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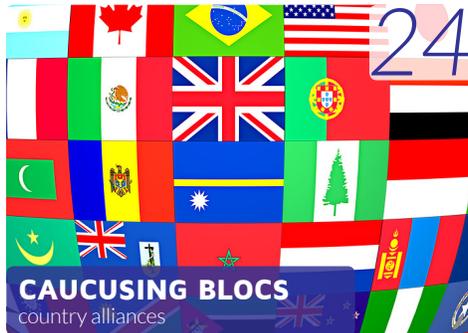
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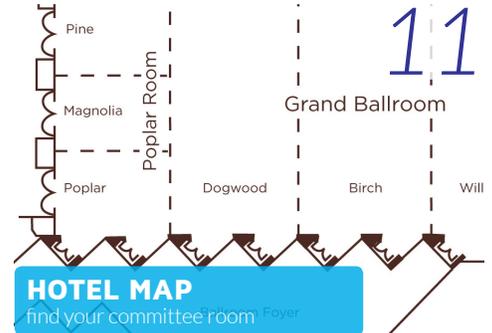
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THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH

11:00a - 4:00p	Registration
12:00p - 4:00p	Delegate Preparation Seminars
>> 12:00p - 12:45p	Learning to Caucus Effectively
>> 1:00p - 1:45p	Resolution Writing
>> 2:00p - 2:45p	Rules of Procedure
>> 3:00p - 3:45p	Delegate Orientation
5:00p - 6:00p	Opening Ceremonies
6:00p - 7:30p	Faculty Reception
7:00p - 10:00p	Conference Services
7:00p - 10:00p	Committee Session 1 - Groups A and B
10:00p	Chair & Rapporteur Selection
10:15p	Head Delegates' Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH

7:00a - 8:30a	Chair & Rapporteur Training
8:00a - 10:30p	Conference Services
2:00p - 3:00p	Faculty Roundtable Session
10:45p	Head Delegates' Meeting

GROUP A

8:30a - 12:00p	Committee Session 2
12:00p - 1:30p	Lunch Break
1:30p - 5:00p	Committee Session 3
5:00p - 7:00p	Dinner Break
7:00p - 10:00p	Committee Session 4

GROUP B

9:00a - 12:30p	Committee Session 2
12:30p - 2:00p	Lunch Break
2:00p - 5:00p	Committee Session 3
5:00p - 7:00p	Dinner Break
7:00p - 10:30p	Committee Session 4

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

8:00a - 4:30p	Conference Services
10:00a - 11:00a	Faculty Meeting
5:30p - 6:30p	Closing Ceremonies

GROUP A

9:00a - 12:00p	Committee Session 5
12:00p - 1:30p	Lunch Break
1:30p - 5:00p	Committee Session 6

GROUP B

8:30a - 11:30a	Committee Session 5
11:30a - 1:00p	Lunch Break
1:00p - 4:30p	Committee Session 6

COMMITTEE GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

GROUP A

General Assembly Plenary (GA Plen)
African Development Bank (AFDB)
Security Council (SC)
International Criminal Court (ICC)

GROUP B

International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)
League of Arab States - Heads of State Council (HOS)
United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)

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WELCOME

FROM THE SRMUN SECRETARY-GENERAL

It is my honor to welcome you all to SRMUN Charlotte 2015. The SRMUN brand has existed for 25 years and as we celebrate our silver anniversary; we are excited for this year's conference. A group of amazing individuals have spent the last year preparing for this year's conference at the Omni Hotel in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Over the years, SRMUN has created a stage for colleges and universities from all over to meet and debate pressing matters in regards to international relations and global issues. This year is no different with our theme "Preserving Fundamental Human Rights: Our Responsibility to Protect."

In an attempt to respond to the aftermath of the catastrophes, which occurred in the early 1990s in Rwanda and the Balkans, then Secretary-General Kofi Annan, supported the creation of a plan that would allow the international community to respond to the human rights violations, which occurred within these regions. In the 2000 Millennium Report, Annan posed a question to the international community which addressed a valid concern: how can we, as an international community, determine an appropriate time to intervene in Human Rights violations without violating the sovereignty of an accused Member State.



Punit Patel

SRMUN Secretary-General

Over a decade later, the question still remains and many are still without basic human necessities. In the words of former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson; "We must understand the role of human rights as empowering of individuals and communities. By protecting these rights, we can help prevent the many conflicts based on poverty, discrimination and exclusion (social, economic and political) that continue to plague humanity and destroy decades of development efforts. The vicious circle of human rights violations that lead to conflicts-which in turn lead to more violations-must be broken. I believe we can break it only by ensuring respect for all human rights."

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, I welcome you to SRMUN Charlotte 2015!

Sincerely,

Punit Patel
Secretary-General
SRMUN Charlotte 2015

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Victoria Orero

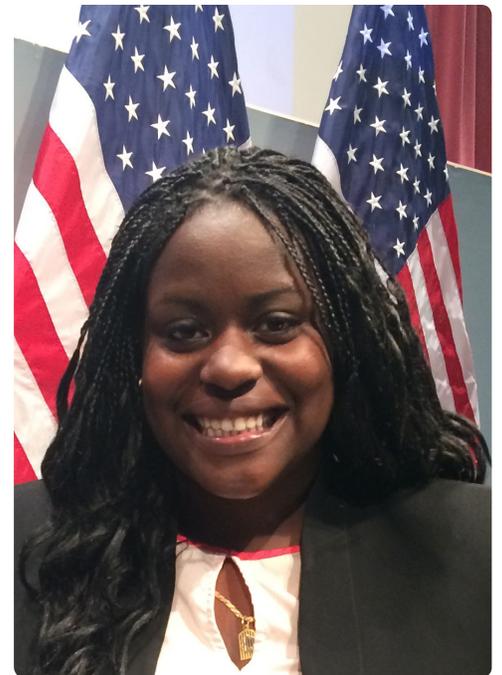
**Foreign Affairs Officer, Officer to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons
U.S. Department of State**

Victoria Orero is a Foreign Affairs Officer, in the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons at the U.S. Department of State. She joined the Federal Government as a Presidential Management Fellow, Class of 2013. In her current position, she researches and analyzes human trafficking conditions around the world and encourages efforts to prosecute trafficking crimes, identify and protect victims, and prevent trafficking crimes from occurring. She serves as a subject matter expert for a select group of countries (12 in Africa, and six in the Middle East).

Victoria graduated from the University at Buffalo, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Legal Studies and

Sociology. She also earned her Juris Doctorate from the Florida A&M College of Law. She is a licensed attorney in the state of Florida. Victoria was involved in various student organizations and dedicated a significant amount of time at both institutions by volunteering her time with local organizations to better her community.

As President of the International Law Student Association, she represented her university at the annual American Society for International Law conference in Washington, D.C. in which the mission is to foster the study of international law and to promote the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and



justice. Victoria has a diverse background as she was born in Nairobi, Kenya and has lived in numerous countries including England, Canada, and the U.S.

