



Honorable delegates, faculty members, and friends:

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 40th annual Mid-South Model United Nations Conference. This would not be possible without the continued dedication and enthusiasm of you, our delegates, advisors, and parents. The entire staff has begun preparing to ensure all will receive the best possible experience during the conference. We encourage you to take full advantage of this opportunity and challenge yourself to go beyond your limitations. We eagerly look forward to the great debate that awaits us in March 2023.

The global landscape today requires strong collaboration between the many states and individual persons that make up the international system. You come to MSMUN to diplomatically solve the world's problems and to experience firsthand both the frustrations and benefits of collaboration. As a representative of your country, we encourage you to maximize your country's interests—network with other delegates, form blocs, and ensure that your country's interests are implemented into international policy. International relations is near and dear to our hearts here at the conference and we hope that our passion will pass on to delegates who come through the committee doors.

Beyond debate proceedings, we would like to encourage you all to speak with your respective chairs and co-chairs. MSMUN staff spans a huge range of sociolinguistic backgrounds, current research interests, and collegiate experiences. Our staff is a resource for you all to use and learn from. We strongly urge you to utilize the resources available to you and enjoy the 40th Mid South Model United Nations Conference.

Kind Regards,

Sabrina Wilhelm - Secretary General, Mid-South Model United Nations XL

Julia Seeds - Undersecretary General, Mid-South Model United Nations XL



Schedule of Conference Proceedings:

Saturday, March 25th 2023			
12:00-12:30		Conference Check-In	Hallway outside of Hardie Auditorium Southwestern Hall
12:30-1:00		Opening Ceremony	Hardie Auditorium Southwestern Hall
1:00-3:30		Session I	Assigned Committee Rooms *10 minute break via chair's discretion
3:30-6:00		Crisis Session I	Assigned Committee Rooms *10 minute break via chair's discretion
6:00-7:00		Dinner	The Refectory
7:00-8:30		Delegate Mixer	BCLC Ballroom
Sunday, March 26th 2023			
9:00-11:00		Session II	Assigned Committee Rooms *10 minute break via chair's discretion
11:00-1:00		Crisis Session II	Southwestern Second Floor *10 minute break via chair's discretion



1:00-2:00		Awards & Closing Ceremony	Hardie Auditorium Southwestern Hall
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Finalized room assignments will be provided at Conference Check-In



Committee Topic Information

Fictional 1	Lord of the Flies American Civil War II
Fictional 2	World War China/Taiwan The Hunger Games
UNHCR 1	Healthcare and Protection of LGBTQ+ People Displacement in Colombia
UNHCR 2	Chinese Internment Camps/Uyghur Muslims Refugee Crisis in Asia
Historical	DNC 1968 Cuban Missile Crisis
DISEC	Russia/Ukraine Conflict Data (ethics) Collection
ECOFIN	Energy Crisis in Europe Hyperinflation in Europe
CND	Transnational Cartels Rainbow Fentanyl in South America



Awards & Policies

AWARDS

The Rhodes College Model United Nations Conference has established criteria for evaluating delegate performance. Each element is equally important to the overall awards determination process.

AREAS OF EVALUATION:

- Remaining in character: defined as advocating your assigned country's position in a manner consistent with economic, social, and geopolitical constraints.
- Participating in committee: delegates are evaluated both during formal sessions and caucusing for their ability to work with other delegates diplomatically.
- Proper use of the rules of procedure: MSMUN will use the rules of procedure to facilitate effective workings of committee and debate. Delegates are expected to know and understand the rules and use them effectively.

AWARDS GIVEN:

- Each committee will grant one outstanding delegate, one best delegate, and one honorable mention award. Delegates are not required to send in a position paper in order to be eligible for in-committee awards.
- Each committee will also grant one best position paper and one honorable mention award.
- At the end of the conference one best overall delegation will be named based on a weighted average of awards received throughout the conference.



Conference Expectations

DRESS CODE:

All clothing must adhere to guidelines that display professionalism and modesty.

- Standard delegate attire for the conference is Western business attire. This includes business jackets, slacks or skirts, dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes.
- Shorts, ball caps, jeans, sneakers, and sunglasses are considered too casual, as are clothes that expose excessive bare skin or are otherwise revealing or inappropriate.
- It is not appropriate for delegates to display any national symbols such as flags, pins, crests, etc. on their person during individual sessions. UN symbols are acceptable, however.
- Cultural dress is only permitted for international delegates in whose native countries “professional business dress” includes traditional cultural dress.

DELEGATES

While participating in MSMUN, delegates have a responsibility to always maintain the highest level of professionalism and diplomacy. Conference staff, faculty, and fellow delegates should always be treated with the highest level of courtesy and respect. Professionalism in speech, actions, and appearance is a requirement of this conference, and necessary to its educational mission.

The following behavior is expected of delegates during debate:

- Laptop use is permitted by the chair’s discretion in each committee, but never during voting procedure.
- Please make sure your cell phones are on silent and put away during committee.
- Be punctual. Arrive in the committee room on time, every time.
- Please refrain from talking during the formal debate unless recognized by the chair. We recommend that you pass notes to communicate with other delegates.
- Delegates are encouraged to write resolutions during unmoderated caucuses. However, please refrain from working on any resolutions during formal debate and during recesses.



- Before speaking, please stand and state your name and country; this assists not only your chair, but your fellow delegates.
- Do not use first person voice such as “I” or “me” or your own name while speaking in session and/or referring to other delegates and the committee chair and co- chair. Instead, use third person– e.g., “We believe...,” “Our [country name] has....,” “The delegate from...wishes to...”

