

MODEL UNITED NATIONS of AUGSBURG

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Maria-Ward-Gymnasium Augsburg

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1. Introduction

Dear MUN directors, dear delegates,
we are looking forward to meeting you in January 2020.

Please check our homepage from time to time so that you always get the relevant information.

MUNAU 2020:

- Maximum size of the committees/councils: 25
- Participating schools: from Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Poland, Switzerland, Turkey
- Committees/councils:
 - GA 1,
 - GA 2,
 - GA 3,
 - ECOSOC,
 - UNESCO,
 - the Security Council and
 - the North Atlantic Council*

**After participating in the NAC at a MUN conference in the Netherlands and integrating the NAC in MUNAU 2019 the MUNAU 2020 team decided to integrate the NAC into MUNAU 2020 again. "The North Atlantic Council is the principal political decision-making body within NATO. It oversees the political and military process relating to security issues affecting the whole Alliance. It brings together representatives of each member country to discuss policy or operational questions requiring collective decisions, providing a forum for wide-ranging consultation between members on all issues affecting their peace and security." (www.nato.int).*

Important: *It does not draft resolutions, but a communiqué. Example: "Brussels Summit Declaration" (July 2018): https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official_texts_156624.htm#78*

- **In the interest of the quality of debate we recommend giving the seats in the NAC and SC, but also in GA 1, to the most experienced and most enthusiastic delegates.**

PREPARATION/DEADLINES:

- **Dear delegates, please prepare for the conference carefully!** "Research is what differentiates you from other delegates./.../Research makes you credible." (see: *John Wang: Model UN: Steps to Success in High School MUN*)
- Learn about the UN and its different bodies

- Try to get as much information as possible about your **country**, checking:
Geography – Political Structure – People (culture, customs, religion...) -
History - Economy – International Relationships – Military Power
- Try to get as much information as possible about your **issues** (describe them, explain how they affect your nation and your nation's view, know other relevant countries' positions on the issues)
(see Kerem Turunc, The Winning Delegate: An Insider's Guide to Model United Nations, New York – Bloomington, iUniverse, Inc., 2009, p. 29 – 33):
- Examples of helpful resources:
www.un.org – www.un.org/members - www.cia.gov – www.nytimes.com –
www.reuters.com – www.bbc.co.uk – www.economist.co.uk etc.
- You can also follow the helpful hints here:
<http://thehague.thimun.org/index.php/educational/>

(recommended by: *David L. Williams/ Irwin Stein, Uniting the Nations through Model United Nations, The Hague: INTYS, 2006, p. 50*)

- **End of November, 2019:**
the Research Reports will be published on www.munau.de
- **Mid-January, 2019 (the precise deadline will be published on www.munau.de)**
Please send
 - a draft resolution * on ONE of the two or three topics in your committee/council AND
 - a position paper on EACH OF THE OTHER topics to your chairs; you will find the email addresses at the end of the research reports.
 *Security Council and NAC: eight operative clauses on each topic
- **January 29, 13:00 – January, 30, 8:15: Registration in the entrance hall of the school**
- **January 30:**
8:30 beginning of the opening ceremony of the conference at Maria-Ward-Gymnasium Augsburg, Frauentorstraße 26, 86152 Augsburg

2. “Your” Countries:

You may think it is important for your school to represent one of the Big Five (the Security Council permanent members with vetoes) in order to be taken seriously and be heard on all issues. But “it does not matter what country/countries you represent. What matters is how well you represent them. Chairs attempt to give every delegate a fair opportunity to be heard. You have as good a chance to be the best delegate with an island nation like Fiji as with a Big Five country.”

See: E. Mickolus and J. Th. Brannan, Coaching Winning Model United Nations Teams, 2013, p. 36.

3. The Role of the Ambassador

The ambassador should be a very experienced and mature delegate.

The ambassador must be present in the General Assembly. So she/he should be in one of the GA committees.

The ambassador takes special responsibility for the country's delegation.

The ambassador gives an opening speech in the opening ceremony on January 30.

The ambassador might be asked for advice in the case of conflicts.

4. Opening Speech (60 – 75 seconds):

*The opening speech should be given by the ambassador of a delegation. At MUNAU 2020 every delegation is allowed to give an opening speech in the opening ceremony, **if it is represented in at least two committees/councils.***

Do not speak too fast!

Do not enumerate the committees the delegates of your country are in!

Do not use platitudes like “We are looking forward to fruitful debates.”!

Avoid meaningless generalizations like “Peace and Security are important.”!

