voting on the draft resolution it affects and require a simple majority to pass. In the case of multiple amendments, they will be voted on in order of most disruptive to least disruptive, as decided by the Dais. Passed amendments must be considered when voting on the draft resolution. Should a draft resolution include an amendment that changes the intention, a Sponsor is able to vote against said draft resolution.



EVOLUTION OF A RESOLUTION

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- ★ Most work is done in this stage
- ★ Flush out ideas
- ★ Collaboration/Communication
- ★ Paper should only be referred to as a "working paper"
- ★ Can be easily changed or edited
- ★ Expect several rounds of edits from the dais
- ★ Dais edits are complete and the working paper ★ Document has been has been introduced to the committee as a "draft resolution"
- ★ No longer referred to as a working paper
- ★ Changes can only be made through amendments or modifications
- ★ Amendments and modifications must be approved by the dais prior to entering voting procedure
- ★ Vote on amendments or division of the question

voted on and accepted by the committee

MERGING

- · Sometimes there are too many working papers with similar ideas and the Dais will ask groups to merge their working paper together.
- · Don't panic! At the beginning of the committee session, work is often done in small groups and many similar ideas are often being addressed simultaneously.
- The Dais will alert each group that the papers are too similar to accept both and will ask that the groups combine and create a collaborative working paper.
- By combining multiple papers, a comprehensive work product is produced that will garner widespread support.

MERGING TIPS

- Be open-minded, flexible, and promote compromise and cooperation through diplomacy.
- · Work with different groups to discuss your similar ideas and how you can create a cohesive document.
- The Dais wants the committee to be successful, so the goal of merging is to create a quality comprehensive document.

SPONSORS VS SIGNATORIES

Each working paper will require a certain number of Sponsors and Signatories to be considered as a draft resolution. The number required will vary by committee and will be announced by the Dais during the first committee session.

If you are a SPONSOR to a working paper:

- · You actively assist in the authoring of the paper and you agree fully with the substance
- · You must vote in favor of the working paper should it become a draft resolution
- You must approve all modifications and immediate changes to the draft resolution

If you are a SIGNATORY to a working paper:

- · You do not have to agree with the substance of the paper, only that you want to see it debated
- You may vote in favor, against, or abstain should it become a draft resolution
- · You may introduce amendments without the consent of the Sponsors



WORKING PAPER EXAMPLE

After acceptance as a draft resolution, a code will be assigned which the body will refer to it as. The first number refers to the topic being debated and the second is assigned by the dias.

Alphabetize the list of Member States.

The list of Sponsors and Signatories will be removed from the working paper when it becomes a draft resolution and is distributed to the entire body as an official document of said body.

Working Paper 2-6

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General Assembly Plenary Committee: Ensuring Global Food Security Subject:

China, Comoros, Eritrea, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, and South Africa Sponsors:

Signatories: Austria, Egypt, Gabon, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Russia,

Switzerland, United States of America, Venezuela, and Viet Nam

The General Assembly,

List committee name. followed by a comma.

Keeping in mind the United Nations Millennium Project, an effort to contribute 0.7 percent of Gross National Product To Official Development Assistance (ODA), pledged by international leaders at the International Conference for Development and the World Summit on Sustainable Development Aid in 2002,

Fully believing the United Nations Millennium Project to be imperative to meeting the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs),

Bearing in mind the positive correlation between the United Nations Millennium Project and self-sustainability of developing Member States in order to promote long-term independence of foreign aid, After being approved as a draft resolution, preambulatory clauses cannot be modified or amended.

Noting with concern that debt forgiveness is included as a misleading form of foreign developmental aid,

Observing the rudimentary agricultural methods and resources of developing Member States as a hindrance to selfsustainability,

Recognizing the correlation between improving global flood security and the cooperation among the United Nations subsidiary bodies, including but not limited to the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF),

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1. Reminds Member States of the pledge to contribute to the ODA through the United Nations Millennium Project, especially during this economic downturn;

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2. Emphasizes food, monetary, and technological aid as a preferred means to ensure global food security as a component of the ODA rather than debt forgiveness;

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42 43 3. Supports instead targeting development aid through the transfer of technology, including but not limited to:

a. Hybridized seed,

Fertilizers and pesticides; and, b.

Improved equipment and tools;

During motions for division of the question, only entire operative clauses can be addressed. Operative sub-clauses cannot be divided out.