FACULTY RECEPTION

Thursday April 9th, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Immediately following opening ceremonies, faculty members are invited to a reception by the SRMUN Board of Directors. The event will be held at the Vida Mexican Cantina located in the EpiCentre.

Advisors may take the escalators down from the grand ballroom foyer and make a left towards the skybridge which connects the hotel directly with the EpiCentre. Once over the bridge, take the stairs to the left, head down one flight and then walk to the corner of East Trade Street. On the right is Vida Mexican Cantina and please proceed to the second floor.

The History of:

Southern Regional Model United Nations

Inaugurated in 1990 in Greenville, SC with the intention of being an exemplary learning experience for undergraduate college students pursuing issues of international concern.

The first conference attracted delegations from 10 schools and a total of about 100 student participants. SRMUN's first Secretary General, Julie Pauling, was instrumental in organizing the conference. As a student member of the Board of Directors of the National Model United Nations (NMUN) organization during 1990 - 1992, she was convinced that establishing a regional "spin-off" would achieve two useful goals: first, schools that sent delegations to the spring NMUN conference would be able to gain some experience at a fall conference that would be smaller and less overwhelming to newer participants and, second, schools in the southeastern part of the country financially unable to send delegations to NMUN would still have an opportunity to benefit from a Model United Nations experience.

The conference site was moved to Atlanta in 1991 in order to have a location that was more central and an area that was more attractive to interested schools. The tactic worked successfully in very little time. Around 20 schools and 250 students participated in the second annual conference. Conference participation over the next several years gradually increased to over 400. As SRMUN entered its second decade of activity in 2000, delegate numbers exceeded 500 participants from approximately three dozen campuses. Most of the schools involved in SRMUN are located in the southeastern United States, but several colleges from outside the region also furnish delegations. It is particularly gratifying to observe the same schools returning year after year. In addition, each year's conference sees delegations appear from schools sending students for the first time. A significant number of schools are also able to provide more than one delegation. Thus, the number of countries represented at recent conferences runs typically well over 80.

During its early years (1990 - 1993) the administration of the SRMUN conference was the responsibility of NMUN's Board of Directors. The NMUN Board was generous with its financial support to get SRMUN off the ground. It did

not have its own independent Board until 1993. In addition, NMUN advanced the funding to SRMUN that was required to establish the conference in the amount of a \$10,000 loan. The rapid growth of the newly created conference enabled SRMUN to pay off the loan by 1995. By that time, SRMUN's independent Board of Directors was fully established and became the ultimate authority for the conference's professionalism. SRMUN at this point became a fully sovereign conference independent of and separate from NMUN and equipped with its own governing structure.

The structure of SRMUN over the years has revealed remarkable resiliency in terms of how it dealt with what could only be referred to as growing pains. Atlanta was universally accepted as a natural physical location for the conference. It did become necessary to change hotel conference sites on a few occasions. However, as the conference grew in the number of attendees, first tier hotels developed substantial interest in hosting the event. From its inception, SRMUN has been held during the last half of November, normally the week before the Thanksgiving holiday. This schedule enables delegates the greater part of the fall semester to prepare for the conference and also allow them to enjoy a brief recess before the final examination season commences. The conference itself traditionally runs from late Thursday afternoon to Saturday evening.

In recent years, SRMUN attendees made it clear that a real need for a Spring conference was evident. After researching possible locations in the southeast, the Board of Directors voted to host the first annual SRMUN Spring conference in Charlotte, North Carolina which was held in April 2013. SRMUN is a successful conference because of the loyalty and professionalism of its staff, delegates, faculty advisors, and supporters. There is no doubt that the original intention of the founders to make SRMUN a memorable learning experience has been and continues to be fulfilled. The participants are always eager, energetic, and devoted to their task.



COMMITTEES AND TOPICS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY

I: Communicable Diseases: Countering the Threat of the Ebola Virus Disease

II: Enhancing Water Quality Management and Sustainability

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION

I: Developing an International Response to Thwart Cybercrime

II: Combating Transnational Firearms Trafficking

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

I: Addressing the Youth Employment Challenge

II: Strengthening Intra-African Trade through Investment and Infrastructure Development

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL***

I: Improving Self-Determination Amidst Religious and Inter-Sectarian Tensions

II: Deterring Human Rights Violations in Post-Conflict Zones

LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES – HEADS OF STATE COUNCIL

I. A Unified Front: Preventing the Rise of Terrorist Organizations

II. Addressing the Syrian Refugee Crisis

SECURITY COUNCIL*

Open Agenda

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT**

Case I. Situation in Darfur: The Prosecutor v. Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al Rahaman (Ali Kushayb)

Case II. Situation in the Republic of the Ivory Coast: The Prosecutor v. Simone Gbagbo

*SC is a Single Delegate Committee.

**ICC Delegates were selected by Special Application by the Conference Secretariat.

***UNHRC is a report writing committee.

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	Assistant Director	Gregory Raynor
African Development Bank	Director	J.B. Desselle
	Assistant Director	Keith Brannum
United Nations Human Rights Council	Director	Isabelle Lara
	Assistant Director	Desiree Kennedy
League of Arab States - Heads of State Council	Director	Samantha O'Brien
	Assistant Director	Erika Davidson
Security Council	Director	Alexandra Fortes
	Assistant Director	Allie Molinari
International Criminal Court	Director	Tiffany Soma
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SRMUN is sponsored by an educational non-profit corporation, the Southern Regional Model United Nations, Inc. The Board of Directors for SRMUN, Inc. is comprised of a seven-member panel (four students and three faculty advisors) who are responsible for the overall state of the conference from year to year. Board members are responsible for meeting three or more times a year to conduct conference business. The Board has one-year and two-year student positions that are elected by the head delegates at the Fall Atlanta Conference and the Spring Charlotte Conference. Any student who has attended SRMUN for a minimum of two years is eligible to run for a student Board position. There are two faculty positions with staggered two-year

terms. The faculty members attending SRMUN elect one faculty position during their meeting at the two conferences. The faculty member should be a person planning to attend the SRMUN conferences during the next two years.

Each year, the Board will appoint people to Ex-Officio positions that serve in an advisory capacity without voting powers. Finally, there are several hired positions that manage various corporate affairs for SRMUN; members holding these positions do not have voting rights.

