Conference Handbook

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Secretary-General's Address

Dear Delegates and Faculty Advisors,

It is with great pleasure and immense pride that I extend my warmest greetings to you all for the Thirteenth Session of La Martiniere Model United Nations.

This milestone celebrates more than a decade of a conference rooted in academic excellence, where intellectual growth, diplomatic dialogue, and meaningful experiences find haven. We wish to provide every delegate with an experience that deepens their understanding of international relations, politics, diplomacy, crisis management, and the ethos of the heritage of our College.

Through spirited debates and thoughtful resolutions, we have seen the emergence of future leaders, diplomats, and change-makers. We remain committed to offering every participant an experience of the highest calibre across three highly engaging days. The Thirteenth Session shall stand as a true testament to the journey we have shared, a journey characterised with growth, innovation, and inspiration.

At La Martiniere College, we are fortunate to have the rare opportunity to author our own stories and let them echo for the years to come. In that spirit, La Martiniere Model United Nations seeks to offer students a platform where they can speak truth to power and leave their mark on history. Alongside the committee sessions, we are delighted to present a series of discussions led by distinguished personalities and practitioners from their respective fields. These sessions shall encourage innovative thinking and inspire them to step forward as leaders in shaping a better tomorrow.

I look forward to hosting you at the Thirteenth Session of La Martiniere Model United Nations, giving you an opportunity to display your passion and mutual interest in policy-making.

Yours sincerely,
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The Committees



SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

Agendum: Assessing the question of Self-Determination, Political Autonomy and the Protection of Equal Rights of People of the Northern Caucasus in light of the Charter of the United Nations, General Assembly Resolution 2625 (XXV) and the Helsinki Final Act of 1975.



UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

Programme of Work: Addressing the situation in East Timor following the results of the referendum on independence conducted under the United Nations Mission in East Timor, while safeguarding the interests of the people and ensuring the restoration of law and peace.

Stasis Date: September 5, 1999.



COMMISSION ON THE CONSTITUTION, NATIONAL DIET OF JAPAN

Agendum: Deliberating upon the broad Implications and Efficacy of amending Article Nine of the Constitution of Japan and Reforming the Post-War defense approach with regard to National Security concerns.

HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (REPUBLIC OF CHINA)

Agendum: Re-assessing the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company's position as the Silicon Shield amid Advanced Node Semiconductor Export Restrictions and Offshore Fabrication Diversity.

GRAND CONVENTION OF OCAÑA

Agendum: Reviewing and reforming the Constitution of the Republic of Colombia of 1821 in light of Federal Ideological Differences, National Disunity and Economic Exigency.

Date of Convening: April 9, 1828.

UNITED NATIONS HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE ON SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

Agendum: Discussing the Strategic Governance of Critical Minerals for Equitable Value Addition, Responsible Industrial Development, and South-South Economic Cooperation.

TWENTY-THIRD ZIONIST CONGRESS, 1951

Agendum: Debating the Religious Character of the Jewish State in Light of the Battle over Immigrant Education, the Religious Status Quo and the Tension between Religious Authority and Democratic Governance.

LIBERATION COUNCIL OF BIAFRA

Agendum: Securing Independence from the Federal Republic of Nigeria and protecting the Igbo people from ethnic oppression and pogroms.

Freeze Date: 29th May, 1967.

CABINET COMMITTEE ON SECURITY

Executive Session: Meeting No. 1426

Date of Convening**: 16th March, 2049**

PREMIER COUNCIL OF THE GRAND ALLIANCE

Agendum: Formulating a Coordinated Strategy against the Kingdom of France and Preserving the Sovereignty and Balance of Power in Europe in light of hegemonic expansionist policies.

Stasis Date: 30th June, 1692.

INTERNATIONAL PRESS

Categories: Journalism & Photography.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Committee: To Be Released Three Days Prior to the Conference.

Rules of Procedure
General Rules and Code of Conduct

Language:
English will be the official and working language of the conference.

