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ASFMUN Committee Descriptions

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Committee Abbreviation <i>Committee Full Name</i> - Topic	Topic Description
UNESCO <i>United National Educational, Social, and Cultural Organization</i> - The protection and identification of the world heritages nominated by UNESCO	UNESCO is the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization that aims to contribute to peace and security worldwide. It was created after the two world wars with the belief of maintaining peace more than economic and political ties between individual nations. This committee not only focuses on world peace but also the preservation of the world's cultural and natural heritages. UNESCO has a deep conviction that no development can be made without a strong cultural component. This committee, therefore, will discuss the protection and identification of the world heritages nominated by UNESCO. This topic seeks to safeguard and identify the heritages which are considered to be of outstanding value to humanity.
UNICEF <i>United Nations Children's Fund</i> - The benefits and disadvantages of implementing artistic devices in educational contexts	In recent years, the role of artistic devices, such as visual arts, music, theater, and literature, has gained significant attention in the field of education. These creative mediums offer unique avenues for learning, self-expression, and personal growth. This committee will delve into the multifaceted aspects of integrating artistic devices into educational settings, with a focus on their advantages and potential drawbacks.



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UNABAI <i>United Nations Advisory Board on AI</i> - The dangers and benefits of AI	UNABAI is tasked with exploring the intricacies of AI technology, its implications, and proposing guidelines and recommendations for its responsible use. This committee recognizes the dual nature of AI, capable of yielding substantial benefits while also posing inherent dangers, and aims to strike a balance between harnessing AI's potential and safeguarding against its adverse consequences.
UN Arts Initiative — - The impact of censorship in arts and culture	The UN Arts Initiative's mission is to harness the transformative power of the arts to promote global understanding, dialogue, and sustainable development. Through various artistic mediums, it seeks to engage artists and communities worldwide in addressing pressing global challenges, fostering cultural exchange, and inspiring positive change towards a more inclusive and peaceful world. Delegates will explore the multifaceted consequences of censorship on artistic expression, cultural diversity, and human rights through the lens of their country, with the ultimate goal of evaluating whether safety is more important than freedom of expression within the arts and culture sector.
WIPO <i>World Intellectual Privacy Organization</i> - The effect of new technologies on the death of the author	The WIPO committee on "The Effect of New Technologies on the Death of the Author" will provide a platform where delegates explore and discuss the profound changes brought by new technologies in the creative and intellectual property sectors. This committee aims to address the complex questions surrounding the traditional understanding of authorship and copyright in a digital age. The topic of "The Effect of New Technologies on the Death of the Author" centers around the profound transformation of creative and intellectual works in the digital age. The advent of new technologies, particularly the Internet and artificial intelligence, has raised complex questions regarding the concept of authorship, copyright, and the



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	dissemination of information. These technological advancements have blurred traditional lines of authorship and ownership, leading to both opportunities and challenges in the realm of intellectual property.
ECOSOC <i>Economic and Social Council</i> - The Role of the 1%	The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) is a vital organ of the United Nations responsible for promoting international economic and social cooperation and development. In today's world, where economic disparities have reached unprecedented levels, the topic of "Addressing Income Inequality: The Role of the Top 1%" takes center stage in the global discourse and in this committee.
UNHRC <i>United Nations Human Rights Council</i> - The representation of minorities in media	HRC is the Human Rights Council created for the promotion and protection in human rights around the globe. This committee focuses on addressing human rights violations and making recommendations on them. The conviction is to establish international commissions of inquiry and fact-finding missions investigating and responding to human rights violations, to help expose violators and bring them to justice. The HRC will discuss the importance of increasing the representation of minorities (race, gender, disability) in media and ways to do it. Due to the rapid rate of globalization over the last few decades, the identification and importance in respecting the human rights of minority groups are increasing. Along with globalization, technology has improved quickly and the ways to portray the minorities in media such as movies are being discussed universally. According to the world's change, this committee seeks to find a profitable and respectful way to describe the minorities in the media.