COMMITTEE ROOMS

General Assembly Plenary (GA Plen)	Birch
International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)	Dogwood
African Development Bank (AFDB)	Pomodoro - Salon A
United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)	Willow
League of Arab States - Heads of State Council	Pine/Magnolia
Security Council (SC)	Oak
International Criminal Court (ICC)	Pomodoro - Salon B
Delegate Caucusing Area	Cypress
Conference Services	Juniper
Delegate Preparation Seminars	Birch/Dogwood
Opening/Closing Ceremonies	Grand Ballroom
Head Delegates' Meeting	Birch
Chair/Rapp Selection & Training	Pomodoro - Salon A
Faculty Meetings	Poplar
Faculty Reception	Vida Cantina - Epicentre
Home Government	Grand Ballroom Foyer

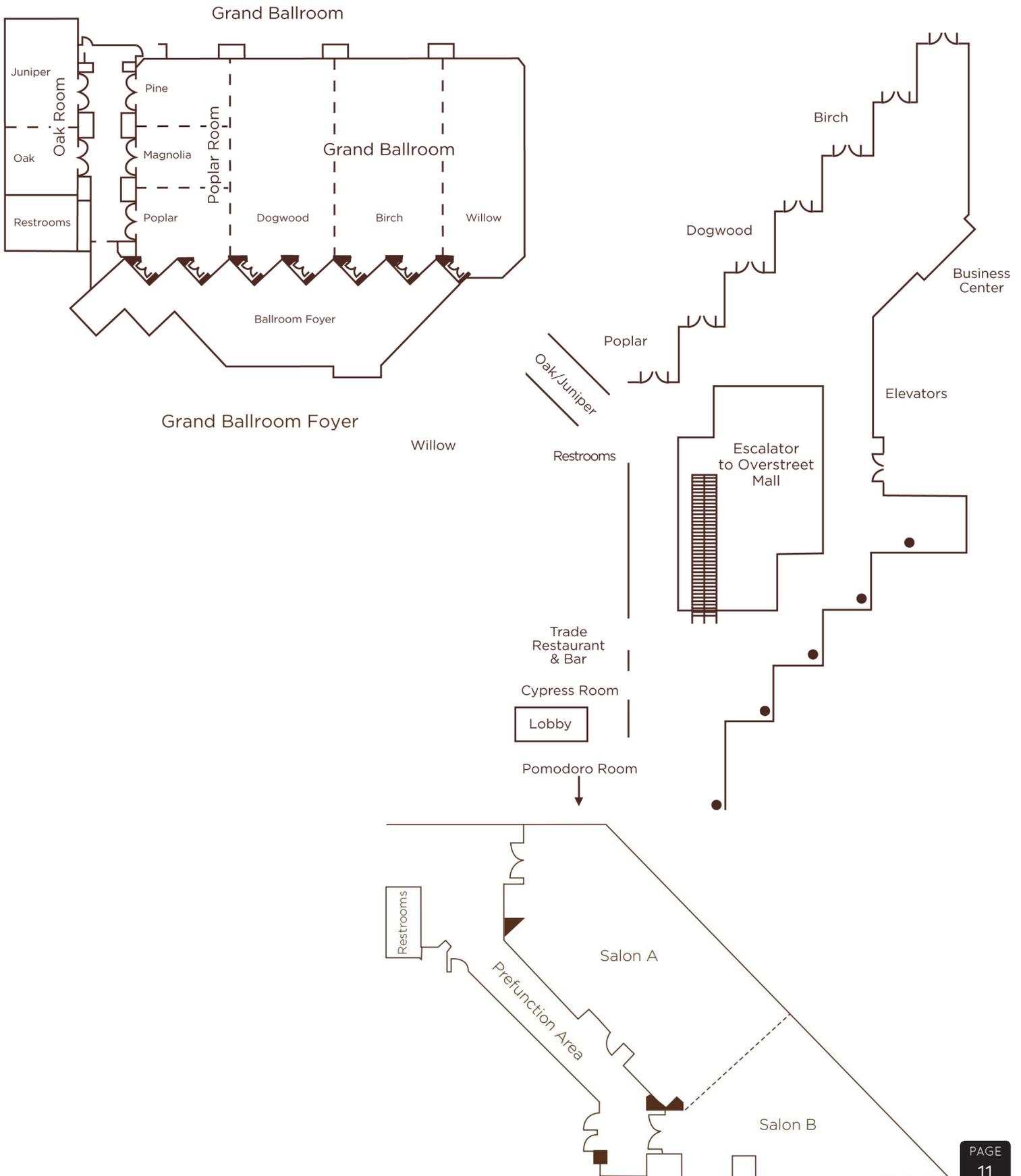
BRAGGING RIGHTS?

You just attended SRMUN Charlotte and all you got was this Delegate Resource Guide? Fear not, we are hard at work creating the official SRMUN Charlotte 2015 Outcome Document! What does this do for you? Well, glad you asked. The outcome document will provide you, your delegation, and your school with a synopsis of the work done at SRMUN Charlotte 2015; highlighting the hard work, success, and all completed resolutions.

Check back to our website in May to download the Outcome Document and brag on!



HOTEL MAP



INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT ASSIGNMENTS

For the first time in SRMUN history, the International Criminal Court (ICC) is being simulated. The delegates listed below submitted special applications which were then reviewed by the SRMUN secretariat and then ultimately selected to be a part of this unique and challenging committee. Based on their assignment, the eight delegates were then required to submit indictments, legal briefs, evidence and witness questions prior to coming as part of their research. The ICC will be held in Salon B of the Pomodoro Room and everyone is encouraged to sit in and watch these delegates continue their hard work. The Director of the Court is Tiffany Soma and the Assistant Director is Kayla Bello.

Case I: Situation in Darfur: The Prosecutor v. Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al Rahaman (Ali Kushayb)

- Prosecutor - Victoria Suri-Beltran - Flagler College
- Defense Counsel - Ojashwi Pathak - Wesleyan College
- Victim's Advocate - Megan Hennings - University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- Judge - Sarah Bouchabchoub - University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- Judge - Demetrius Edwards - University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- Judge - Karen Paiz - Shepherd University
- Judge - Jessica Stemple - College of Dupage
- Judge - Sara Karimipour-Saryazdi - University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Case II: Situation in the Republic of the Ivory Coast: The Prosecutor v. Simone Gbagbo

- Prosecutor - Karen Paiz - Shepherd University
- Defense Counsel - Jessica Stemple - College of Dupage
- Victim's Advocate - Sara Karimipour-Saryazdi - University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- Judge - Sarah Bouchabchoub - University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- Judge - Demetrius Edwards - University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- Judge - Megan Hennings - University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- Judge - Victoria Suri-Beltran - Flagler College
- Judge - Ojashwi Pathak - Wesleyan College