4. Encourages the coordination among subsidiary bodies of the United Nations which work to eradicate world hunger through the establishment of a platform for discussion among representatives of each body in order to operate in a more cooperative and efficient manner; and,

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5. Further encourages such a forum to convene in Johannesburg, South Africa every first week of June and first week of December commencing in 2012:

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By calling on the represented subsidiary bodies to appoint an expert from each body to create a universal comprehensive agenda to avoid the mismanagement of funds and the historic problem of overspending on certain issues while leaving others without funding, and,

b. With delegation expenses included in the allocated budget of each individual subsidiary body.

Only certain committees, i.e. GA Plenary & Security Council can add an operative clause to stay seized of the matter.

All operative clauses (except for final one) end with a semi-colon. Following the final operative clause all draft resolutions end with a period.

Always check for spelling and grammar before submitting any working paper! It will save precious time during editing!

All working papers/draft resolutions are to be typed in 10 font, Times New Roman style.



CAUCUSING BLOCS

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO)

Lithuania Albania Belgium Luxemburg Bulgaria Montenegro Netherlands Canada Croatia Poland Czech Republic Portugal Romania Denmark Slovakia Estonia France Slovenia Germany Spain Sweden Greece Turkey Hungary Iceland

Italy Latvia United Kingdom

United States

COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES

Armenia Moldova Azerbaijan Russia Belarus Taiikistan Kazakhstan Uzbekistan

Kyrgyzstan

GROUP OF SEVEN (G7)

Canada Japan

United Kingdom France Germany United States *Suspended: Russia Italy

EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

Italy

Austria Latvia Belgium Lithuania Luxemburg Bulgaria Netherlands Croatia Czech Republic Poland Denmark Portugal Romania Estonia Slovakia France Germany Slovenia Greece Spain Sweden Hungary

AFRICAN UNION (AU)

Algeria Angola Botswana Burundi Côte d'Ivoire Djibouti Egypt

Equatorial Guinea

Kenya Lesótho Libya Madagascar Niger Nigeria South Africa Sudan Togo

SECURITY COUNCIL (SC)

Based on Late 2020 Membership

P5: China France United Kingdom United States Russia

Alternating: Estonia India Ireland Kenya Mexico Niger Norway

Saint Vincent & the Grenadines

Tunisie Viet Nam

ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM **EXPORTING OUNTRIES (OPEC)**

Algeria Kuwait Libya Angola Congo Nigeria Saudi Arabia Equatorial Ġuinea United Arab Gabon Emirates Iran Venezuela

Iraq

GULF COOPERATIVE COUNCIL (GCC)

Bahrain Saudi Arabia United Arab Kuwait Oman **Emirates**

Qatar

GROUP OF TWENTY (G20)

Argentina Italy Australia Japan Mexico Brazil Canada Rep. of Korea Russia China European Union Saudi Arabia France South Africa Turkey Germany

India United Kingdom

Indonesia United States

LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES (LAS)

Algeria Palestine Bahrain Saudi Arabia Egypt Sudan Iraq Tunisia Kuwait United Arab Libya **Emirates** Morocco Yemen

Oman



THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AT SRMUN

The Double Veto

Background

When the UN was created, the ultimate decisions on whether a vote in the Security Council (SC) was procedural or substantive was left up to the SC itself. On rare occasions, P-5 Member States are able to question whether an item is procedural or substantive. This motion which requires nine affirmative votes and a "yay" vote or abstention from each of the P-5 members. For instance, a P-5 member may challenge the SC President's ruling that an issue is procedural. The SC then has a substantive vote on whether the issue is procedural or not. The P-5 member can veto this vote, making the issue substantive, then veto the original motion. This is known as the double veto. The double veto is rarely used.

SRMUN's Security Council

The SRMUN Security Council has limited meeting time, and the desire of the committee is to maximize the available time. The SC Committee Director has the right to limit the use of the double veto on procedural issues that have minor impacts on debate such as suspension of the meeting and setting the speaker's time. However, procedural motions such as agenda setting or inviting a party to a dispute could be subject to a potential double veto.

To call for the double veto, a member of the P-5 should raise their placard after a motion has been made, but before a vote has been taken and make the following motion:

"The delegate from the United Kingdom moves to declare this motion a procedural motion."

For Example:

"The Delegate from Romania moves for a discussion of the Use of Pre-Emptive Force."

The Delegate from the United Kingdom raises their placard in their left hand and is recognized:

"The Delegate from the United Kingdom moves to declare this motion a procedural motion."