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ITU <i>Intellectual Telecommunications Union</i> - English as the lingua franca of science and how it affects scientific development.	The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is a specialized agency of the United Nations tasked with facilitating international cooperation in the development and use of information and communication technologies (ICTs). Its mission is to connect the world, ensuring that people everywhere have access to reliable, affordable, and secure telecommunications and information networks. Through its work, ITU promotes innovation, fosters digital inclusion, and strives to harness the power of ICTs to advance sustainable development and improve the quality of life for all. Delegates engage in comprehensive discussions, exploring the advantages and challenges associated with the dominance of English in the scientific community, basing their position on the country they select. Their objective is to propose measures that promote linguistic diversity while ensuring that scientific knowledge remains accessible and collaborative on a global scale.
UNGA <i>United Nations General Assembly</i> - The effects of literary censorship	The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) is the principal deliberative and policy-making body of the United Nations. In this committee, delegates will take on the roles of representatives from UN member states to address a wide range of global issues, from peace and security to human rights, sustainable development, and more. Delegates will engage in spirited debates, negotiate resolutions, and work collaboratively to find solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. The UNGA provides a platform for diplomatic dialogue and consensus-building, where the voices and perspectives of nations, both large and small, come together to shape international



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	policy. Join us in the UNGA committee to experience the art of diplomacy and contribute to building a better world through multilateral cooperation. Literary censorship, the control of written or artistic content, raises pivotal questions about the clash between freedom of expression and societal values. It encompasses a spectrum of issues, from protecting vulnerable groups to safeguarding cultural traditions. The significance lies in preserving diverse voices and fostering cross-cultural understanding while acknowledging the potential risks of harmful content. The debate touches upon ethical dilemmas, historical precedents, and the vital role of literature in promoting democratic values and artistic innovation. Ultimately, the discourse on literary censorship underscores the delicate balance between preserving human rights, nurturing creativity, and respecting the complexities of our globalized world.
IPC <i>International Press Corps</i> - The role of the press in the modern world	The Press Corps committee at this Model United Nations (MUN) conference simulates the dynamic world of international journalism and media coverage. This committee is designed to offer delegates a unique perspective on global affairs by putting them in the shoes of journalists, reporters, and media professionals covering the events of the MUN conference. Delegates in the Press Corps committee play a pivotal role in shaping the narrative of the conference and ensuring transparency and accountability in the decision-making process.
IAEA <i>International Atomic Energy Agency</i> - Nuclear disasters and its effect on the use of nuclear energy	Delegates in this committee will delve into how nuclear disasters affect the use of nuclear energy. They will explore how incidents like nuclear



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	accidents, radioactive leaks, or security breaches influence policies, regulations, and international cooperation efforts related to nuclear energy. This committee aims to examine the measures taken to ensure the safety and security of nuclear energy production while addressing concerns arising from nuclear disasters.
CTC <i>Counter-Terrorism Committee</i> - Countering Disinformation and Cyber Propaganda	The United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee (UNCTC) is a specialized committee that focuses on addressing the multifaceted challenges of global terrorism. The committee mirrors the real-world efforts of the United Nations in countering terrorism, fostering international cooperation, and promoting the implementation of comprehensive strategies to prevent and respond to acts of terrorism. This topic centers on the role of cyberterrorism in spreading disinformation and propaganda to manipulate public opinion and destabilize societies. Delegates will deliberate on strategies to counter these activities through international cooperation, media literacy programs, and the regulation of online content.
UNSC <i>United Nations Security Council</i> - The Cold War	Emerging in the aftermath of World War II, the Cold War was a state of geopolitical tension between the United States and its Western allies, and the Soviet Union along with its Eastern bloc. The opposing ideologies of capitalism and communism laid the foundation for this prolonged conflict, as both superpowers sought to expand their spheres of influence, ideological systems, and economic models. The division of Europe, symbolized by the Iron Curtain, further intensified the rivalry, giving rise to proxy conflicts such as the Vietnam War and Korean War, espionage, and an arms race that