Come Join Us Next Year!
SRMUN CHARLOTTE 2016
March 31 - April 2, 2016

Omni Charlotte Hotel
Registration opens October 1, 2015
www.srmun.org

Staff Applications are due Saturday, April 11, 2015



COUNTRY ASSIGNMENTS

COUNTRY SCHOOL

Algeria	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Argentina	Western Carolina University
Australia	Central Piedmont Community College
Austria	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Bahrain	Indian River State College
Botswana	Shepherd University
Brazil	University of North Alabama
Canada	Santa Fe College
Chad	North Carolina State University
Chile	Gulf Coast State College
China	State College of Florida
Colombia	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Congo	College of Central Florida
Costa Rica	Broward College
Czech Republic	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Egypt	Marian University
Estonia	Methodist University
Ethiopia	Alcorn State University
France	Nova Southeastern University
Germany	Valencia College
India	Flagler College
Indonesia	Western Carolina University
Israel	Phoenix College
Italy	Wesleyan College
Japan	University of Texas - Tyler
Jordan	Gardner-Webb University
Kazakhstan	University of North Alabama
Kenya	Duquesne University
Kuwait	Western Carolina University
Lebanon	Central Piedmont Community College
Libya	University of Tennessee - Knoxville
Lithuania	Wesleyan College
Luxembourg	Methodist University

COUNTRY SCHOOL

Morocco	College of DuPage
Namibia	Gardner-Webb University
Netherlands	Methodist University
Nigeria	Guilford Technical Community College
Oman	Radford University
Pakistan	Santa Fe College
Palestine	Nova Southeastern University
Philippines	College of DuPage
Qatar	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Republic of Korea	University of Texas - Tyler
Russian Federation	Santa Fe College
Saudi Arabia	Salem College
South Africa	University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Spain	Radford University
Sudan	Shepherd University
Switzerland	Wingate University
Syria	Shepherd University
Tunisia	Meredith College
Turkey	Guilford Technical Community College
United Arab Emirates	University of Tennessee - Knoxville
United Kingdom	University of North Carolina at Pembroke
United States	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Uruguay	Portland State University
Yemen	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Zimbabwe	Portland State University

SRMUN POLICIES

DELEGATE CODE OF CONDUCT

Delegates are expected to:

- Remain in character by consistently advocating the interests and representing the policies of the country assigned.
- To be "in character" also entails displaying respect for the opinions and ideals of fellow delegates, even if these opinions and ideals conflict with a given delegate's own country's priorities.
- Collaborate with fellow delegates where possible.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and professional manner at all times.
- Refrain from consumption of alcohol and other drugs in committee sessions. Note: Any issues related to illicit drugs will be immediately directed to the attention of local authorities.
- Delegates who disrupt committee sessions or create problems in the hotel may be barred from further participation in the conference.

DRESS CODE

- Standard delegate attire for the conference is business jacket, slacks (or skirts for women), dress shirt (with tie for men) and dress shoes.
- Shirts that expose excessive bare skin on the chest, stomach or are otherwise revealing are inappropriate. Clothes that reveal undergarments are inappropriate.
- Men's facial hair should be shaved or trimmed neatly.
- Dress sweaters for men are generally considered too casual, unless a tie is worn underneath.
- Shorts, ball caps, jeans, sneakers, sandals and sunglasses are also forbidden.
- It is inappropriate for delegates to display any national symbols such as flags, pins, crests, etc. on their person during committee sessions. UN symbols are acceptable.
- Western business dress is preferred. Cultural dress is only permitted for international delegates in whose native countries professional business dress includes traditional cultural dress. These delegates are the only individuals to whom this applies. Any delegate attempting to use cultural costume to portray a "character" will be asked to leave the committee chamber and change into clothing that is more appropriate. The SRMUN conference will not tolerate any delegate's attempt to mock traditional cultural attire or abuse it as costume.
- All clothing must adhere to guidelines that portray professionalism and modesty. If a delegate's attire is deemed inappropriate by the SRMUN staff the delegate will be asked to leave the session and return with appropriate attire.

BADGES

- All conference attendees are to wear their credentials during official meetings.
- Participants are identified as follows:
 - Executive Staff: Dark Blue
 - Staff: Blue
 - Board: Red
 - Head Delegates: Yellow
 - Delegate: White
 - Advisor: Green
 - Guest: Pink

SEXUAL HARASSMENT DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the intention of the Southern Regional Model United Nations Conference (SRMUN) that the environment of the SRMUN conference best achieves our educational goals. The SRMUN Executive Staff and Board of Directors will not tolerate any instances of discrimination based on race, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age or medical condition.

If any delegate, staff or faculty member believes they have encountered discrimination and/or harassment which results in a hostile working environment or disparate treatment, they must bring it to the attention of the Secretary-General, Board President, or Executive Director.

The Secretary-General and a member or members of the SRMUN Board, as designated by the SRMUN Board, must investigate the merits of the allegations, interviewing all parties involved, and submitting a written report to the rest of the Board. Based on the investigation's findings, the Board of Directors may:

- Take no action
- Issue a verbal reprimand
- Remove an involved individual from the conference
- Implement any other action that the Board deems appropriate

CONFERENCE SERVICES POLICIES

- A maximum of two delegates will be allowed in Delegate Services to work on each resolution at any one time. Delegates are expected to write their resolutions outside of the lab, and bring them in for typing or revision. [NOTE: Delegates are generally seated on a first come, first serve basis. Delegates from committees not already working at a computer in the lab will be given preference when the lab is full. The USG for Conference Services reserves the authority to grant an earlier place in line to a delegate.]
- There will be NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES allowed in Conference Services.
- Internet resources are only for research use. Delegates will not be permitted to check their e-mail.
- Once a delegate has finished typing, s/he should print the resolution and save the resolution according to the posted guidelines.
- Photocopies will be made for the delegates at a charge of \$.10 per copy. This cost is used to defray the rental and repair costs for copiers at SRMUN. Working papers and resolutions approved by the Director of the committee will be copied free of charge. Application printing is also free of charge.
- Delegates may also purchase replacement badges and placards in Conference Services. Replacement badges will cost \$5.00 and replacement placards will cost \$10.00.

PLAGIARISM

SRMUN, Inc., encourages unique and exceptional dialogue amongst our participations through the free flow of ideas and conversations, with the expectation that all written and spoken words be original thought. All materials, including but not limited to: position papers, speeches, and working papers/draft resolutions are subject to a zero tolerance policy regarding plagiarism or the unaccredited use of another's words. Any delegate found in violation of this stated policy will receive no credit for the entirety of their work, including receiving a score of zero for position papers found to include words that are not cited and/or properly credited to the original author.



SRMUN AWARDS POLICY

Each year, the SRMUN Board of Directors recognizes exceptional delegations with both Position Paper and Conference Awards using a criteria set by it.

POSITION PAPER AWARDS

Before the start of the conference, delegates utilize the SRMUN website to submit position papers for each committee in which their assigned nation is represented. These two-page position papers are graded by our volunteer committee staff using a standard rubric. Once all on-time papers are graded, delegation scores are calculated. The highest scoring delegations amongst these receive an award. At the conference, all delegations receive a feedback sheet explaining how they scored in several metrics. Late papers will be graded, if possible, but any late or missing position papers will make that entire delegation ineligible for awards. An example feedback sheet is available at: http://www.srmun.org/docs/pp_scoring.pdf

Position paper evaluations and awards are typically distributed at the faculty meeting with the Board and are later available in Conference Services.