General Powers of the Committee Staff:
The Presiding Officer will declare the opening and closing of each meeting and may propose the adoption of any procedural motion to which there is no significant objection. Subject to these rules, the executive board will have total control of the proceedings at any meeting. The Presiding Officer will direct discussions, accord the right to speak, put questions, announce decisions, rule on Points of Order, and ensure and enforce the observance of these rules. If necessary and given no objections, the Presiding Officer may choose to suspend the rules to clarify a certain substantive or procedural issue. The Presiding Officer may temporarily transfer his/her duties to another member of the Executive Board Panel or the Secretariat. The Executive Board may also advise delegations on the course of debate. In the exercise of these functions, the Executive Board will, at all times, be answerable to the Secretary-General. In case of a dispute, the decision of the Secretary-General shall be final and binding.

Statements by the Secretariat:
The Secretary-General or any member of the Secretariat, that the Secretary-General may nominate, may make either written or oral statements to the committee at any time.

Participation of Non-Members:
A guest speaker, expert witness, or representative of an entity that is neither a member of the committee nor an accredited observer may not address a committee without the prior approval of the Presiding Officer of that committee.

Appeal:

A Delegate may appeal to any decision of the Presiding Officer, except for those matters for which the Committee Rules of Procedure explicitly prohibit. The Presiding Officer may speak briefly in defence of the ruling following which the appeal will be put to vote. The decision of the Presiding Officer will stand unless overruled by a two-thirds majority. The Presiding Officer has ultimate discretion on any ruling, whether it is appealed successfully or not until the Secretary-General intervenes.

Electronic Devices:

The usage of cell phones and internet shall not be permitted while the committee is in session. Saved web pages and laptops, however, shall be allowed for the purpose of smoother committee functioning. The Secretariat as well as the Executive Board Panel holds every right to suspend a delegate on the usage of electronic devices throughout the conference with admissable proofs.

Quorum:

Quorum is set at 1/10th of the committee strength. A roll call may be taken as and when the Executive Board Panel deems necessary. In case quorum fails, the meeting shall be suspended at the discretion of the Presiding Officer.

Dress Code:

All delegates are required to wear Western Business attire throughout the conference. Professionalism is expected, and clothing should be appropriate for a formal setting. The guidelines are as follows:

Formal Business Attire: Delegates are encouraged to wear formal suits, blazers, formal shirts, trousers, skirts, or dresses.

Dresses and skirts should be knee-length or longer.

T-shirts, polos, or short-sleeve shirts are not allowed. Delegates should wear formal, full-sleeve shirts paired with trousers.

Footwear: Given the size of the venue, delegates are encouraged to wear comfortable formal shoes or sneakers to ensure ease of movement throughout the day.

Neutrality in Judging: To maintain fairness and anonymity, delegates should avoid wearing insignia or logos from their educational institutions.

Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in delegates being asked to leave the premises. The Secretary-General holds the power to extrude a delegate from the conference on the grounds of inappropriate dress code.

Note:- Delegates are required to have on them the ID card provided at the conference. They may choose not to wear it continuously but are required to have it on themselves and present it to any staff, secretariat and security in charges

Courtesy:

Delegates must treat other delegates, members of the Secretariat, the Executive Board and all conference staff with the highest level of courtesy and respect. The Secretary-General or the concerned Presiding Officer will take a call on any delegate's related matter to order who fails to act accordingly.

General Behaviour:

Delegates must conduct themselves in a dignified manner. In case of any act of misbehaviour, the delegate(s) shall be asked to leave, by the Secretary-General or by any member of the Secretariat whom he nominates or the Principal of the institution. The word of the concerned authorities shall be final and binding.

Attendance:

Delegates are expected to arrive promptly and attend all committee sessions in order to be considered for an award at the end of the conference. Roll call will be taken at the beginning of each session. Delegates who are late to committee should submit a note to the chair instead of announcing their presence to the room.

Food & Beverage Regulations:

Delegates are requested not to order their meals from any food delivery services during the course of three days as meals shall be provided as per the given schedule, subject to alterations by the Executive Board. This is being done to ensure a degree of congenial and uncluttered ambiance. No member of the Logistics on-ground team should be asked to serve beverages to the delegates sitting in the committee.

Rules of Procedure
rules governing the debate

As Model U.N. Conferences have vast agenda which require an extensive amount of debate and discussion, it is imperative that order is maintained by deciding who speaks, on what, and when. Therefore, adherence to the Rules of Procedure is extremely important for a Conference to function in an appropriate manner.