FACULTY

The role of the faculty advisor is to make all efforts to see that their students maintain a positive and professional approach to the conference. The educational quality of the conference is primarily dependent on all delegates’ active and professional participation. Faculty can ensure this by monitoring their student’s attendance at committee meetings, and helping them in understanding the skills of diplomacy as practiced at the Mid-South Model UN Conference. Please remember that while faculty members are encouraged to observe their students from the back of committee rooms, participation in the committee process must be left to the student delegates and the conference staff.

Faculty members are expected to:

- Encourage and foster positive debate and participation among delegates
- Attend and participate in faculty meetings, should they be called
- Remind their delegates of the educational purpose of the simulation and that awards should not be a delegation’s main emphasis.



Parliamentary Procedure in Short Form

Motion	Purpose	Debate	Vote	Explanation
Point of Order	Correct the error of the chair	None	None	
Point of Parliamentary Inquiry	Ask a question regarding procedure	None	None	
Point of Information	Factual Question Directed at the Chair	None	None	Cannot be a Leading Question
Appeal the Chair	Challenging a decision of the chair	None	Majority	
Recess of the Meeting	Break	None	Majority	Must Specify when the meeting will reconvene
Adjournment of the Meeting	End the Meeting	None	Majority	Used only to close the final session
Adjournment of Debate	End Debate without a Substantive Debate	2 Con; 2 Pro	2/3	Ends All Discussion on Current Topic
Closure of Debate	Vote on All Draft Resolutions; move to immediate vote	2 Con; 2 Pro	2/3	Ends All Discussion on Current Topic
Roll Call Vote	Vote by Roll Call, rather than by show of Placards	None	None	
Vote by Voice Acclamation	Vote by Voice acclamation, rather than show of placards	None	Majority	
Reconsideration	Re-Open Debate on an issue	2 Con; 2 Pro	2/3	
Close the Speaker's List	No additional speakers added to speakers' list on topic; reopening speakers list allows speaker to be added on the list again	None	Majority	
Adoption of the Agenda	Approval of Topic Debate Order	None	Majority	



Drafting Resolutions

Draft resolutions are written in a standard format. Each draft resolution should be written as a single sentence, with commas and semicolons separating the various parts (see “Sample Resolution”). It is expected that all delegations will observe the following outline when preparing their draft resolutions.

THE HEADING:

The heading at the top of the resolution is very important as it is used to facilitate the work of the Chair in processing the draft resolution. The Header includes the subject of the resolution (agenda topic), the name of the body to which it will be presented and the name or names of sponsoring countries.

THE TEXT:

PREAMBULATORY CLAUSES: This part of the resolution is designed to explain the purpose of the draft and to state the primary reasons for support of the operative clauses which follow. The perambulatory clauses often refer to earlier UN resolutions, appropriate articles of the UN charter, or other UN actions. It begins with the name of the body to which the resolution is being submitted in all caps. The preamble may not be amended.

PREAMBULATORY PHRASES:



Affirming	Deeply Regretting	Further Deploring	Realizing
Alarmed By	Disturbed	Guided by	Reaffirming
Approving	Deeply///	Having Adopted	Recognizing
Aware Of	Desiring	Having Considered	Seeking
Believing	Emphasizing	Having ...	Taking into Consideration
Bearing In Mind	Expecting	Keeping in Mind	Viewing with Appreciation
Convinced	Fulfilling	Noting with Regret	Welcoming
Confident	Fully Aware	Noting with ...	
Declaring	Fully ...	Observing	

OPERATIVE CLAUSES: The numbered operative clauses take the form of recommendations for actions or a statement of opinions concerning the situation. Operative clauses are the statement of policy in a resolution. The draft may request action by the UN members, Secretariat, or other UN bodies. The operative clauses begin with a verb to denote an action and each clause usually addresses no more than one specific aspect of the action to be taken. Operative clauses may be amended.

OPERATIVE PHRASES:



Accepts	Confirms	Emphasizes	Further ...
Affirms	Considers	Encourages	Notes
Approves	Declares	Endorses	Proclaims
Calls Upon	Deplores	Expresses Appreciation	Reaffirms
Condemns	Draws the Attention	Express ...	Reminds
Congratulates	Designates	Further Invites	Urges

Resolution Example



TITLE

Sponsors: COUNTRIES

Signatories:

To the Security Council,

Recalling all previous resolutions concerning the matter of disarmament, specifically Resolution 1284 (1999),

Bearing in mind the absence of United Nations weapons inspectors from Iraq since 1998 when they were prevented from operating freely and carrying out their work within the country,

Emphasizing the need for the immediate resumption of weapons inspections in Iraq without obstacle, delay, or conditions as a means of combating the risk of proliferation,

Having received a letter from Dr. Naji Sabri, Iraqi Minister of Foreign Affairs, declaring the Iraqi government's renewed commitment to compliance with the relevant Security Council resolutions by allowing for the return of the United Nations weapons inspectors to Iraq without conditions,

We, the Delegations of [above]:

- I. Reaffirms the provisions of all relevant resolutions adopted by the Security Council mandating the responsibilities of United Nations weapons inspections;
- II. Calls upon the country or Iraq to fulfill its renewed commitment to the return of United Nations weapons inspectors without conditions;
- III. Emphasizes the need for permanent Iraqi disarmament in accordance with previously adopted Security Council and in accordance with the timeline and 17 practical arrangements required for inspection and monitoring as agreed upon at the talks between UNMOVIC and the Iraqi government in Vienna on September 30;



- III. Expresses our hope that the Iraqi will indeed fulfill its commitment to the return of United Nations weapons inspectors as a means of fulfilling the requisites of all relevant Security Council resolutions and of subsequently fulfilling its role in the sphere of disarmament;
- IV. Reaffirms the right of the Security Council to draw the appropriate conclusions and to review all possible options in the event that United Nations weapons inspectors are prevented from carrying out their work as mandated by previously adopted Security Council resolutions.