COMMITTEE DELEGATION AWARDS

Delegations are nominated by SRMUN conference staff and awarded the Committee Delegation Award at the end of the final session. Delegations that show superior skills in their preparation and presentation of their Member State, as specifically noted in their committee, are recognized for their specific contributions through this award. Award recipients will be announced in the final committee session by the Director and then asked to stand and be acknowledged during Closing Ceremonies by the Secretary-General. The breakdown of Committee Delegations Awards is as follows: Large-sized committees will receive up to six awards; Medium-sized committees will receive up to four awards and Small committees will receive up to two awards.

CONFERENCE AWARDS

During the conference, our volunteer committee staff nominates exceptional delegate performance in each committee at the end of each session. The following criteria are used to determine the merit of each delegation:

- >> **Caucusing** - Does the delegation make a concerted effort to work with other delegations during informal debate? Do they attempt to incorporate countries outside of their respective country's regional bloc while maintaining character?
- >> **Diplomacy** - Does the delegation work to find cohesion and compromise among their fellow nations? Does the delegation take a respectful, educated, and professional approach to working with other committee members?
- >> **Participation** - Does the delegation articulate their policies and beliefs succinctly and efficiently? Do they use their persuasive skills to engage other delegates while maintaining a diplomatic approach?

>> **Preparation** - Does the delegation adequately represent the policies of their country in the context of the topic? Do they have a solid understanding of the topics and scope of the committee as it pertains to the country they are representing? Have they provided research and documentation to support their convictions? Do they organize their thoughts to effectively articulate the changes they are advocating through the delivery of solid speeches? Does the delegation correctly utilize the rules of procedure and positively contribute to the committee flow?

>> **Resolution Writing** - Does the delegation contribute substantive material to be used in the production of working papers? Do they work effectively with other committee members to generate working papers that are relevant to the topic and within the scope of the committee?

These nominations are tallied by the SRMUN Board. Final scores are calculated as follows:

The number of committees in which each delegation (country) is represented is multiplied by the number of committee sessions (usually 6). This is the maximum theoretical score each delegation may achieve*. For example, if the delegation for China is represented in 7 committees, their maximum theoretical score is $7 * 6 = 42$. The actual number of times throughout all six committee sessions that a delegation is nominated is then divided by this number to arrive at a fractional score.

In our example, assume China was nominated 38 times throughout the conference. The delegation for China will receive a fractional score of $38 / 42 = 0.90476$.

At the end of the conference, all delegations are ranked in descending order by their fractional score. Fractional scores are not reported and will not be released publicly. The highest-scoring delegations receive an Outstanding Award, followed by Distinguished and Honorable Mention. The total number of awards given at closing ceremonies will vary from year to year, depending on the number of delegations in attendance. Not all delegations will receive an award.

* Delegates serving as Chair and Rapporteur are also eligible for awards nominations for each committee session. Their nominations are added to their original delegation's scoring.

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SRMUN RULES OF PROCEDURE

“RULES ARE LISTED IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE”

Motion *	Purpose	Debate	Vote
Point of Order	Correct an error in procedure	None	None
Appeal the decision of the chair	Challenge a decision of the Chair	None	2/3
Suspension of the Meeting for an Unmoderated Caucus	Recess Meeting	None	Majority
Suspension of the Meeting for a Moderated Caucus	Recess Meeting	None	Majority
Adjournment of the Meeting	End Meeting	None	Majority
Adjournment of Debate	End debate without a substantive vote	2 pro/2 con	2/3
Closure of Debate	Move to an immediate vote	2 con	2/3
Division of the Question (1st Vote)	Vote to consider operative clauses separately	2 pro/2con	Majority
Adopt by Acclamation	Accept a Draft Resolution by consensus	None	No opposition
Roll Call Vote	Vote by roll call	None	None
Reconsideration	Re-open debate on an issue	2 con	2/3
Set Speakers Time	Set or change speakers' time limit	2 pro/2 con	Majority
Close/Reopen Speaker's List	No additional speakers added/ to again Permit additional speakers	None	Majority
Adoption of Agenda	Approval of agenda order	None	Majority

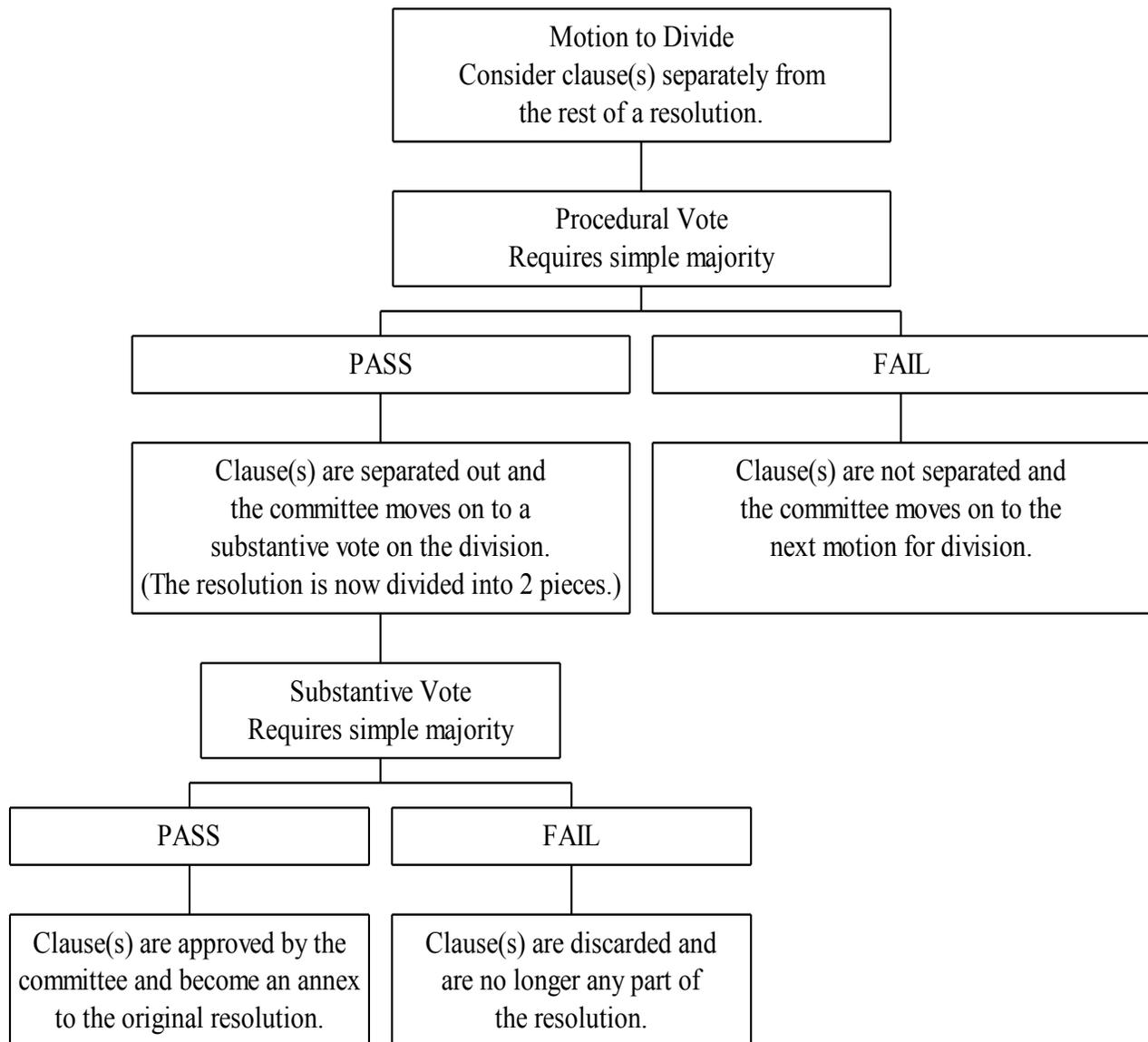
*The 5 motions that are shaded are the only ones that can be used during voting procedure. These are also listed in order of precedence.



