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# 2022 General Orientation Webinar – all delegates

24 March 2022



**We acknowledge that we are meeting on Traditional Land of the First Nations, Treaty One Territory and the Homeland of the Métis.**

**We recognize that the clean water we are drinking in Winnipeg is sourced from the Shoal Lake 40 First Nation.**

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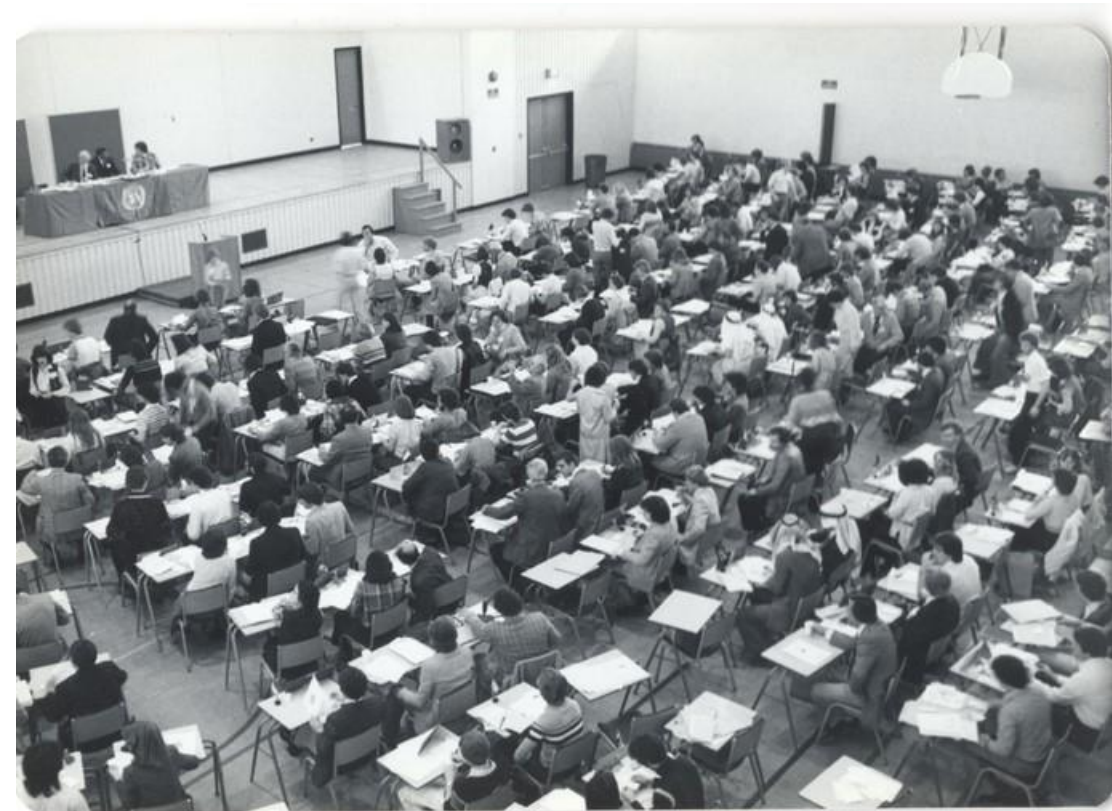
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
7.5 min	<b>Part I: History of the Winnipeg MUNA</b>
7.5 min	<b>Part II: Understanding the UN General Assembly</b>
40 min	<b>Part III: The MUNA Experience at a Glance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical Aspects of Participation</li><li>• Opening Plenary Session</li><li>• Initial Committee Meeting</li><li>• Informal Consultations</li><li>• Final Committee meeting</li><li>• Closing Plenary Session</li><li>• Rules of procedure and proper conduct</li></ul>
5 min	<b>Part IV: Questions</b>

# Part I: History of the Winnipeg MUNA

*“I believe participating in the Model UN was one of the formative experiences of my youth.”*

**Dr. Lloyd Axworthy,**  
Chair – World Refugee Council,  
Former Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs,  
Nobel Peace Prize Nominee,  
Graduate of first Winnipeg MUNA

**64 years simulating debate of  
global issues in the United Nations  
General Assembly**





**2019 Winnipeg MUNA**  
78 delegations from  
Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario,  
North Dakota, Minnesota



# 2021 Winnipeg Virtual MUNA

51 delegations from

Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario, British Columbia, North Dakota, Minnesota

