

International Press Corps (IPC)

Task:

Journalism and reporting in search for truth.

Letter From the Chair

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to the International Press Corps! My name is Luz María Guerrero Carrillo, and I am honored to be your chair during this year's ASF MUN Conference. I choose the IPC because over the years, I've observed a general social tendency to pass judgement upon global treaties, alliances, statements and projects without a deep understanding of the issues themselves, which shows that we as a society, care more about optics than depth. Journalism and reporting challenge that norm. Journalism is enlightenment through truth, and I strongly believe that through our work at the IPC, we can bring value to principles such as accountability and responsibility to the international community represented in our conference. Remember, we must not be content with asking ourselves how something happened but why? Always ask why.

Taking this into consideration, I expect amazing articles from each and everyone of you as I am sure that you are capable of communicating the truth that we are all entitled to hear. During both the service learning days and the conference days of our event, I will challenge you to find multiple perspectives and angles, to always dig deeper and to create your best possible work. I know that together, we can build an International Press Corps committed to the pursuit of true knowledge in a world of dwindling regard for justice. Please feel free to contact me if you need anything. I look forward to seeing all of you during our conference.

Regards,

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Chair: Luz María Guerrero Carrillo

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Mission Statement

In accordance to the values of our organization, all IPC members must show an unwavering commitment to truth, justice and understanding regarding all the issues covered in the produced articles. Journalism is based upon the pursuit of truth and ethical integrity, all delegates are expected to show adherence to mentioned principles.

Task Introduction

Delegates, as members of the International Press Corps you will be tasked with representing a news source and reporting on the topics and developments of other committees by creating articles and uploading them to our site. It is of essence that you adopt your news source perspective as if it were a country assignment and that you truly research the history, style and bias.

We expect you to produce at least two—high quality— articles per day, that provide us with an insight as to what is going on in the different committees. As such, you must be familiar with all the topics that will be discussed and how relevant they are to your news source. This includes understanding how the service learning activities will impact the conference and how different delegations have engaged in international action in the past. As a part of your assignment, you must also complete a sample article covering any topic relating to the international community and submit it as your position paper. We recommend that you research the length of the average article of your news source, the number of pictures, the sources used and even the typography that is characteristic of your delegation. This way, you will be familiar with the reporting style that you are to adopt during the conference. You must submit this work during the first session of the conference in order to be eligible for awards.

Research resources: Here are some examples of different styles of reporting that the dias recommends reading and analyzing in preparation for the conference.

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