DIVISION OF THE QUESTION

WHY DO YOU MOTION TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION?

A delegate motions for division of the question if they want to highlight a particularly important or critical operative clause(s). In highlighting the clause, Member States in support would vote “yes” in the procedural vote and then “yes” for the substantive vote. If the substantive vote passes, the highlighted clauses become a separate annex with the original perambulatory clauses from the original draft resolution.



UNMODERATED CAUCUSING

Unmoderated caucusing is an essential part of your committee experience. These intermittent breaks from formal debate, allow delegates the freedom to move about the committee room and discuss the topic at hand with their fellow delegates. During unmoderated caucuses, you will collaborate and negotiate with the other committee members to create working papers that will move toward becoming draft resolutions.

MOTIONING FOR AN UNMODERATED CAUCUS

- During formal debate, any delegate can request a unmoderated caucus by motioning for the “suspension of the meeting for an unmoderated caucus”
- A delegate must also state the length of time that you want the caucus to last. For example:
- “Nigeria motions for a suspension of the meeting for the purpose of an unmoderated caucus for a period of 20 minutes.”
- Once the dais accepts the motion, a vote will be taken and a simple majority is required for the motion to pass
- Motions for suspension of the meeting are not applicable during voting procedures.

TIPS FOR CAUCUSING EFFECTIVELY: TAKE THE DIPLOMACY CHALLENGE!

Discuss	Past resolutions, sub topics, data, charts, maps, etc are valuable keys to creating solid resolutions and will be very helpful to your fellow delegates. Offer these items during your discussions.
Invite	Ask other members of your regional block to join you in discussion
Plan	Choose which ideas are most important and which ones have room for negotiation
Listen	Allowing other delegates to speak will add to the discussion and help flesh out possible solutions.
One on One	Incorporate individuals that you may not have heard from and get their opinions on the issues.
Mind the time	Stay focused on the topic and the discussions that will truly create a phenomenal resolution
Ask questions	If you disagree with another delegate, calmly ask questions that will help you better understand their position. Find out if there is any common ground and focus on ideas that you can agree on.
Connect	Establish great relationships by learning your fellow delegate’s names, and more about their ideas.
Yes	The ultimate goal is a resolution that the committee will vote on. Keep that in mind by respecting other delegates to the fullest during your negotiations.



MODERATED CAUCUSING

The moderated caucus is a new addition to SRMUN. In this type of caucus, the committee focuses on a specific facet of the topic at hand for a detailed discussion. The motion for these caucuses will delineate the overall time, speaker's time, and subject of the caucus. There is no speaker's list, and delegates will raise placards to be called upon in order to speak. The moderated caucus is useful to focus the committee on a specific sub-topic for consideration.

How to Motion for a Moderated Caucus

- During formal debate, any delegate can request a moderated caucus by making the following motion: "(Member State) moves for a suspension of the meeting for the purpose of a ___ minute moderated caucus, with a speaker's time of ____, discussing ____."
- Example: Spain moves for a suspension of the meeting for the purpose of a 20 minute moderated caucus, with a speaker's time of 45 seconds, discussing financing for draft resolution 1.1
- Remember, you must include (1) total length of time; (2) speakers time; and (3) topic for discussion for every moderated caucus motion.
- Once the dais accepts the motion, a vote will be taken and a simple majority is required for the motion to pass
- Motions for suspension of the meeting are not applicable during voting procedures

Things to remember and consider

- If the motion for moderated caucus passes, the chair will ask the delegation that made the motion if they reserve the right to speak first. Delegations may reserve this right, or refuse.
- If the motion for moderated caucus fails, the committee may move back into formal debate, or continue voting on motions that are still on the floor.
- Unmoderated caucuses take precedence over moderated caucuses
- Moderated caucuses remain on the table for voting once a different moderated caucus or an unmoderated caucus has expired.
- Make sure to clearly define your topic for consideration in the moderated caucus. Get a feel of the committee with regards to the topic of moderated caucus, giving you an idea of how specific to make the topic.
- If delegates are not raising their placards to speak, the chair may use their discretion to end the moderated caucus prior to the end of the stated time.

HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE DELEGATE

Effective delegates possess the skills to communicate and compromise. The work of the United Nations is a collaboration of different viewpoints and policies; however, most all resolutions passed by the bodies are by consensus. There are several keys to working successfully in your committee:

Research: Topics at SRMUN are ever-changing issues facing our global society, and as such, research on these topics often update from when Position Papers are submitted. Delegates are reminded that Conference Services provides free internet to provide current research; however, developments on the topics are suspended once Opening Ceremonies begins.

Home Government is a service provided to all delegates looking to get a more in-depth understanding of a particular idea or issue. Faculty Advisors from our attending colleges and universities volunteer to serve in this position. Home Government is located in the Grand Promenade.

Caucusing allows the free flow of ideas and conversation. Outside of the unmoderated and moderated caucus time in sessions, delegates can initiate these conversations over breaks. Please review the unmoderated caucusing on the prior page.

Moderated caucuses allow delegates to have a rapid exchange of ideas in a more formal setting. The caucus works like a conversation, with the Chair facilitating the debate, and no speaker's list.

PREAMBULATORY CLAUSES

The preamble of a draft resolution states the reasons for which the committee is addressing the topic and highlights past international action on the issue. Each clause begins with a present participle (called a preambulatory phrase) and ends with 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 UN body or agency;
- Recognition of the efforts of regional or nongovernmental organizations in dealing with the issue; and
- General statements on the topic, its significance and its impact.