Once the President accepts this motion, the SC moves to a substantive vote on whether or not the motion to set the agenda is procedural. A "yes" vote means that it is procedural; a "no" vote means that it is substantive. If the UK votes no, then the motion to set the agenda is considered substantive. At this point, the SC votes substantively on the motion to set the agenda. A no vote from any member of the P-5 will veto the motion.

If you have any questions about these issues or any other SC related question, please do not hesitate to consult your Director, Assistant Director, the Director-General, or Deputy Director-General.

The Dias has ruled a vote procedural, and a member of the Committee does not agree. The delegate then raises their placard in their left hand to motion for a vote to challenge the procedural nature of the vote.

The Committee then votes on whether or not the vote is procedural.

If the vote receives nine or more "yeas" AND all of the P5 vote in the affirmative or abstain, the vote remains procedural and the Committee retakes the vote.

If the vote does not receive nine or more "yeas" AND an affirmative vote or abstention from all P5 members, the vote becomes substantive and the Committee retakes the vote as a substantive vote.



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We are pleased to introduce the SRMUN Advisory Group and the SRMUN Board of Directors, and we invite all who are interested to apply!

Advisory Group

The SRMUN Advisory Group (AG) serves as an extension of the Board of Directors and provides recommendations to the Board regarding substantive elements of SRMUN's conferences, including but not limited to: Conference Theme Approvals, Committee and Topics Selection, new initiatives, and more. In other words, the AG is responsible for shaping most of the things that our delegates know and love about SRMUN conferences. All recommendations provided by the AG are ultimately approved or denied by the Board of Directors.

If you are a current or former SRMUN staff member, Executive Staff member, or Faculty Advisor and have wanted to get more involved with the SRMUN organization, then the AG is for you! Please note that the AG is only open to outgoing members of conference staff or Executive Staff and either current or former Faculty Advisors. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and are <u>available on our website</u>. Completed applications should be emailed to the SRMUN Executive Director, Michael Oleaga, at Michael.Oleaga@srmun.org.

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The SRMUN Board of Directors is responsible for managing the property, affairs, and business of SRMUN Inc., the nonprofit organization that funds SRMUN conferences. Additionally, the Board is ultimately responsible for the overall quality and content of SRMUN conferences. The Board will consist of seven appointed voting members (including at minimum one faculty advisor), the Executive Director, and two Founding Member Emeritus.

To be eligible to run for a position on the Board of Directors, candidates must have served as Staff, Executive Staff, or in a Faculty Advisor capacity for a minimum of two SRMUN conferences. The Board of Directors is selected by the Slating Committee no later than December 1st of each year. Interested individuals must submit an application to the Executive Director for consideration by the Slating Committee. The application is found on the <u>SRMUN website</u>. Applications can be submitted at any time, by November 15, for the seats that will be slated for the next session of the Board. The new Board will assume its roles at the start of the new session on December 1st.

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Registration & hotel RSVPs are open! For more details, visit <u>srmun.org/charlotte</u>



SRMUN Atlanta 2025 Staff Application Information

Interested in joining our staff?
Looking for a great professional development opportunity?
Want to meet incredible people doing awesome things?
Apply for SRMUN Atlanta 2025 roles before it's too late!

SRMUN staff applications are available online at www.srmun.org/join.php or scan the QR code.

Delegates are also permitted to use the computers in Conference Services to complete their applications. Printing of applications is free of charge. Committee staff applications are due by the close of the conference on the Saturday of conference weekend.



COMMITTEE STAFF APPLICATIONS

The substantive staff of SRMUN remains the backbone of the conference. For SRMUN Atlanta, the staff is generally hired, on a volunteer basis, from late-December to mid-January. In conjunction with the Directors-General, both the Committee Directors and Assistant Directors will propose committee topics and compose topic outlines, summaries, write Background Guides, and updates. The writing process typically begins in March and continues through early August, growing increasingly more and more intensive. Directors are required to attend multiple virtual training sessions. In the Fall, committee staff evaluates Position Papers. At the conference, Directors and Assistant Directors serve as the chief substantive officers of their committees, facilitating the learning process obtained at SRMUN. Although previous Chair or Rapporteur experience is preferred, it is not required. This is a full-year commitment. Please carefully consider this before applying for SRMUN Staff. Please note Committee Staff Applications are due by the close of the conference.

For SRMUN Charlotte, preparation is already underway. SRMUN Charlotte's staff is generally hired, on a volunteer basis, from mid-April to early May. If you're interested in staffing for SRMUN Charlotte, please email their Director-General at dg_charlotte@srmun.org for more information.

EXECUTIVE STAFF APPLICATIONS FOR SRMUN ATLANTA 2025

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