The image shows a Zoom meeting grid with 51 delegations. The delegations are represented by video thumbnails with labels such as (S) Myanmar 2C, (S) Kazakhstan ..., Republic of Kore..., (S) Bhutan 2C, (S) Zimbabwe 2..., (S) Belize 2D, Rapporteur, Rus..., (S) Secretary, S..., Egypt (S)- 2A, Counselor Kama..., (S) Chairperson, ..., (S) Bangladesh 2..., S - Lesotho 1, Ethiopia 2A (S), (S) Paraguay 2D, South Africa 2 (...), (S) Syria 2A, Ecuador 2D, Facilitator, Spai..., S Chile- 2, and (NS) Brazil 2D. A large video player overlay is positioned in the center-right, featuring the United Nations logo and the text: "2021 Winnipeg Model United Nations Highlights", "www.winnipegmuna.ca", "Winnipeg Model United Nations Assembly", "63rd Plenary Session April 29-30, 2021", "Rotary Club of Winnipeg", and "MUNA Model United Nations Assembly". The video player also includes a "Watch on YouTube" button and a timestamp of "2021-04-30 09:07:26".

# Part II: Understanding the UN General Assembly

## Resolutions, Not Laws

- The UN Charter does not allow the General Assembly to enforce its decisions.
- **General Assembly (GA) ★ resolutions are not legally binding.** They are nothing more than recommendations (i.e., resolutions).



Wide view of the General Assembly Hall. UN Photo/Manuel Elias

# The Consensus Approach

- Experience has shown that the best way for resolutions to be implemented by the most Member States is for all to agree on the same text, ★
- This is called achieving a consensus
- When adopting resolutions by consensus, one needs to be concerned about the viewpoint of every country and engage in negotiations that often result in compromises so that different points of view are taken into consideration.
- This process is both inclusive and collaborative.



*“When the UN was created in 1945, there were only 51 Member States and resolutions were adopted [mostly] by a vote.*

*Today, in contrast, there are 193 Member States and roughly 80% of the General Assembly resolutions are adopted by consensus, that is, without taking a vote.”*



# Drafting Resolutions

- Most draft resolutions are initially written by a Member State or group of Member States.
- If there is more than one sponsor of a draft resolution, the resolution is introduced by the “**main sponsor**”



Seventieth session  
Agenda items 15 and 116

## Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 25 September 2015

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/70/L.1)]

### 70/1. Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

*The General Assembly*

*Adopts* the following outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda:

### Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

#### Preamble

This Agenda is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity. It also seeks to strengthen universal peace in larger freedom. We recognize that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development.

All countries and all stakeholders, acting in collaborative partnership, will implement this plan. We are resolved to free the human race from the tyranny of poverty and want and to heal and secure our planet. We are determined to take the bold and transformative steps which are urgently needed to shift the world on to a sustainable and resilient path. As we embark on this collective journey, we pledge that no one will be left behind.

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets which we are announcing today demonstrate the scale and ambition of this new universal Agenda. They seek to build on the Millennium Development Goals and complete what they did not achieve. They seek to realize the human rights of all and to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. They are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development: the

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## Part III: The MUNA Experience



[www.winnipegmuna.ca](http://www.winnipegmuna.ca)

- Visit the “How MUNA Operates” and “Preparing for MUNA” webpages
- View the MUNA 2021 Highlights Reel

# Technical Aspects of Virtual Participation



1. All participants must download the Zoom desktop client or Mobile phone app (*these are free downloads*).
  - You will NOT be able to access breakout rooms using the basic Zoom web client app.
  - It is advised that you participate using computer for the best experience.
  - Two weeks before MUNA you will receive an email with a Zoom meeting registration link. Each participant must click this link to receive your personal zoom meeting link.



2. All student delegates must have a Google account to access the MUNA Google Drive folders (*Google accounts are free and can be either a personal account or a school account*).
  - The MUNA Google Drive is where country statements and new serious and fund resolutions can be uploaded and downloaded
  - Account will also ensure you can co-edit draft resolution text and also view compiled resolutions

# Technical Aspects of Virtual Participation



1. Voting on amendments and resolutions during the 2022 MUNA will be done using Slido.com.

- This is a change from last year when the Zoom polling function was used.
- Access from **smartphone** by scanning the barcode provided with your camera.
- Or access by **opening a browser window** and typing 'slido.com' and then the access code provided.

slido



**How did you join today's Zoom meeting?**

ⓘ Start presenting to display the poll results on this slide.

slido



**What grade are you in?**

ⓘ Start presenting to display the poll results on this slide.