SAMPLE PREAMBULATORY PHRASES

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

OPERATIVE CLAUSES

Operative clauses identify the actions or recommendations made in a resolution. Each operative clause begins with a verb (called an operative phrase) and ends with a semicolon. Operative clauses should be organized 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. After the last operative clause, the resolution ends in a period.

SAMPLE OPERATIVE PHRASES

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



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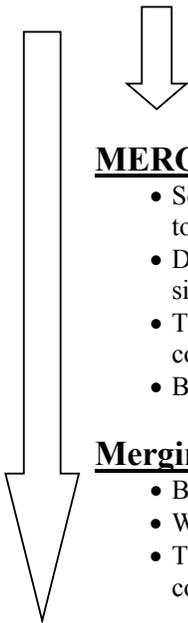
EVOLUTION OF A RESOLUTION



- ★ Most work is done in this stage
- ★ Flush out ideas
- ★ Collaboration/Communication
- ★ Paper should only be referred to as a “*working paper*”
- ★ Can be easily changed or edited
- ★ Expect several rounds of edits from the dais

- ★ Dais edits are complete and the working paper has been introduced to the committee as a “*draft resolution*”
- ★ No longer referred to as a working paper
- ★ Changes can only be made through amendments or modifications
- ★ Amendments and modifications must be approved by the dais prior to entering voting procedure
- ★ Vote on amendments through division of the question

- ★ Document has been voted on and accepted by the committee



MERGING

- Sometimes there are too many different working papers with similar ideas and the dais will ask groups to merge their working papers together
- Don’t panic! At the beginning of the committee session, work is often done in small groups and many similar ideas are often being addressed simultaneously.
- The Dais will alert each group that the papers are too similar to accept both and will ask that the groups combine and create a collaborated working paper.
- By combining multiple papers, a comprehensive work is produced that will garner widespread support.

Merging Tips:

- Be open-minded, flexible, and promote compromise and cooperation through diplomacy
- Work with different groups to discuss your similar ideas and how you can create a cohesive document
- The dais wants the committee to be successful, so the goal of merging is to create a quality comprehensive document.

Sponsors V. Signatories:

Each working paper will require a certain number of sponsors and signatories, to be considered as a draft resolution. The number required will vary by committee and will be announced by the Dais during the first committee session.

If you are a SPONSOR to a working paper:

- You actively assist in the authoring of the paper and you agree fully with the substance
- You must vote in favor of the working paper should it become a draft resolution
- You must approve all modifications and immediate changes to the draft resolution

If you are a SIGNATORY to a working paper:

- You do not have to agree with the substance of the paper, only that you want to see it debated
- You may vote in favor, against, or abstain should it become a draft resolution
- You may introduce amendments without the consent of the sponsors



DRAFT RESOLUTION EXAMPLE

After acceptance as a draft resolution, a code will be assigned which the body will refer to it as. The first number refers to the topic being debated and the second is assigned by the dias.

Alphabetize the list of nations.

The list of sponsors and signatories will be removed from the working paper when it becomes a draft resolution and is distributed to the entire body as an official piece of work.

1 Draft Resolution 2-6
 2
 3 Committee: General Assembly Plenary
 4 Subject: Ensuring Global Food Security
 5 Sponsors: China, Comoros, Eritrea, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, South Africa
 6 Signatories: Austria, Egypt, Gabon, Iraq, Kenya, Kazakhstan, Oman, Pakistan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Russia,
 7 South Africa, Switzerland, United States, Venezuela, Vietnam
 8

9 The General Assembly, ← List committee name, followed by a comma.
10

11 *Keeping in mind* the United Nations Millennium Project, an effort to contribute 0.7% of Gross National
12 Product To Official Development Assistance (ODA), pledged by international leaders at the International
13 Conference for Development and the World Summit on Sustainable Development Aid in 2002,
14

After being approved as a draft resolution, preambulatory clauses cannot be modified or amended.

15 *Fully believing* the United Nations Millennium Project to be imperative to meeting the United Nations
16 Millennium Development Goals,
17

18 *Bearing in mind* the positive correlation between the United Nations Millennium Project and
19 self-sustainability of developing nations in order to promote long-term independence of foreign aid,
20

21 *Noting with concern* that debt forgiveness is included as a misleading form of foreign developmental aid,
22

23 *Observing* the rudimentary agricultural methods and resources of developing nations as a hindrance to self-
24 sustainability,
25

26 *Recognizing* the correlation between improving global food security and the cooperation among the United Nations
27 subsidiary bodies, including but not limited to the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), World Food
28 Programme (WFP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Children’s Fund
29 (UNICEF),
30

- 31 1. *Reminds* Member States of the pledge to contribute Official Development Assistance (ODA) through the
32 United Nations Millennium Project, especially during this economic downturn;
- 33
- 34 2. *Emphasizes* food, monetary, technological aid as a preferred means to ensure global food security as a
35 component of Official Development Assistance (ODA) rather than debt forgiveness;
- 36
- 37 3. *Supports* instead targeting development aid through the transfer of technology, including but not limited to:
38 a. Hybridized seed,
39 b. Fertilizers and pesticides, ← During motions for division of the question, only
40 c. Improved equipment and tools; entire operative clauses can be addressed. Operative
41 sub-clauses cannot be divided out.
- 42
- 43 4. *Encourages* the coordination among subsidiary bodies of the United Nations which work to eradicate world
44 hunger through the establishment of a platform for discussion among representatives of each body in order
45 to operate in a more cooperative and efficient manner;
- 46
- 47 5. *Further encourages* such a forum to convene in Johannesburg, South Africa every first week of June and
48 first week of December commencing in 2012:
49 a. By calling on the represented subsidiary bodies to appoint an expert from each body to create an
50 universal comprehensive agenda to avoid the mismanagement of funds and the historic problem of
51 overspending on certain issues while leaving others without funding,
b. With delegation expenses included in the allocated budget of each individual subsidiary body.

Only certain committees, i.e. GA Plenary & Security Council can add an operative clause to stay seized of the matter.

All operative clauses (except for final one) end with a semi-colon. Following the final operative clause all draft resolutions end with a period.

Always check for spelling and grammar before submitting any working paper! It will save precious time during editing!!

All working papers/draft resolutions are to be typed in 10 font, times new roman style.

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CHAIR/RAPPORTEUR APPLICATIONS

Chairs and rapporteurs play a vital role in the workings of SRMUN by assisting the Director and AD with committee functions, such as facilitating debate, taking attendance, monitoring the speakers' list, and editing working papers. All delegates are encouraged to apply for a chair or rapporteur position by first filling out the application and then participating in an interview conducted by SRMUN staff members. In the interview, delegates will be expected to demonstrate their knowledge of SRMUN rules of procedure, as well as their ability to lead a committee debate.