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	extended beyond military capabilities to include technological, scientific, and cultural advancements. The specter of nuclear annihilation loomed large, heightening global anxiety and prompting efforts to manage the balance of power through diplomacy, alliances, and international institutions.
FAO <i>Food and Agriculture Organization</i> - Pressing issues regarding food security	The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations dedicated to addressing global food security and sustainable agriculture. In this committee, delegates will tackle pressing issues related to food production, distribution, and nutrition, with a focus on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to food and agriculture. Delegates will work collaboratively to develop solutions, policies, and strategies aimed at promoting food security, ending hunger, and fostering sustainable agricultural practices worldwide. Join us in the FAO committee to engage in critical discussions and take actions that impact the well-being of people and the planet through responsible agriculture and food policies. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) committee, where delegates will confront the critical issues surrounding SDG Goal 2: 'Zero Hunger.' In this committee, delegates will delve into the global challenges and solutions related to food security, equitable access to nutrition, and the elimination of hunger by 2030. Delegates' mission is to develop innovative strategies, promote sustainable agriculture practices, and enhance international cooperation to ensure food security for all in the face of evolving environmental, economic, and social challenges.
CoI <i>Committee on Information</i> - The dangers of journalism	Reflecting upon history, it becomes evident that journalism has often been a perilous path to tread. Throughout the ages, journalists have stood on the frontlines of truth, bearing witness to and uncovering stories that powerful entities seek to conceal. From the early days of the printing press to the present digital era, journalists have faced physical harm,



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	imprisonment, and even death in their pursuit of exposing corruption, injustice, and human rights abuses. The dangers are not confined to conflict zones; even in democratic societies, journalists have been subject to harassment, lawsuits, and surveillance as they hold those in power to account. The very act of reporting on sensitive topics can attract threats from those with vested interests in suppressing information. As we delve into the dangers of journalism, let us honor the sacrifices of those who have risked everything to bring truth to light, and engage in discussions that will safeguard the vital role of journalism in our societies while protecting those who carry out this essential work.
Senado Mexicano	Los estudiantes crearán un ambiente de discusión similar al del Senado de la República, y discutirán los temas más recientes que embarcan la política mexicana.
UNWTO <i>Organización Mundial del Turismo</i> - El narcoturismo como nuevo nicho de mercado	La misión de la Organización Mundial del Turismo (UNWTO por sus siglas en inglés) es promover y desarrollar el turismo sostenible a nivel global. Esto implica trabajar en colaboración con países miembros y socios para fomentar un turismo que sea económicamente viable, socialmente inclusivo y respetuoso con el medio ambiente. La UNWTO busca mejorar la calidad de vida de las comunidades locales a través del turismo y contribuir al crecimiento económico equitativo, al mismo tiempo que preserva el patrimonio cultural y natural del mundo. El narcoturismo como nuevo nicho de mercado. Los delegados analizarán el controvertido pero relevante tema del narcoturismo como un emergente nicho de mercado en la industria turística



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	basado en la posición de su país. Analizarán las implicaciones éticas, sociales y económicas de esta tendencia, buscando soluciones colaborativas para abordar los desafíos que plantea y promover un turismo responsable y sostenible en todas las regiones del mundo.
UNICRI <i>Instituto Interregional de las Naciones Unidas para Investigaciones sobre la Delincuencia y la Justicia</i> - Prevención y Sanción de la Corrupción en Contratos Gubernamentales y Adquisiciones	El Instituto Interregional de las Naciones Unidas para Investigaciones sobre la Delincuencia y la Justicia (UNICRI) se estableció en 1968 de conformidad con la Resolución 1086 B (XXXIX) del Consejo Económico y Social de 1965, que instó a ampliar las actividades de las Naciones Unidas en materia de prevención del delito y justicia penal. El Instituto es una institución autónoma de las Naciones Unidas y está gobernado por su Junta de Consejeros. Los participantes analizarán la corrupción en contrataciones públicas y adquisiciones gubernamentales en México. Se explorarán enfoques para garantizar la transparencia en los procesos de licitación, prevenir el soborno y la malversación de fondos públicos, y fortalecer la supervisión y rendición de cuentas en relación con los contratos gubernamentales.
OIT <i>Organización Internacional del Trabajo</i> - El Efecto de la Pobreza en el Trabajo Infantil	El Comité de la OIT sobre "El Efecto de la Pobreza en el Trabajo Infantil" brinda una plataforma para que los participantes examinen y discutan la conexión entre la pobreza y el trabajo infantil en todo el mundo. Este comité tiene como objetivo abordar los desafíos asociados con la eliminación del trabajo infantil, en particular en contextos donde la pobreza es un factor contribuyente significativo.