Day 1, Thursday (April 28) 2022		
Time	Agenda Item	Virtual Room
8:45 – 9:00am	<b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY VIRTUAL CHECK-IN</b>	Rm-General
9:00 – 9:35am	<b>OPENING CEREMONIES</b>	Rm-General
9:35 – 10:05am	<b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Opening Plenary Session</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. President Opens Assembly</li> <li>2. Minute of Silent Prayer or Meditation</li> <li>3. Statement by the Secretary-General</li> <li>4. Adoption of Conduct of Meeting and Agenda</li> <li>5. Opening Statements by Delegates (<i>3 countries randomly selected to deliver 1.5-minute statements each addressing the general theme of MUNA 2021</i>)</li> <li>6. Instructions for Committee Meetings</li> </ol>	Rm-General

View the MUNA Agenda at  
<https://winnipegmuna.ca/event-logistics>

- **Opening Statement by Delegates:** 1.5-minute speech addressing the MUNA 2022 theme of “Resilience, Preservation, and Deliberation” from your country’s perspective. ***See description on MUNA website.***
- **Right of Reply:** only granted if there is a remark made by a delegation that is clearly politically offensive to another delegation. Delegates wishing to request a ‘Right of Reply’ may do so by sending a ***personal chat message directly to the Secretary General.*** Start your text with the phrase “Right of Reply” followed by a brief explanation of the issue. The Secretary General will then notify the President of the General Assembly.

10:05-10:15am	<b>INITIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening Statement by Committee Chair and Introduction of the Committee Bureau</li> <li>2. Adoption of the Organization of Work</li> <li>3. Introduction of Resolution by Main Sponsor</li> <li>4. Adjournment of Committee Meetings</li> <li>5. Assignment of Sub-topics and Instructions to Groups</li> <li>6. Move to Breakout Rooms</li> </ol>	First Committee Rm-1 Second Committee Rm-2
10:15-10:30am	<b>Break</b>	

Each country team needs to know which breakout group they are part of in the informal consultations. Breakout groups are listed in the draft resolution documents. Groups are same in both Committees.

- **Group A:** G77 plus United Kingdom
- **Group B:** Alliance of Small Island States and ASEAN plus Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Israel
- **Group C:** JUSCANZ, EU and the Collective Security Treaty Organization
- **Group D:** Least Developed Countries plus Switzerland and Ukraine
- **Group E:** GRULAC

For each team, one student delegate participates in the drafting of Resolution #1 in the First Committee meeting while the other student participates in the drafting of Resolution #2 in the Second Committee meeting room.

#### **Resolution #1 (First Committee Meeting Room):**

A framework for regulating social networking companies regarding data storage, usage, transparency, and terms of use to safeguard democracy

#### **Resolution #2 (Second Committee Meeting Room):**

Building a post-Covid-19 circular world economy for mitigating and enhancing resilience to future climate change



10:15-10:30am	<b>Break</b>	
10:30-Noon	<b>INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS</b>  <b>Part 1: Breakout Group Discussions</b> 1. Drafting of Operative Paragraphs 2. Submittal of Operative Paragraphs to Committee Secretary	First Committee Rm-1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E  Second Committee Rm-2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E
Noon-1 pm	<b>Lunch Break</b> (Breakout Groups submit operative paragraphs to Committee Secretary no later than 12:30pm)	



# Informal Consultations

## *Breakout Groups to Draft Operative Paragraphs*

- **Task:** To develop up to two operative paragraphs for your group's sub-topic.
- **Allotted time:** 1 hour and 30 minutes (plus 30 minutes extra over lunch if needed)
- **Method:**
  - Two delegates pre-assigned as co-facilitators for your group to ensure everyone gets a chance to speak and to help reach consensus
  - Reach consensus on two paragraphs to recommend for your group's topic.