Opening the Debate

1. Setting the Agenda:
The provisional agenda for the Conference shall be drawn up by the Secretary-General and communicated to all delegations before the start of the Conference.

At each Conference, the provisional agenda shall be submitted to the meeting for approval during the opening session through a vote.

Conduct Of Business

2. Speeches:
No representative may address the meeting without having previously obtained permission of the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire for them to speak. The Presiding Officer may call out a speaker if his or her remarks are not relevant to the on-going subject.

3. Time Limit on Speeches:
The Presiding Officer(s) may limit the time to be allowed for each speaker to speak and the number of times each representative may speak on any question. When the debate is limited and a representative exceeds his or her allotted time, the Presiding Officer shall call the speaker to order without delay.

4. Points of Order:
During the discussion of any matter, a representative may raise a "Point of Order" if he/she believes that the Presiding Officer is not following the Rules of Procedure or not being sufficiently active in ensuring that other representatives do so. The Point of Order shall be immediately ruled on by the Presiding Officer in accordance with the rules of procedure unless he/she rules otherwise. If a delegate feels that the ruling of the Presiding Officer is incorrect, they may appeal against the ruling. The appeal is put to a vote and the decision of the Presiding Officer could be overruled by a majority of the members present.

5**. Closing of List of Speakers, Right to Reply:**
During the course of the debate, the Presiding Officer may announce the list of speakers and, with the permission of the representatives present, declare the list closed. The Presiding Officer may, however, accord the Right to Reply to any member if a speech delivered after the closing of the list makes this desirable. The Right to Reply is not used under any other circumstances.

6**. Suspension of Meeting:**
The meeting may be suspended for a limited amount of time upon request by a representative or the Presiding Officer. Such matters will not be debated but will immediately be put to a vote. A suspended meeting is resumed on the same day. This motion is used to break for informal consultations, and for lunch and tea breaks.

7. Adjournment of Meeting:

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may motion for the adjournment of the meeting. Such motions will not be debated but immediately put to a vote. Any continued consideration of an item on the agenda will take place at another meeting on another day. This motion is to be used at the end of the day.

8. Closure of Debate:

A representative may at any time raise a motion for the closure of debate on the item under discussion, whether or not the representative has signified their wish to speak. A representative can motion for this after they feel that sufficient progress has been made on draft resolutions, and they are ready to be adopted by consensus or to be forced to a vote.

Permission to speak on the closure of the debate shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing the closure, after which the motion shall be immediately put to vote. If the meeting votes in favour of this motion, the Presiding Officer shall declare the closure of the debate.

9**. Order of Procedural Motions:**

The motions indicated below shall have precedence in the following order over all the other procedures or motions in the meeting:

- To suspend the meeting;
- To adjourn the meeting;
- To adjourn debate on the item under discussion;
- To close the debate on the item under discussion.

Rules Of Procedure
DRAFT RESOLUTION

Draft Resolutions

The Draft Resolution must be formatted in the following manner:

Committee: Name of the Committee in which the resolution is introduced.
Agenda: Agenda of the Committee.

Sponsors: List of countries that have authored the Resolution.
Signatories: List of countries that have signed the draft and wish to see it debated upon. This in no way means that the nations vote for the Draft Resolution.

