



CHAPTER ONE GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

This chapter provides Representatives with all of the logistical information needed to attend the American Model United Nations International (AMUN) Conference. Questions about this information should be directed to the AMUN Executive Office at the phone number or e-mail listed on the inside cover of this book.

Number of Representatives

The minimum size of any delegation will be one Representative for each Committee/Council on which that country is represented. Please note that all countries are automatically represented on the four General Assembly Committees and in the Concurrent General Assembly Plenary session. All countries also have the option of seating one Representative on the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) simulation, with an optional second Representative in this simulation on request if all other assignments are filled. Additionally, specific countries may be assigned a seat on the Economic and Social Council, Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Security Council, or Historical Security Council. Schools assigned to these countries will be expected to provide at least one Representative to sit on each additional Commission and/or Council(s). Schools assigned to both the Security Council and the Historic Security Council will be expected to provide one Representative to sit on each Council.

The maximum size of any delegation will be two Representatives per Committee/Council on which the country is seated, plus one Permanent Representative if this person is not assigned to a specific committee. Schools should contact the Secretariat regarding adding an extra delegation if they will exceed this number.

Note that Representatives to the International Press Delegation (IPD) and International Court of Justice (ICJ) Justices do not count toward this total. IPD Reporters and ICJ Justices are considered outside of their school's normal delegation. They will be assigned *exclusively* to the IPD or ICJ for the length of the Conference, and do not count toward delegation minimums or maximums. ICJ Advocates, however, may only be arguing a case for three to four hours, and should be assigned to a regular Committee/Council for the remainder of the Conference. It is strongly recommended that ICJ Advocates be assigned as a second Representative in a committee to ensure the delegation's representation in the committee while the Advocate is engaged in oral arguments and other ICJ activities.

Conference Fees

AMUN uses a per delegation and per delegate fee structure, as follows:

Cost per delegation: \$50.00
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In this manner, the minimum fee for a school with one delegation consisting of five Representatives would be \$275.00 (1 x \$50 plus 5 x \$45). A school with one delegation and ten Representatives would

have a fee of \$500.00. However, a school with two delegations and the same number of Representatives - ten - would see only a slight fee increase to \$550.00. A flat fee of \$45.00 will be charged for International Court of Justice and International Press Delegation participants *not affiliated* with a delegation. Individual students not associated with a registered school may be represented on these bodies where space is available.

Hotel Information

The Hilton Chicago is located at 720 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL. This is two blocks south of Congress Parkway on Michigan Avenue, facing Grant Park. To place reservations call 312-922-4400. **To ensure favorable rates, please ask for the Reservations Department and tell them that you are with the "AMERICAN MODEL UNITED NATIONS" group.**

Hotel costs will be \$129.00 per night (plus tax, currently 15.9%) for single, double, triple or quad rooms

The hotel offers parking which is both convenient and at a standard cost for downtown Chicago. Those staying at the hotel are allowed in/out privileges. The rates for valet parking are subject to change at any time; as the Conference approaches, contact the hotel for the current parking rate. Additionally, there are several self-parking lots within two blocks of the hotel.

Dress Code

The appearance of AMUN participants provides the first impressions of their delegation to other Representatives. Attention to proper appearance sets an expectation for professionalism and competence. In order to demonstrate respect to fellow Representatives, Secretariat members, and distinguished guests of the Conference, AMUN requires Western business attire during all formal sessions, including the final General Assembly sessions on Tuesday. Western business attire is a business jacket or suit, dress slacks (or a skirt for women), dress shirt (with a tie for men), and dress shoes. Attire should follow the rule of being appropriate for visiting an embassy. Revealing dress shirts that expose excessive bare skin on the chest or stomach are not appropriate. Sweaters are generally considered too casual for Western business attire. Clothing that reveals undergarments in any way, including being too tight, is not appropriate. AMUN will not consider any manner of dress appropriate which includes T-shirts, jeans, shorts, hats, athletic shoes or any form of commercial advertising.

Participants shall not wear the traditional and/or religious garb of any state or organization. The only exception to this is required traditional or religious garb from a student's personal religion or culture. Additionally, participants should not affect the mannerisms, linguistic characteristics, or any other perceived traits of a state or culture that they are representing. These affectations are inappropriate and may be seen as offensive by other students, or by natives of that state or culture.