Do not insult other countries' delegations!

Do not attempt to be funny. This is a serious situation.

Use short sentences!

Speak up!

Think of creative ideas/metaphors/symbols! Try to make the audience interested in your country!

Refer to current events /developments in your country!

Refer to your country's primary concerns about the state of the world.

Present a clear message.

Sample:

Honorable House, dear guests,

“I stand in solidarity with millions of suffering Yemenis. And the United Nations and the wider international community are with you every step of the way.”

This is what the UN Secretary General told us the other day.

We have also been told by UN bodies that our country is suffering from the most acute crisis on the globe.

UN Authorities predict that humanitarian aid is increasingly becoming the only lifeline for millions of our inhabitants.

But have messages and such diagnoses ever been useful?

In Yemen government forces are attacked by rebels that are controlled by foreign powers who profit from our plight.

What we need is what we get from the Saudi-led coalition: active support.

Honorable international community, practise what you preach! Show your solidarity by taking action!

Thank you.

5. Position Paper:

Begin with an introductory paragraph.

Write about 250 words per topic in the following way:

- Describe the current situation.
- Refer to relevant documents, treaties, resolutions!!!
- Action Plan: Mention your country's ideas on how the situation can be improved.

Sample:

Position Paper for the Human Rights Council by Italy

The issues before the Human Rights Council 2020 are: The question of abortion rights and standards and combating the trafficking of humans. As a mainly Catholic nation (80 %) it is Italy's aim to respect life, to live in harmony and to care about fellow human beings.

The question of abortion rights and standards

Italy, the home of the Vatican, is proud of having one of the lowest abortion rates in the world. Italy notes with deep concern that in quite a few parts of the world, abortion standards are so low that they endanger the women's health, and the abortion rights in many countries express disrespect for valuable life.

On the one hand, Italy basically guarantees a woman's right to freely decide over her life and her body but on the other hand Italy strongly supports the decisions of the church. In his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* ("The Gospel of Life"), issued on March 25, 1995, Pope John Paul II stated the church's position on this topic: it is absolutely forbidden to kill God-given developing life. Taking note of the *UN-resolution 2011/1(E/CN.9/2011/8)*, on "fertility, reproductive health and development", Italy agrees with *The Commission on Population and Development* by recognizing that abortion shouldn't be promoted as a method of family planning.

To address the problem of abortion rights and standards worldwide, Italy suggests an improvement of the information methods and the family planning services in the affected countries in order to prevent most cases of unwanted pregnancy. For the same reasons it calls upon all nations to generate a fund that subsidizes contraceptives for poor countries.

Combating the trafficking of humans

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6. Draft Resolution

Real UN-resolution – examples:

<http://www.un.org/en/ga/72/resolutions.shtml>

very helpful: Editing of resolutions at the United Nations

see: <http://www.un.org/en/ga/72/resolutions.shtml> (guidelines - submitting draft resolutions)

Theoretically a resolution is an international law. But "only the resolutions that are passed by the Security Council are binding on the international community. /.../

There are two types of clauses in a resolution: the preambular clauses and the operative clauses. The resolution can be looked at as one large sentence. /.../

Preambular clauses are included in the resolution to set up the history of the issue at hand” and should also refer to earlier resolutions or conventions on this issue.

“**Operative clauses**, on the other hand, are there to actually create a solution to the problem or to suggest alternative means of solving the issue at hand.

Preambular clauses usually end in –ing, while operative clauses generally end in –s. Also, preambular clauses end with commas whereas operative clauses end with semicolons.”

(Greg Hodgin, *Model UN Handbook: A Preparation for MUN Conferences*, Maryland: Hamilton Books, 2012, p. 45)

“Each operative clause should contain only one clear, unambiguous statement of the decision to be taken by the body.” (David Williams, Irwin Stein, *Uniting the Nations through Model United Nations*, The Hague, 2006, p. 99)

“A resolution must initiate some sort of action.”