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# Anatomy of a Resolution

Syntax

2019  
**MUNA Resolution #1: Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East**

*The General Assembly,*

**Recalling** its resolutions 71/29 of 5 December 2016 and 72/24 of 4 December 2017 on the establishment of a nuclear weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East,

**Recalling** also its resolution S-10/2 of 30 June 1978 which outlines a Programme of Action to achieve the goal of general and complete disarmament,

**Emphasizing** the basic provisions of the above-mentioned resolutions, in which all parties declare solemnly that they will refrain, on a reciprocal basis, from producing, acquiring or in any other way possessing nuclear weapons and nuclear explosive devices and from permitting the stationing of nuclear weapons on their territory by any third party,

**Emphasizing also that** the peace negotiations in the Middle East should be of a comprehensive nature and represent an appropriate framework for the peaceful settlement of contentious issues in the region,

**Emphasizing further** the essential role of the United Nations in the establishment of a mutually verifiable nuclear-weapon-free zone,

**Reaffirming** the inalienable right of all States to acquire and develop nuclear energy,

1. **Directs** Member States directly concerned seriously to consider taking the practical and urgent steps required for the implementation of the proposal to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,
2. **Strongly encourages** Member States in the region to adhere to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,
3. **Calls upon** Member States in the region that have not yet done so, pending the establishment of the zone, to agree to place all their nuclear activities under International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards,
4. **Invites** Member States, pending the establishment of the zone, not to develop, produce, test or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or permit the stationing on their territories, or territories under their control, of nuclear weapons or nuclear explosive devices,
5. **Demands** the nuclear-weapon States and all other States to render their assistance in the establishment of the zone and at the same time to refrain from any action that runs counter to both the letter and the spirit of the present resolution,
6. **Urges** all parties to consider the appropriate means that may contribute towards the goal of general and complete disarmament in the region of the Middle East.

Title

Preambular  
Paragraphs

Operative  
Paragraphs



# Operative Sub-topics for Resolution #1

*A framework for regulating social networking companies regarding data storage, usage, transparency, and terms of use to safeguard democracy*

- **Group A:** Action related to international cooperation and Internet Governance
- **Group B:** Action related to addressing the rights of children and youth
- **Group C:** Action related to combating misinformation and safeguarding democracy
- **Group D:** Action related to creating a regulatory framework and designating future steps
- **Group E:** Action related to monitoring, reporting, and meetings

## Operative Sub-topics for Resolution #2

*Building a post-COVID-19 circular world economy for mitigating and enhancing resilience to future climate change*

- **Group A:** Action related to reducing waste and pollution
- **Group B:** Action related to responsible consumption and production
- **Group C:** Action related to regenerating nature
- **Group D:** Action related to finance and investment
- **Group E:** Action related to monitoring, reporting, and meetings

Noon-1 pm	<b>Lunch Break</b> (Breakout Groups submit operative paragraphs to Committee Secretary no later than 12:30pm)	
1:00-2:15pm	<b>INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS – Part 2: Line-by-line Review and Debate of Amendments</b> 1. Review of Compiled Draft Resolution and Identification of Sponsors and Non-sponsors 2. Line-by-Line Review and Debate of Amendments	First Committee Rm-1 Second Committee Rm-2
2:15-2:30pm	Break	
2:30-4:00pm	<b>INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS – Part 2: Line-by-line Review and Debate of Amendments Continued</b>	First Committee Rm-1 Second Committee Rm-2

# Informal Consultation – Part II

## *Line-by-Line Review and Debate of Amendments*



- Ten minutes to review full text
- Committee Vice-chair (facilitator) will ask which countries would like to be added to the list of **sponsors** for this resolution (this means you generally support it as currently worded).
- **Non-sponsors** will get a chance to suggest changes
- Sponsors can object to a change and explain why
- If needed on certain amendments, the vice-chair will create breakout rooms so the sponsors and non-sponsors can caucus
- Round 1: line-by-line review to track potential amendments in the text (and agree on the simple ones) [Committee Secretary tracks changes on screen]
- Round 2: Debate of amendments to negotiate and reach consensus on the complicated amendments

# Virtual Line by Line Review - 2021

The screenshot shows a Google Docs interface during a virtual review session. The document title is "COVID-19 Resolution 2021 final". The main text of the document includes:

countries that have led successful **[Israel specify: successful]** vaccine rollouts to be the advisors to the secretary general **[REP: led by the Secretary General with countries....]**. Member states are encouraged to increase their funding as they are able **[UK DEL: as they are able]** to organizations such as the International Monetary Fund (I.M.F). Member states are also urged to donate vaccines within their capabilities to COVAX. The distribution of funding and vaccines will be focused on developing countries **[Philippines REM: and vulnerable communities...]** and vulnerable communities such as women, children, racialized communities, disabled peoples, the elderly and low wage workers **[Indonesia REP: underprivileged families low-wage workers]; [USA ADD: vaccines that have been approved by a stringent regulatory body defined by the WHO]**

OP 8. *Urges* the member states, under the leadership of the Secretary General, to work with all relevant sectors in order to mobilize a coordinated response to the pandemic and align investments to ensure a sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in endangered sectors, in all nations.