Please be aware that Representatives who are not appropriately attired or who do not follow these rules may not be recognized during formal debate in any AMUN simulation. Further, AMUN reserves the right to refuse admittance to the Conference floor to any Representative who is inappropriately attired or who violates the above provisions. Decisions of appropriate attire and professional behavior are at the ultimate discretion of the Secretariat.

Plagiarism

AMUN strives to create a simulation of the United Nations which is as realistic as possible, while still allowing for the fulfillment of our participants' and the organization's educational goals. As such, AMUN's policy regarding plagiarism focuses on an educative rather than a punitive goal. At AMUN, plagiarism involves the substantial, verbatim, or near-verbatim copying of language without attribution in published or unpublished texts, speeches, or documents. Representatives should adhere to their countries' policies at all times, but this does not give license to plagiarize existing materials. Thus, parts of speeches or position papers may be derived or paraphrased from previous speeches or papers, but should not be copied verbatim. Similarly, it is expected that all Representatives are familiar with past resolutions at the UN, but the work of the UN should be expanded on in Representatives' work, not copied verbatim. There are some exceptions: for example, a phrase that is often/always used when a country gives a formal speech or a clause that is repeated verbatim through several years of resolutions on a topic. Generally, it is not necessary to explicitly credit such sources, although if substantial language is quoted, it should be acknowledged and cited. Final determinations on plagiarism and its consequences are at the discretion of the AMUN Secretariat.

Conduct

Representatives are expected to conduct themselves, at all times, in a manner befitting international diplomats. This means that every courtesy, both in speech and behavior, should be extended to all Representatives, faculty members, guests and Secretariat members at the Conference. *AMUN reserves the right to expel any Representative not acting in a courteous and professional fashion.* Please refer to Rule 2.2, Diplomatic Courtesy, for more information.

Cigarette smoking is not permitted in the AMUN Conference hotel. A designated smoking area is provided outside of the hotel for those participants who choose to smoke.

Credentials

Name badges act as Representatives' credentials for the Conference. Each badge will list a Representative's name, country, and the Committee/Council to which he/she is originally assigned. Credentials for Permanent Representative will state "Permanent Representative" regardless of whether they are assigned to a particular simulation. Representatives and faculty members will be required to wear their assigned credentials (badges) at all times while in the Conference area. This includes social events after normal Conference hours. **No one will be admitted to any Conference area without approved credentials.**

It is required that Representatives wear their credentials at all times while in the common areas of the hotel. This will allow Representatives to be easily recognized by both Conference and hotel staff, and will help to alleviate any potential problems that may arise within the hotel. *Representatives should **always** remove their badges immediately before leaving the hotel.* A convention badge worn on the streets of Chicago advertises you as a tourist and is an open invitation to potential trouble. Please exercise caution in this area.

Placards

A placard with the name of each delegation will be placed at that delegation's group of seats in each Committee/Council. These are the property of AMUN; the placard should not be defaced or removed from the location assigned by the Secretariat or removed from the room. Representatives are welcome to take their placard with them as a souvenir at the conclusion of the final Committee/Council session of the Conference.

Registration

Conference check-in will be located at the Registration Desk at the south end of the main hotel lobby level. Delegations may pick up their Conference packets and name badges at this desk. Check-in to sleeping rooms should be done at the hotel front desk, located in the main lobby. Conference registration will be open on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Schools arriving after 6:00 p.m. can register in the AMUN Executive Office which will open at 7:30 p.m. **All fees must be paid in full before registration can be completed.**

Executive Office

The AMUN Executive Office includes the Executive Director, Associate Executive Directors, and other senior members of the AMUN Secretariat. This is the primary point of contact for participating schools throughout the year. At the Conference, the Executive Office handles all financial and registration issues, prints and replaces credentials as needed, is available at Faculty and Permanent Representative meetings, and conducts the lottery for country assignments for the next year's Conference.

Conference Secretariat

The AMUN Secretariat is made up of college students, graduate students and professionals from a variety of fields. All staff are highly experienced in Model UNing, both as Representatives and staff members at previous AMUN simulations and/or other Model UN Conferences. Staff members serve as the equivalent of the United Nations Secretariat, in addition to supervising the activities of the various bodies simulated. Secretariat members will chair the Committees/Councils, serve as Rapporteurs and Special Rapporteurs, direct the International Press Delegation and International Court of Justice, and run the Home Government, Delegate Services, Conference Services and Executive Office. Secretariat Members will be able to answer any questions that Representatives or faculty members have about AMUN, or direct them to someone who will be able to answer their questions.