(Greg Hodgin, *Model UN Handbook: A Preparation for MUN Conferences*, Maryland: Hamilton Books, 2012, p. 46)

Your draft resolution for MUNAU 2020 should look like this sample resolution and have at least six to eight operative clauses:

Sample Resolutions:

FORUM: Commission on Sustainable Development

QUESTION OF: Introduction of recycling projects to prevent the increase of waste in Asian countries

MAIN SUBMITTER: Mexico

THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,

Deeply concerned that between the years 2008 to 2010 the amount of the world’s packaging waste grew by about 6 percent,

Pointing out that richer countries like the United States are trying to ship waste to poor countries like Mexico legally and illegally,

Alarmed that these poor countries often do not have the technology to deal with the waste correctly, which causes unhealthy living conditions for the citizens,

Deploring that according to a reckoning of the United Nations every year 1.3 billion tons of food is thrown away,

Taking into consideration the excessive 20 - 50 million tons of e-waste produced per year,

Bearing in mind that improper disposal of e-waste negatively affects the environment by contaminating the soil and drinking water, releasing toxic fumes into the atmosphere, and accumulating in food chains,

Deeply disturbed by the lack of universal standards regarding the proper disposing and recycling of hazardous waste, which poses substantial or potential threats to public health and the environment,

Bearing in mind the Basel Convention, which introduces an ecofriendly waste management and regulates the transportation of hazardous waste,

Emphasizing the importance of solving this problem in order to increase living standards and to protect the environment,

1. Calls upon all nations to encourage their companies to produce recyclable products by means such as but not limited to reduced taxes for companies who do so;
2. Recommends that the UN member states invest in the development of environmentally-friendly garbage dumps and waste recycling systems;
3. Urges all governments to start education programs:
 - (a) to show people how to handle hazardous waste and e-waste;
 - (b) in elementary schools, to teach even young children how important the right dealing with waste is;
 - (c) to tell people not to buy too much food and not to throw away still edible food;
4. Encourages all More Economically Developed Countries (MEDCs) to help Less Economically Countries (LEDCs) by showing them their recycling and waste management solutions;
5. Demands that exporting countries strongly restrict exports of any kinds of hazardous waste to foreign countries to a certain amount by raising tariffs set specifically on disposals;
6. Further invites medical aid from MEDCs and the Red Cross for people who have been harmed by hazardous waste;
7. Requests nations to launch reward programs, so that, if a country either supports nations suffering from waste problems or decreases the amount of waste dumping, it will be rewarded with a rise in status in the United Nations;
8. Hopes that the UN will stay seized on the matter.

Real UN-resolutions:

<https://www.un.org/en/sections/documents/general-assembly-resolutions/index.html> —

example:

<http://www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/2004/resolution%202004-62.pdf>

RESOLUTIONS – Phrases

Preambulatory Clauses (for Background Information)

Acknowledging	Having adopted
Affirming	Having considered
Alarmed by	Having considered further
Approving	Having devoted attention
Aware of	Having examined
Bearing in mind	Having heard
Believing	Having received
Confident	Having studied
Congratulating	Keeping in mind
Contemplating	Noting further
Convinced	Noting with appreciation
Declaring	Noting with approval
Deeply concerned	Noting with deep concern
Deeply conscious	Noting with regret
Deeply convinced	Noting with satisfaction
Deeply disturbed	Observing
Deeply regretting	Pointing out
Deploring	Reaffirming
Desiring	Realizing
Emphasizing	Recalling
Expecting	Recognizing
Expressing its appreciation	Referring
Expressing its satisfaction	Seeking
Fulfilling	Taking into account
Fully alarmed	Taking into consideration
Fully aware	Taking note
Fully believing	Viewing with appreciation
Further deploring	Welcoming
Further recalling	
Guided by	

Operative Clauses (= for actions which will solve the problem)

Accepts	Further requests
Affirms	Further resolves
Approves	Has resolved
Asks	Hopes
Authorizes	Invites
Calls	Notes
Calls for	Proclaims
Calls upon	Proposes
Condemns (<i>only allowed in the SC</i>)	Reaffirms
Confirms	Recommends
Congratulates	Regrets
Considers	Reminds
Declares accordingly	Requests
Deplores	Resolves
Designates	Seeks
Draws attention to	Solemnly affirms

Emphasizes Encourages Endorses Expresses its appreciation Expresses its hope Further invites Further proclaims Further recommends Further reminds	Strongly condemns (<i>only allowed in the SC</i>) Strongly urges Suggests Supports Takes note of Transmits Trusts Urges
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7. Dress Code

What to Wear:

MEN: formal suit or trousers and jacket, shirt, tie or bow tie

WOMEN: formal dress or skirt/trousers + formal blazer/cardigan, blouse

Not acceptable:

Party-style outfits, sportswear, sports shoes, jeans, military uniforms, voluminous scarves, extremely bright colours, transparent blouses, skirts that are too short, everything that is too casual or inappropriate.

More details will be mentioned on our homepage in December.