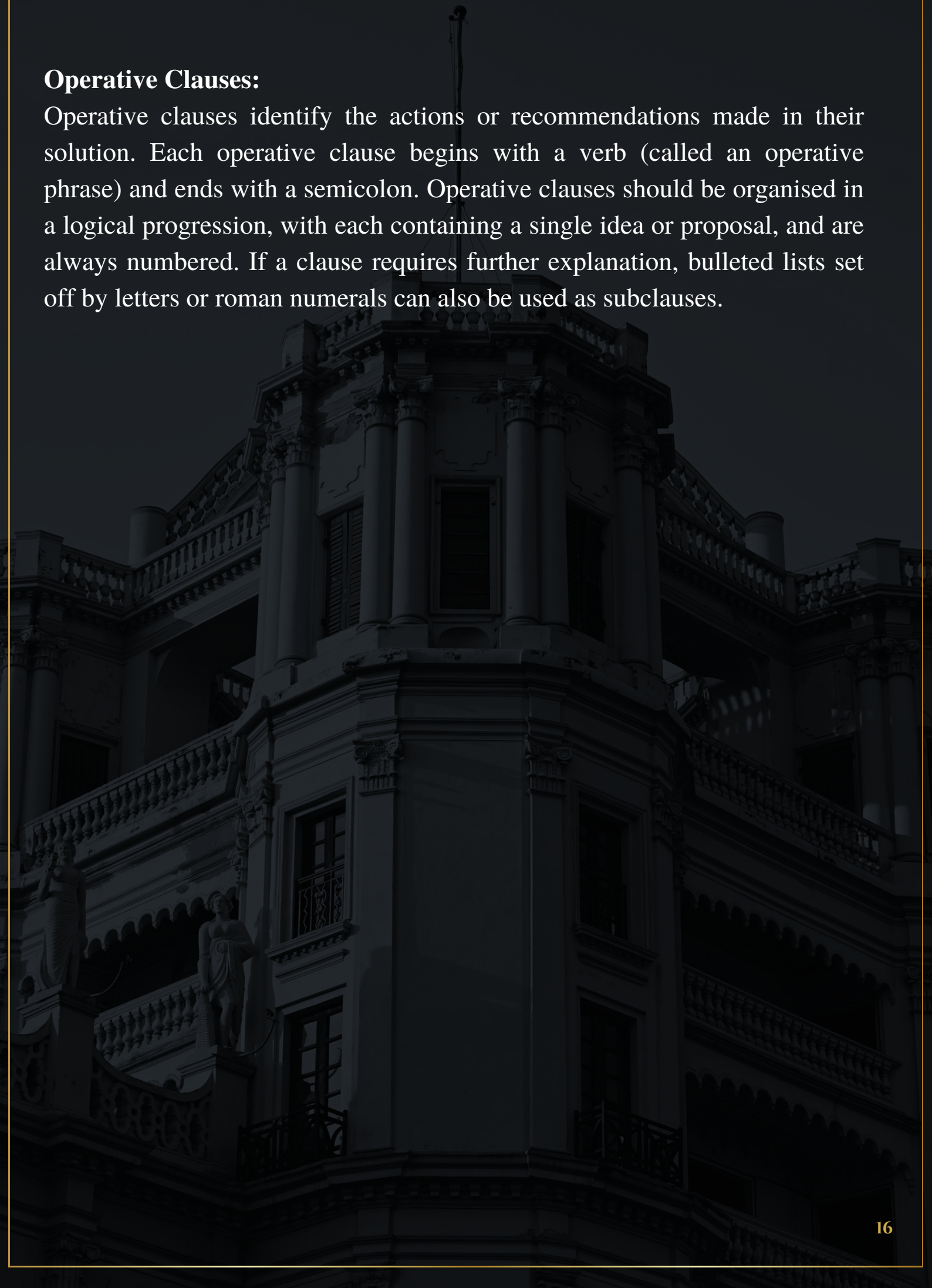
Preambulatory Clauses:

The Preamble of a Draft Resolution states the reasons for which the committee is addressing the topic and generally highlights past international action on the issue. Each clause begins with a Preambulatory phrase and endswith 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 UNbody or agency;
- Recognition of the efforts of regional or non-governmental organisations dealing with the issue;
- General statements on the topic, its significance and its impact.

Operative Clauses:

Operative clauses identify the actions or recommendations made in their solution. Each operative clause begins with a verb (called an operative phrase) and ends with a semicolon. Operative clauses should be organised 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 or roman numerals can also be used as subclauses.



Rules of procedure

Sample Preambulatory Clauses

Acknowledging
Acting
Affirming
Alarmed by
Alarmed
Anxious
Appreciating
Approving
Aware of
Bearing in mind
Believing
Cognizant
Concerned
Confident
Conscious
Considering
Contemplating
Convinced
Declaring
Deeply concerned
Deeply conscious
Deeply convinced
Deeply disturbed
Expecting
Expressing appreciation
Noting with approval
Expressing concern also
Expressing concern
Expressing its appreciation
Expressing its satisfaction
Expressing satisfaction
Firmly Convinced
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 reviewed

Rules of procedure

Sample Operative Clauses

Accepts
Affirms
Approves
Authorizes
Calls
Calls upon
Condemns
Confirms
Calls for
Calls upon
Congratulates
Considers
Declares accordingly
Deplores
Demands
Designates
Draws the attention
Emphasises
Encourages
Expresses its hope
Further invites
Further proclaims
Further reminds
Further recommends
Further requests
Further resolves
Has resolved
Notes
Proclaims
Reaffirms
Recommends
Regrets
Reminds
Requests
Solemnly affirms
Strongly condemns
Supports
Takes note of
Trusts
Urges

Rules of procedure
sample draft resolution

The following resolution has been taken from the official website of the United Nations Association of the United States of America.