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UNCTAD

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

- Protection of workers due to increasing violations of trade union rights

UNCTAD is a key United Nations body focused on promoting sustainable development through international trade and economic cooperation. In this committee, delegates will explore critical issues related to global trade, development, and economic policies. Delegates will delve into topics such as trade and investment, sustainable development goals (SDGs), and the challenges and opportunities facing both developed and developing economies. The committee's mission is to formulate policies and recommendations that foster equitable economic growth, reduce inequality, and advance sustainable development for all nations. Join us in the UNCTAD committee to engage in impactful discussions and shape international trade and development policies that contribute to a more inclusive and prosperous world. Step into the world of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) committee, where delegates will address the pressing concern of the 'Protection of Workers Due to Increasing Violations of Trade Union Rights.' In this committee, delegates will explore the critical nexus between international trade, workers' rights, and trade union freedoms. Delegates' mission is to devise comprehensive strategies, advocate for policy reforms, and foster global collaboration to safeguard the rights, safety, and dignity of workers facing violations of their trade union rights. Join us in this vital discourse to shape a more equitable and just global economy, ensuring that the voices of workers are heard and respected on the world stage.

UNHCR

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

- The protection and safeguarding of displaced refugees

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) committee, where delegates will tackle the urgent issue of the 'Protection and Safeguarding of Displaced Refugees.' In this forum, delegates will navigate the intricate intersections of human rights and displacement, examining the rights and well-being of refugees worldwide. The committee's mission is to craft innovative strategies, advocate for policy changes, and foster international cooperation



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	to ensure that the rights and dignity of displaced persons are upheld, safeguarded, and protected. Join us in this critical conversation to make a lasting impact on the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable populations."
UNCSD <i>Comisión de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo Sostenible</i> - El uso del lenguaje inclusivo como una nueva norma social	El comité de la Comisión de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo Sostenible (UNCSD) donde los delegados abordarán la apremiante cuestión de 'El Uso del Lenguaje Inclusivo como una Nueva Norma Social'. En este foro, los delegados explorarán el poder transformador del lenguaje inclusivo en la promoción de la igualdad de género y la inclusión social. La misión del comité es forjar políticas y directrices que fomenten un lenguaje inclusivo en la comunicación pública y privada, promoviendo la igualdad y el respeto de las diversas identidades de género y orientaciones sexuales. Únanse a nosotros en este diálogo crucial para influir en la creación de una sociedad más igualitaria y respetuosa, donde el lenguaje inclusivo sea una herramienta para construir un futuro sostenible para todos.
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UNDP <i>United Nations Development Goals</i> - Promoting Literacy for Sustainable Development	Literacy is a fundamental human right and a key driver of sustainable development. This committee will focus on the critical role of literacy in achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Delegates will explore strategies to enhance literacy rates, improve access to quality education, and address literacy disparities among various demographics, including gender and age groups. The committee will also examine the connection between literacy and other development indicators, such as poverty reduction, health, and economic growth.