The Secretariat will also be available at after-hours functions. They will encourage all Representatives to move all gatherings to designated areas and to not become disruptive. They will intervene

with the hotel, when possible, in disputes between the Representatives and the hotel. *In the interest of an orderly Conference, please follow all directions of Secretariat members.*

Home Government

AMUN's Home Government serves a variety of important interactive functions, such as

Resource Center: Home Government will be a resource center where Representatives can obtain information to supplement their pre-Conference research. AMUN's Home Government library has numerous documents about the United Nations and the issues being discussed, as well as access to other information on the Internet. The Home Government staff will be available to give competent, general advice on many areas. They will also give some country-specific advice if a Representative is unsure of their country's policy. They will not, however, tell a Representative how to vote on any given issue.

Role Playing: Home Government may be called upon to role play a country or organization that is not otherwise represented at AMUN. They may be brought in to provide a substantive report from the Secretariat; to serve as an informational source from a non-governmental organization; or to give the perspective of an unrepresented Member State, observer, or other recognized group. All requests for role players should be directed to the Dais Staff.

Expert Reports to Committees/Councils: Home Government Secretariat members may also be called upon by an entire Committee or Council to provide an "expert" report as a Secretariat member from a relevant UN body. This can be used to clarify any points of confusion about the work of a simulation, or to provide additional technical information or specifics about the current status of UN efforts in a particular area. An expert may be called by making a request to the Dais Staff, and expert presentations will be made before the entire Committee/Council; Representatives shall have the opportunity to raise points of inquiry to gain additional information regarding the subject.

Substantive Issues Outside the Purview of a Simulation: Issues occasionally arise which are outside the scope of an AMUN simulation. In these cases, Representatives should consult Home Government to determine whether the issue may be discussed at the Conference. All decisions of the Home Government Secretariat are final on such issues.

Delegate Services

Delegate Services will provide all of the paperwork and logistical material for the AMUN Conference. These services include

- the production of draft resolutions and other official documents for distribution in the simulations;
- the copying of any materials needed by Representatives during the Conference (note that there is a small fee for this service); and
- the use of computers to type draft resolutions and other official documents during the Conference.

Note that Delegate Services will copy documents in the quickest and most efficient manner, with preference on a first-come, first-served basis. Thus, while we aim for a speedy turn-around in returning documents to committees, Representatives should expect that resolution and document processing can take up to two hours at busy times, when all simulations are submitting documents. Your Dais Staff can provide more information on the busiest times for production.

Conference Services

AMUN's Conference Services is an all-purpose information station. Here you can find information such as a list of nearby restaurants, places of worship, things to do in your free time in Chicago, and information pertaining to the Conference. The Conference Services staff is able to answer your Conference-related questions and will have available extra Conference handouts. Conference Services is also the place to purchase all your exciting souvenirs to help you remember your great experience at AMUN. Conference Services can be found in the main hallway on the third floor of the hotel, near many simulations and conference offices.

After Hours Events & Representative Dance

It is understood that one of the draws of any MUN Conference is the after-hours "informal caucusing." An informal meeting area will be announced in the Conference Program, which Representatives will be encouraged to use after hours. Gatherings in hotel sleeping areas are strongly discouraged; these could very easily disturb other guests in the hotel, reflecting poorly on both participating schools and on the Conference.

AMUN encourages all participants to attend our Representative Dance on Monday evening of the Conference. Attire matching the Dance theme is encouraged, although not required. This year's theme is "**Country Club.**" *Deep down, do you want to be a Real Housewife™, vacation in the Hamptons, moonlight as a golf pro, or play tennis with a cardigan tied around your neck? If you do, then this dance theme's for you; you can try out the outfits and the affectations without judgment. Well. . . maybe not without judgment, for the country club gossip is vicious, but at least without getting weird looks for sporting argyle and a pink polo shirt.* As this is an after hours function, any Representative wearing appropriate casual attire and their Conference credentials (name badges) will be allowed to enter the Representative Dance. All participants **must** wear their Conference credentials in order to gain admittance to the Representative Dance. Please note that bags, cans, and bottles are not allowed in the dance. Representatives are expected to remain diplomatically courteous during the Representative Dance. AMUN reserves the right to expel any Representative acting in a discourteous manner.

