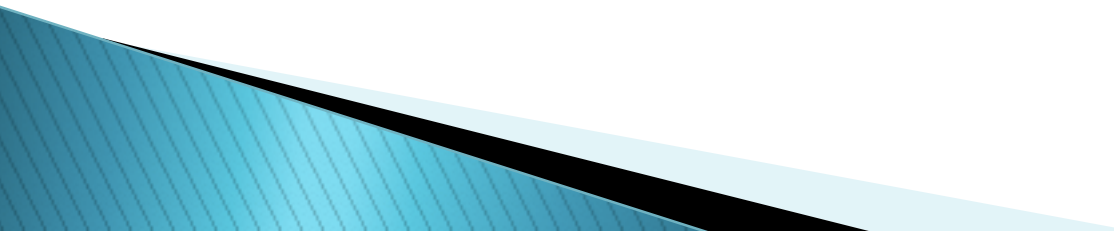


MUN: The Basics

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MUN Committees

- ▶ The UN is organized into six main bodies:
 - General Assembly
 - Economic and Social Council
 - International Court of Justice
 - Security Council
 - Trusteeship Council
 - Secretariat



MUN Committees

- ▶ Most MUN committees are subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the ICJ, and the Security Council.
- ▶ Topic areas vary by committee.
- ▶ Committees draft resolutions to address international issues.



Committee	Topic
General Assembly Regional Committee	UN Conference on Sustainable Development
General Assembly First Committee (Disarmament and International Security)	Towards a Global Arms Trade Treaty
Human Rights Council	Elimination of Racism, Racial Discrimination & Xenophobia
International Monetary Fund	External Debt Sustainability and Development
UN Women	Women, Peace & Security
UN Environmental Program	Responsible Fisheries
UN Children's Fund	Protection of Children from Violence, Exploitation and Abuse
Security Council	Israel/Palestine

Country representation

- ▶ Before the conference, each delegate will be assigned a country
- ▶ Delegates must negotiate, debate, and form resolutions based on the views of the country they are representing.
 - Ex. If the topic is nuclear armament in North Korea, and you are representing China, you would try and dissuade Western nations from foreign intervention.



Goal of an MUN committee:

- ▶ Delegates will debate the topic with the goal of forming resolution groups, drafting a resolution, and passing that resolution.

Debate

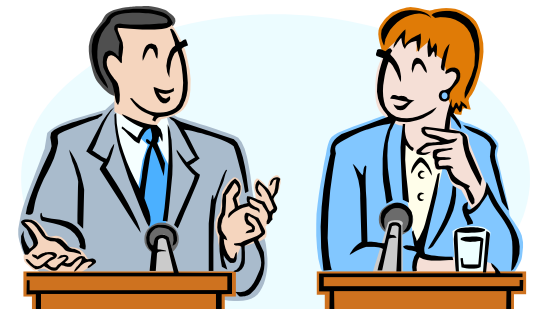
- ▶ Debate is facilitated through general speeches, comments, and moderated and unmoderated caucuses.
- ▶ General Speeches:
 - Your chance to tell the committee about your country's policy on the issue.
 - Usually the speaking order is established at the start of committee (alphabetical, round robin, etc.)
 - Speaking times can vary by committee
 - You will not be forced to give a general speech; passing is an option.



Debate continued..

▶ Comments:

- The dais will typically entertain two comments after each speech.
 - Comments can range from 30 seconds – 1 minute long, depending on the time limit set by the committee
 - When giving a comment, you can express support or disagreement towards the speech
 - Be polite!



Caucusing

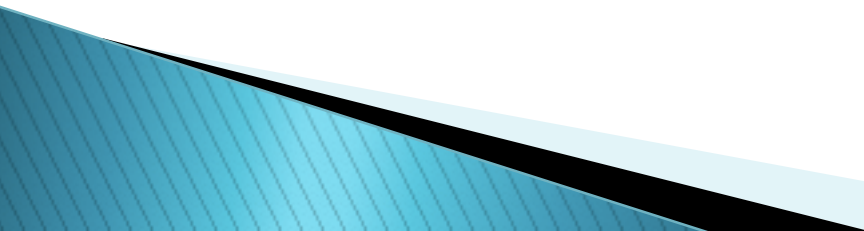
- ▶ In between speeches and after an action is completed in committee, a delegate can motion for a moderated or unmoderated caucus with a set time limit.
- ▶ Moderated caucus:
 - The chair allows delegates to make short remarks without the use of a speakers list.
 - Moderated caucuses typically last 10–20 minutes with speaking times of around 45 seconds.

Caucusing continued..

- ▶ Unmoderated caucus:
 - A period in which delegates will engage in informal discussions.
 - Delegates will walk around the room and discuss possible solutions based on country policy.
 - It is during unmoderated caucuses that delegates will form resolution groups.



Resolutions

- ▶ Remember: the goal of delegates in an MUN committee is to draft and pass a resolution that helps solve the issue
 - ▶ As delegates engage in speeches, comments, and caucusing, you'll be trying to identify nations that might be willing to work with you on drafting a resolution.
 - ▶ After ample discussion, groups of delegates with similar goals will begin to draft a resolution.
 - ▶ All resolutions must have several sponsors (those who have contributed ideas to the resolution) and signatories (those who would like to see the resolution formally debated).
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Resolutions

- ▶ Resolutions consist of:
 - Preambulatory clauses
 - Short clauses that state the goals and principles of the resolution
 - Ex. Recognizing that child soldier recruitment is affront to human rights.
 - Operative clauses
 - Tell the reader what actions the committee should take to solve the problem
 - Ex. Encourages member nations to develop resocialization programs for former child soldiers.



SAMPLE RESOLUTION

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

Topic: “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,

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,

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;
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;
5. Stresses the continuing need for impartial and objective information on the political, economic and social situations and events of all countries.

Voting

- ▶ After resolutions have been drafted, the committee will discuss and vote on each resolution individually.
 - Delegates will have the chance to offer amendments to each resolution before the voting period.
- ▶ Resolutions require a simple majority (50% + 1) to pass



What is BruinMUN?

- ▶ BruinMUN is our annual high-school conference.
 - Every year, we draw around 1,300 delegates from all over the US and from around the world.
- ▶ BruinMUN 2011 is a two-day conference featuring a host of innovative and interesting committees, including the Security Council, the Counter-Terrorism Committee, the World Health Organization, and many, many more!
 - This year, it is taking place on November 12th and 13th
- ▶ For more info, check out <http://www.bruinmun.org/>