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	Delegates will work together to draft resolutions and recommendations that promote literacy as a catalyst for empowerment, equality, and progress, contributing to a world where every individual has the opportunity to unlock their full potential through education and literacy.
UNPFII <i>United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues</i> - Preservation and Revitalization of Indigenous Languages	The United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) is a unique body within the United Nations system, dedicated to addressing the rights and well-being of indigenous peoples around the world. In this committee, delegates will engage in discussions related to indigenous rights, culture, land, and sustainable development. Delegates will explore topics such as land rights, preservation of indigenous languages and traditions, and the challenges facing indigenous communities in the context of modern globalization. The committee's mission is to advocate for the protection of indigenous rights, promote cultural diversity, and ensure that indigenous voices are heard within the international community. Join us in the UNPFII committee to contribute to meaningful discussions and advance the rights and dignity of indigenous peoples globally. The issue of indigenous language loss is a critical global concern stemming from the rapid disappearance of unique linguistic traditions that have evolved over centuries within indigenous communities. As languages fade into obscurity, so too do rich cultural identities, oral traditions, and knowledge systems intricately linked to these languages. The erosion of indigenous languages threatens the very essence of diverse cultures and contributes to the marginalization of indigenous peoples. This issue underscores the delicate balance between preserving linguistic



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	diversity as a human heritage and recognizing the intricate interplay between language, culture, and identity. The urgency lies in safeguarding the world's linguistic tapestry, as every lost language represents an irreversible loss of wisdom, historical narratives, and perspectives essential to our shared global heritage. Addressing indigenous language loss is not only a matter of human rights but also a commitment to ensuring the continuation of our collective cultural legacy.
WTO <i>World Trade Organization</i> - The consideration of cryptocurrency as a real currency (common currency)	WTO, World Trade Organization, has an objective to help its members use trade in order to raise living standards worldwide. Also, it contributes to its members to negotiate trade agreements and come to a conclusion on trade problems they are faced with. WTO stands for fair competition between nations meaning it discourages unfair practices. Additionally, it aims to protect not only the public's health but also the environment, the world every member of the committee is living in. This committee will dispute "The consideration of cryptocurrency as a real currency (common currency)". For the past few years, the recognition of e-commerce has soared internationally. In response to the world, the WTO is trying to acknowledge the importance of digital trade and economy. Cryptocurrency is one of the major components placed in the digital market. The importance in discussion about the use of digital currency in the market industry will be recognized by this committee.
HC <i>The High-Level Committee on the Use of GMOs</i> - The use of GMOs as a standardized practice	The High-Level Committee on the Use of GMOs and Environmental Sustainability is a specialized committee convened to address the pressing global



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	concerns related to the use of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) and their impact on the environment. This committee derives its inspiration from the seminal work "Silent Spring" by Rachel Carson, which sounded the alarm about the detrimental effects of unchecked chemical pesticide use on the environment and its inhabitants. In the spirit of Carson's work, the committee aims to promote a thoughtful and sustainable approach to GMOs to mitigate potential ecological harm.
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UNEP <i>United Nations Environment Program</i> - Accelerating Climate Action for a Sustainable Future	Climate change, a global crisis driven primarily by human activities, encompasses rising temperatures, extreme weather events, sea-level rise, and ecological disruptions. It poses unprecedented threats to ecosystems, communities, and economies worldwide. The accumulation of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere from burning fossil fuels, deforestation, and industrial processes has intensified the warming of the planet. The importance of addressing climate change cannot be overstated: it jeopardizes food security, water resources, biodiversity, and the very habitability of Earth. Mitigating climate change requires urgent and coordinated efforts to transition toward renewable energy sources, enhance resilience, and forge international relations. Delegates will also explore strategies for mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, adapting to the impacts of climate change, and fostering international cooperation to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Delegates' mission is to develop innovative policies, advocate for climate resilience, and promote sustainable



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	practices to safeguard our planet for current and future generations. Join us in this critical discussion to shape a sustainable future where climate action is prioritized and the impacts of climate change are effectively mitigated.
OPCW <i>The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons</i> - Addressing Biosecurity Threats in Conflict Zone	The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) is an independent, international organization established under the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). The OPCW's primary objective is to eliminate chemical weapons worldwide, ensure their non-proliferation, and promote the peaceful uses of chemistry. While the OPCW is not a specialized agency of the United Nations, it works closely with the UN to achieve its goals. This topic examines the challenges of biosecurity in conflict-affected regions and the potential use of bio weapons. Delegates will explore ways to enhance monitoring, surveillance, and response mechanisms in these areas to prevent the unauthorized access and use of dangerous pathogens.