Resolution GA/3/1.1
General Assembly Third Committee
Sponsors: United States, Austria and Italy

Signatories: Greece, Tajikistan, Japan, Canada, Mali, the Netherlands and Gabon
Agenda: Strengthening UN coordination of humanitarian assistance in complex emergencies

The General Assembly,

Reminding all nations of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which recognizes the inherent dignity, equality and inalienable rights of all global citizens,

[use commas to separate preambulatory clauses]

Reaffirming its Resolution 33/1996 of 25 July 1996, which encourages Governments to work with UN bodies aimed at improving the coordination and effectiveness of humanitarian assistance,

Noting with satisfaction the past efforts of various relevant UN bodies and nongovernmental organisations, Stressing the fact that the United Nations Faces significant financial obstacles and is in need of reform, particularly in the humanitarian realm,

1. **Encourages** all relevant agencies of the United Nations to collaborate more closely with countries at the grassroots level to enhance the carrying out of relief efforts;

[use semicolons to separate operative clauses]

2. **Urges** member states to comply with the goals of the UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs to streamline efforts of humanitarian aid;

3. **Requests** that all nations develop rapid deployment forces to better enhance the coordination of relief efforts of humanitarian assistance in complex emergencies;

4. **Calls** for the development of a United Nations Trust Fund that encourages voluntary donations from the private transnational sector to aid in funding the implementation of rapid deployment forces, stresses the continuing need for impartial and objective information on the political, economic and social situations and events of all countries;

5. **Calls** upon states to respond quickly and generously to consolidated appeals for humanitarian assistance; and

6. **Requests** the expansion of preventive actions and assurance of post-conflict assistance through reconstruction and development.

[End resolutions with a period]

10. Tabling Draft Resolution:

Any member state may submit a draft resolution to the Presiding Officer for which no minimum percentage of support is required. However since resolutions are aimed to be adopted by consensus, it is advised that representatives build multilateral support before tabling draft resolutions.

11. Proposals and Amendments:

Proposals and amendments on a tabled draft resolution shall be either formally submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer, issued as "L-documents", or proposed orally from the floor, if no member objects.

When an amendment is moved to a proposal, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments are moved to a proposal, the committee shall first vote on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal, and then on the amendment next furthest removed from it, and so on, until all the amendments have been put to a vote. Where, however, the adoption of one amendment necessarily implies the rejection of another amendment, the latter amendment shall not be put to the vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be considered or voted upon.

12. Majority Required:

Decisions of the General Assembly meeting shall be made by a simple majority of the members present and voting, except on important questions, including recommendations regarding the maintenance of international peace and security, the suspension of the rights and privileges of membership, the expulsion of Members, and budgetary matters. This applies to both draft resolutions and amendments.

13. Method of voting:

The meeting shall normally vote by a show of hands or but any representative may request a roll-call vote. The roll-call will be taken in alphabetical order, and when called, the representative shall answer "Yes", "No" or "Abstention".

14. Conduct during voting:

After the Presiding Officer has announced the beginning of voting, no delegate shall interrupt the voting unless on a point of order in connection with the actual voting procedure. The Presiding Officer may permit members to explain their vote either before or after the voting. The time given for these explanations may be limited by the Presiding Officer.

15. Equally divided votes:

If a vote is equally divided on any matter, the Presiding Officer shall decide if a second vote shall be taken. If the second vote also results in an equally divided situation, the proposal shall be regarded as rejected.

Additional Note

The adherence to the conference handbook of the Thirteenth session of La Martiniere Model United Nations is mandatory for all delegates attending the conference. This handbook serves as the final and binding document in cases of disputes, concerns, and clarifications at all necessary places shall be given by referring to this handbook. The general rules and code of conduct shall be followed by all guests, invitees, as well as representatives from all organisations related to LMUN 2026.


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