On the right side of the document, a comment history sidebar shows several comments from "Victoria G":

- 3:11 PM Yes. Add: "[USA: elabora...]"
- 3:15 PM Yes. Format: bold, font
- 3:17 PM Yes. Add: "[Israel specify]"
- 3:21 PM Yes. Add: "[REP: led by the Secretary General with countries....]"
- 3:22 PM Yes. Add: "[UK DEL...]"

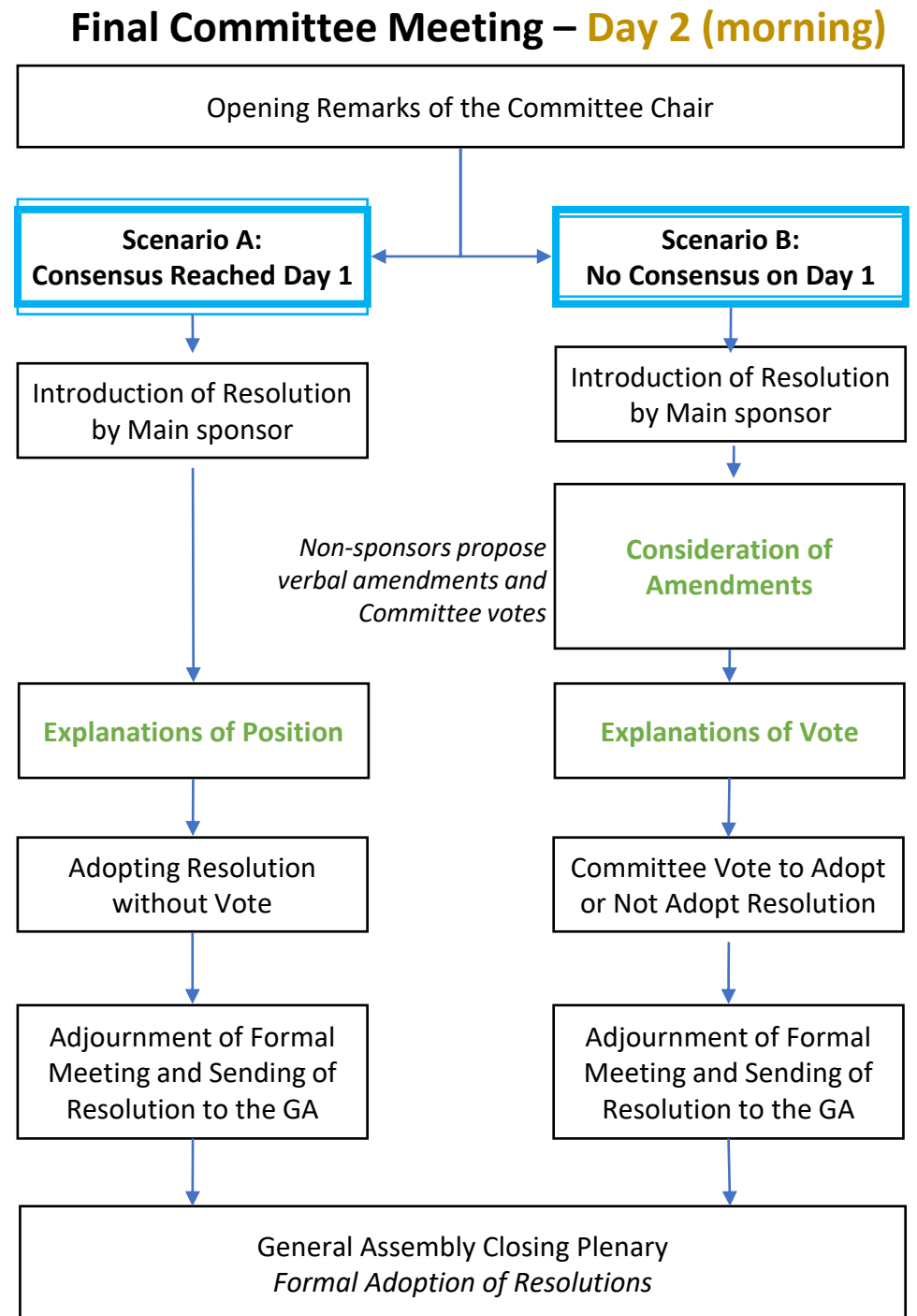
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Day 2, Friday (April 29) 2022		
Time	Agenda Item	Virtual Room
9:00-10:30am	<p>If needed, continue Line-by-line Review and Debate of Amendments from Day 1</p> <p><b>FINAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b></p> <p>1. <u>Taking Action</u> on Resolutions</p>	<p>First Committee Rm-1</p> <p>Second Committee Rm-2</p>
10:30-10:50am	Break	