COMMITTEE STAFF APPLICATIONS

The substantive staff of SRMUN remains the backbone of the conference. Staff is generally hired in late May to early June. In conjunction with the Directors-General, both Directors and Assistant Directors will select committee topics and compose topic outlines, summaries, background guides and updates. The writing process typically begins in June and continues throughout the summer, growing more increasingly more intensive. Directors must attend a staff-training weekend usually scheduled in January/February. In the late winter, committee staff composes updates and evaluates position papers. At the conference, Directors and Assistant Directors serve as the chief substantive officers of their committees, facilitating the learning process obtained at SRMUN. Although previous Chair or Rapporteur experience is preferred, it is not required. This is a full year commitment. Please carefully consider this before applying for SRMUN Staff. Please note Committee staff applications are due by the close of the conference on Saturday, April 11th.

EXECUTIVE STAFF APPLICATIONS FOR SRMUN CHARLOTTE 2016

The responsibilities of the SRMUN executive staff are substantial but rewarding. The Director General and Deputy Director General are responsible for the substantive workings of the conference, including hiring and motivating committee staff, deciding committee topics, and editing of background guides and updates. The Secretary General is responsible for the business aspects of the conference, including school recruitment and correspondence. The Under Secretary-General facilitates the pre-conference set-up of conference services, working with the Secretary-General on advertisement recruitment and staff travel. The Under Secretary-General also organizes and runs Conference Services for SRMUN. Previous SRMUN staff experience is highly preferred for these positions, but is not required. These positions require an extensive, full-year commitment. Consider this carefully before applying. Executive staff applications for SRMUN Charlotte were due April 7th, 2015.

SPECIAL THANK YOU MESSAGES

I would like to start off by thanking my family and friends-without your contentions support, I would not be where I am today in my life and my career. Thank you for understanding the importance of SRMUN and why I had to cancel events or trips. I would also like to thank Amanda Barnes and Olamide Goke-Pariola for getting me involved with SRMUN. It is because of you too that I joined Kennesaw State Universities Model United Nations team and ended up at SRMUN Atlanta in 2009. Next, I would like to thank my amazing Executive Staff, Under-Secretary General for Conference Services, Jessica DeJesus, Director-General, Devin McRae and Deputy Director-General, Maricruz Retana. Thank you for late night Google hangouts, long talks, endless text messages, and your lasting friendships. Without your three I would have not been able to get through this year and thank you again for allowing me to lead you! Furthermore, I would like to thank the SRMUN Board of Directors for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the Secretary-General for SRMUN Charlotte 2015 and allowing me to lead such an amazing group of conference staffers and secretariat. Additionally, I would like to thank the Executive Director of SRMUN, Mike Gaspar. Thank you for teaching me the ins and outs of my position and being a mentor for me; without you I don't know where SRMUN or I would be. Lastly, I would like to thank the delegates and the faculty-advisors. It is because of your support and dedication to SRMUN that we are able to grow each and every year and I thank you for that.

**- PUNIT PATEL,
SECRETARY-GENERAL**

It has been my distinct honor and pleasure to serve as the Director General of SRMUN Charlotte 2015. The preparation for a SRMUN conference is no easy task and many question why we voluntarily devote endless hours for an organization that most barely comprehend. Those of you familiar with Model UN and the SRMUN brand know why we dedicate the time and effort into this organization- the end result is most rewarding. However, the road to success is challenging and I would not have persevered without the love and support of my friends and family. I would first like to thank my SRMUN family. I cannot put into words the appreciation and respect I have for the staff of SRMUN Charlotte 2015. Their hard work, dedication, and passion are unyielding and it is evident in the success of this conference; it has been an honor to

work with each of you. I would also like to thank the remainder of the Executive Staff, Punit, Mari, and Jess whose leadership I have admired and valued throughout this journey. It has been a pleasure to work alongside each of you and I truly cherish our friendship. Lastly, I would like to thank each and every delegate for their preparation and diplomacy in developing viable solutions to the issues presented before them. Your hard work and passion for the international community is why we are all here! Thank you.

- DEVIN MCRAE, DIRECTOR-GENERAL

It's crazy to think that another year has come and gone! We are at that time again...that is SRMUN time! I still remember when I first came to SRMUN as a delegate in 2009 and represented the USA in UNICEF and then surely enough I got the "SRMUN bug" if you will and came up the ranks and applied to be a Chair in WHO in 2010 and then became a staff member in 2011 as the AD for the CSW. Since then, I realized that SRMUN is embedded in me and a fate that was uncontested and eventually somehow some crazy people gave me a chance to become the DDG of the best SRMUN Conference that is SRMUN Charlotte 2015! With that being said, I want to personally thank my beautiful and awesome fellow Executive Staff members - Secretary-General, Punit Patel, Director-General, Devin McRae and the Under-Secretary General for Conference Services, Jessica DeJesus for truly being the best people in my life and for dealing with me for an entire year- trust me that's a win in and of itself- I love you and we made it! You guys were a rock for me during my worst and helped lift me up when I didn't even know I needed it and for that I am forever grateful. Second, I'd like to thank our amazing conference staff: Michael, Susan, Ali, Gregory, JB, Keith, Isabelle, Desiree, Tiffany, Kayla, Alle, Allie, Sam and Erika for being just the best team that we could have assembled - you surpassed all of our expectations and reminded me again why I continue to do this madness, so I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your hard work and dedication throughout the entire process. Third, I'd like to give a special shout out to my family, they are the best people I have in my life and although they tell me every year that I should give myself a break they continue to support me in all that I do both professionally and personally and I honestly can say that I am nothing without them. Fourth, I'd like to give a shout out to the Board of Directors,

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**- MARICRUZ RETANA,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

There are a countless amount of people who helped contribute to this very point in my life and so many that engrained the importance of the Model United Nations program. I hope every participant walks away from this conference feeling as satisfied and accomplished as I did my very first time as a delegate in 2004. My journey started with a spectacular soul that many of you know as "Dr. J." but others may commonly recognize as Dr. Gregory Julian. Without his passion and enthusiasm, the Model UN program would have ceased to exist at my alma mater. He spent countless years creating an opportunity for so many of us here at SRMUN and for that, I am inexplicably thankful. Of course, this year's success wouldn't have been made possible without my colleagues and friends Punit Patel, Maricruz Retana and Devin McRae. Their leadership is unprecedented and I feel honored to have had the privilege of working alongside them. Our Board of Directors work so diligently behind the scenes 365 days a year and they too deserve all the praise in the world. Specially, I would like to recognize, Executive Director of SRMUN Mike Gaspar, who has not only guided me for the last eleven years but has also become a dear friend. Our staff members who are themselves engaged in full studies and hectic careers devote themselves selflessly to the SRMUN family, which is reflective in the outcome and success of this conference at Charlotte. Lastly, I thank the delegates for having the audacity and tenacity to partake in a program that is initially quite intimidating. I promise you, you will always look back on your experience here at SRMUN, as you will forever utilize the skills you learned here throughout your future endeavors. Continue to have open minds as well as open hearts and you will in deed open many doors!

**- JESSICA DEJESUS,
UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL**



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