Safety At AMUN

AMUN places extreme importance on the safety of our participants and guests. We hope that you have an excellent and fun learning experience while at the Conference, but encourage everyone to consider safety issues in and around the Conference hotel. We also suggest that you follow several common-sense rules to keep all participants safe during the Conference, including the following guidelines:

- As a general rule, do not leave the hotel grounds without letting your group know how to find you;
- Always let one of the leaders of your group (faculty, club officer, etc.) know where you are going prior to leaving the area around the hotel (to visit local friends or relatives, etc.);
- Never leave the Conference hotel alone after dark, always travel with at least one person that you know;
- Always remove your name tag prior to leaving the hotel so as not to advertise yourself as a “tourist;”
- Help other participants to be safe by encouraging them to not travel outside of the hotel alone;
- Inform one of the leaders of your group immediately if you have a safety concern, or if any emergency situation occurs to you or another participant, regardless of the time. Remember that safety should always be more important than avoiding minor embarrassment to you or another person.

AMUN encourages all Faculty Advisors and other group leaders to take time before the Conference to reinforce these and any other relevant safety instructions based on the rules of your schools. Also, please feel free to contact the AMUN staff at any time during the Conference, day or night, if any emergency event occurs in which we can be of assistance.

Simulations

AMUN simulates the General Assembly (GA) Plenary, four Main Committees of the GA, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the International Court of Justice. AMUN also features two non-traditional simulations: the Historical Security Council and an International Press Delegation. Please see the *Issues at AMUN Handbook* for information about the topics and the purviews of these simulations.

In the GA, the **First (Disarmament & International Security), Second (Economic & Financial), Third (Social, Humanitarian & Cultural) and Sixth (Legal) Committees**, as well as a **Concurrent GA Plenary** will meet for the first three days (Saturday through Monday) of the Conference. These four committees will then merge with the **Concurrent Plenary** to form a **Combined GA Plenary** session for the final day on Tuesday. Note that Representatives who participate in the Committees will also participate in the Combined GA Plenary session (up to four Representatives may be seated at each delegation’s placard). The purpose of this combined session is to ratify the resolutions which passed in the four Main GA Committees and build consensus. While a small amount of additional debate is typical, it is expected that the work done by each Committee over the first three days of the Conference will be respected. It would thus

be rare for significant changes to be made, or for a resolution to fail in the Plenary session after passing in Committee. The combined General Assembly Plenary will also hear and consider the IAEA annual report.

The **Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)** will meet for the four days of the Conference. ECOSOC deals with the issues on its agenda, including any necessary interactions with the other bodies simulated. The **Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)** will meet for the four days of the Conference, reporting to the ECOSOC Plenary session on the final afternoon. The purpose of the final plenary session is to ratify the reports and resolutions which passed in the bodies reporting to ECOSOC and build consensus. While a small amount of additional debate is typical, it is expected that the work done by each subsidiary body over the first four days of the Conference will be respected. Plenary bodies that receive reports generally pass the resolution that accepts a subsidiary body’s report by consensus or with overwhelming support.

The contemporary **Security Council** will be responsible for dealing with international peace and security issues as they stand at the time of the Conference. A tentative agenda will be given, but Representatives should be prepared to discuss any and all peace and security issues that a Member of the Council might bring to the table.

The **Historical Security Council** will simulate the events occurring in the year 1993. Representatives will follow standard Security Council rules and procedures, but will role play the viewpoint of their delegation as of 1993.

The **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)** will meet for the four days of the Conference, reporting to the GA Plenary session on the final day. As the international community’s atomic energy experts, the IAEA conducts inspection and provides recommendations regarding the use and storage of nuclear materials.

The **International Court of Justice (ICJ)** will feature Justices, drawn from any interested Representatives, presiding over cases brought before the Court by represented delegations or their Advocates. Individuals from colleges and law schools not necessarily affiliated with a delegation are also encouraged to participate in this simulation.

The **International Press Delegation (IPD)** will feature Reporters covering the issues of the Conference as they occur. The IPD will publish a once or twice daily newspaper on Conference topics and other issues of interest to Representatives. IPD will also accept press releases and hold press conferences for interested delegations.