# Final Committee Meetings to Take Action on Resolution

- Resolution #1 by First Committee
- Resolution #2 by Second Committee
- **Formal rules of procedure now apply.**
- Two possible scenarios for taking action, depending on if consensus is reached or not.



10:30-10:50am	Break	
10:50am-Noon	<b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Closing Plenary Session</b>  1. Call to Order by General Assembly President 2. Resolution #1: a. Rapporteur Final Report of the First Committee b. Explanation of Positions 3. Resolution #2: a. Rapporteur Final Report of the Second Committee b. Explanation of Position	Rm-General
Noon-1:00pm	<b>Lunch Break</b> (New resolutions must be uploaded by 12:30pm)	

- **Rapporteur's Report:** Summary of the debate (key areas of agreement and disagreement)
- **Explanation of Positions:** Those who did not get a chance to give their explanation of position in the Committee meeting, can do so here

Noon-1:00pm	<b>Lunch Break</b> (New resolutions must be uploaded by 12:30pm) 
1:00-1:45pm	<p><b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Closing Plenary Session – continued</b> Rm-General</p> <p><b>New Resolutions from the Floor (Serious)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. President Overview and Selection of Topics</li> <li>2. Introduction by Sponsor</li> <li>3. Debate of Topics</li> <li>4. Reply by Sponsor</li> <li>5. Poll</li> </ol>
1:45-2:00pm	Break
2:00-2:45pm	<p><b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Closing Plenary Session - continued</b> Rm-General</p> <p><b>New Resolutions from the Floor (Fun)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. President Overview and Selection of Topics</li> <li>2. Introduction by Sponsor</li> <li>3. Debate of Topics</li> <li>4. Reply by Sponsor</li> <li>5. Poll</li> </ol>

**Hints:**

- You need a co-sponsor(s) of your resolution topic
- For your topic to get selected, you'll not only need a good topic, but you'll need to build popularity for your topic during the two-day event using backchannels (bi-lateral chat messages)



# MUNA Leadership Training

*For students assigned specific MUNA leadership roles*

## **Part 1: Introduction to Roles**

- **Thursday, April 7th, 2022, noon to 1pm**

## **Part 2: Simulation Practice**

- **Wednesday, April 13th, 2022, noon to 1pm**

*Webinar Zoom links and Scripts to be emailed by April 1st*

# Understanding MUNA Rules of Procedure

- **Review the MUNA Rules of procedure in advance**
  - <https://winnipegmuna.ca/how-muna-operates/muna-rules/>
- **Speaking time limits**
  - Opening Plenary – 1.5 minute
  - For Committee meetings (as stipulated by the Chair or Vice-Chair)
  - Closing Plenary (3 minutes for Rapporteurs; as stated by President or Vice President for explanation of position)
- **Addressing the Assembly or Committee**
  - No one may intervene in the debate (i.e. speak so as to be heard by the conference) without having been given the floor by the Chair. Delegates must address their remarks to the President of the GA or Chair of a Committee, although everyone understands that what they say is meant for the whole conference.
  - Say “Mr. President/Chair” or “Madame President/Chair”. This should be used instead of “Honourable President” or “Honourable Chair” which are never used at the real the United Nations.
- **Right of Reply** (one minute) – only in response to an official statement that is clearly offensive.
- **Point of Order**– Delegate can raise a point of order if he/she believes the President or Chair is not following the Rules of Procedure.

# Rules of Proper Conduct at MUNA



- **All discussions between delegates must adhere to proper respectful conduct.** This applies to discussions during the formal MUNA sessions either in person or via Chat/messaging and during breaks and off-hours. Disrespectful, hurtful and hateful communication with your fellow student delegates or to CMU students, staff or guests is not tolerated at MUNA.
- Complaints should be directed to your counsellor, who will then direct it to the MUNA Organizing committee Chair via text message
- Under a zero-tolerance policy, a student found in breach of conduct will be removed from MUNA by the Organizing Committee.

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**Questions?**

