

UNISMUNC XI



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Conference Schedule

Registration 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Opening Ceremonies 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Committee Session I 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lunch Break I 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm

Lunch Break II 1:15 pm - 2:30 pm

Committee Session II 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Closing Ceremonies 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Conference Policies

UNISMUNC XI aims to foster debate, bringing students the opportunity to explore a range of topics and encourage collaboration and teamwork between delegates. Be that as it may, UNIS stresses the importance of respectful language as UNISMUNC XI will see delegates debating topics that, at times, may be heated or passionate. MUNEX encourages you to remember to stay respectful and mindful of the other students around you. We are so excited about this conference and trust that no issues will arise. The following expectations and policies are designed so that every delegate gets the most out of UNISMUNC.

Attire:

The Dress Code for UNISMUNC is formal Western business attire, and all delegates are expected to comply with this. Exceptions can be made for character purposes in crisis committees at the discretion of the chair. If you have an idea for an outfit for a crisis committee that does not fall into the parameters of traditional Western business attire, please ask your chair for permission before wearing the outfit.

Committee Assignments:

Committee assignments will be made on a first-come-first-served basis based on preference as communicated by the delegation's advisors (or individual delegates in the case of independent delegates), in order of receipt of preference. Before being assigned to a committee, payment must be received. If payment is not submitted in a timely manner, delegations face the risk of not receiving committee assignments of their choice.

Expectations in Committee:

As you engage in debates, we ask that delegates maintain politeness and respect at all times. While we recognize that you are representing your country's views, it is essential to express these perspectives without crossing the line into disrespectful or confrontational behavior.

Please respect one another when delegates are giving speeches. Only one delegate may speak at a time during moderated caucuses. To speak during a moderated caucus, you must raise your placard and wait to be recognized by the chair. During speeches, no ad hominem attacks will be allowed, should they occur, the subject will have the right to reply. Remember to be cognizant of your words and actions, and to listen to everyone's views and positions.

The Committee Chairs and Secretariat members are responsible for determining disruptive behavior.

Examples of disrespectful behavior may include but are not limited to:

- Speaking without being recognized,
- Use of cell phones,
- Note-passing unrelated to the committee,
- Use of technology when not allowed,
- Verbal, physical, or sexual harassment of other delegates.

The pre-writing of any resolution/directive clauses, crisis notes, or speeches is strictly forbidden and will be penalized. This does not include opening remarks. This does not include any writing during the lunch break, as UNISMUNC committees standardly operate with 'working lunches'.

UNISMUNC has a zero-tolerance policy for any plagiarism. This includes position papers, speeches, and resolutions. Improper citation of quotes and references may result in disqualification from awards or further disciplinary action at the discretion of the chairs.

Pricing:

Please see the registration section for more information. Details on committee assignments are below.

Spectators:

Please be aware that UNISMUNC XI does not allow unregistered spectators. Student spectators are strictly prohibited. All advisors and delegates must be registered and pay the required fee(s). Non-compliance with this policy will result in exclusion from future invitations. We expect all

participating delegations to respect this policy. The Secretariat reserves the right to have any unregistered spectators removed from committee chambers and escorted off of the premises if necessary, as they see fit.

Technology:

All crisis committees are strictly no-tech. Neither laptops nor cell phones will be permitted during committee sessions in crisis committees.

General Assembly (GA) committees allow technology exclusively for the purpose of resolution writing. Delegates will be permitted to use their laptops to work on resolutions during unmoderated caucuses and outside of the committee chamber when allowed by the chair. It is, however, not permitted to use technology when a fellow delegate is speaking or during committee chambers during moderated caucuses. This includes your own speeches, so please write any notes by hand or have your opening remarks printed before the conference.

Awards Criteria:

UNISMUNC Chairs, Diases, and, in the case of crisis committees, Crisis Directors will work together to holistically evaluate delegates based on their performance throughout the entire day of debate. This includes:

- speeches given during moderated caucuses,
- performance during unmoderated caucuses (not only making one's voice heard but also including everyone in the discussion),
- writing/presenting resolutions/directions, especially those that pass,
- in crisis committees, as well as the detail and sophistication of crisis arcs.

Letter From Chairs

Greetings Delegates:

Welcome to UNISMUNC XI! We are thrilled to be hosting an Ad Hoc committee at this year's conference. We are committed to making this an engaging and exciting experience for all, but we cannot disclose much about how it will unfold until the day of the Conference. What I can tell you is that you will have to operate in conditions of limited information, shifting realities, and, of course, high-stakes scenarios. This committee will challenge previous beliefs and precedents. As such, we advise all delegates to enter the committee with open minds.

My name is Jayden Link, and I have the great pleasure of being one of your chairs at this year's conference. I grew up in Switzerland but moved to New York in 8th grade and have been doing Model UN since 5th grade. This year, I have the honor of being Co-President of UNIS's Model UN club and Co-Secretary General of UNISMUNC XI. I have always appreciated how Model UN gives us the opportunity to discuss globally relevant issues, including those not typically discussed on official platforms...

Your other chair is my friend, Graham Chow. He grew up in Hong Kong and also moved to New York in 8th grade. He has been doing Model UN for the past 4 years and is interested in math as well as history. He finds it really worrying about how media can be exploited to manipulate people's beliefs, polarizing communities. He hopes that the committee will come up with creative solutions for this pressing issue. This is our third year running a committee together at UNISMUNC. It has become somewhat of a tradition, and we hope that you will make our final UNISMUNC a fun and memorable one!

Position papers are not required at UNISMUNC, and certainly not expected for this committee, given its nature as an Ad Hoc. Nevertheless, I suggest that you conduct some research on your country's position on important issues relevant to NATO. During the committee, you will be expected to adhere to your country's values and act quickly in a fast-paced environment.

If you have any questions or concerns surrounding anything, please feel free to reach out. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in committee and cannot wait to hear all of the exciting and unique solutions that are put forth and debated!

Sincerely,

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A Brief Overview of the Committee

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is a military alliance formed in 1949 to provide collective defense against aggression. It is comprised of 32 member countries from North America and Europe, operating on the principle that an attack against one member is considered an attack against all.

Article 5

“The Parties agree that an armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all and consequently they agree that, if such an armed attack occurs, each of them, in exercise of the right of individual or collective self-defence recognised by Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, will assist the Party or Parties so attacked by taking forthwith, individually and in concert with the other Parties, such action as it deems necessary, including the use of armed force, to restore and maintain the security of the North Atlantic area.

Any such armed attack and all measures taken as a result thereof shall immediately be reported to the Security Council. Such measures shall be terminated when the Security Council has taken the measures necessary to restore and maintain international peace and security.”

Article 10

“The Parties may, by unanimous agreement, invite any other European State in a position to further the principles of this Treaty and to contribute to the security of the North Atlantic area to accede to this Treaty. Any State so invited may become a Party to the Treaty by depositing its instrument of accession with the Government of the United States of America. The Government of the United States of America will inform each of the Parties of the deposit of each such instrument of accession.”

Information on the issue debated will be made available at the start of committee session.

Committee Procedure

Research Period:

At the beginning of this committee, once the topic is revealed, motions will be exempted for an unmoderated caucus for participants to research the topic. The length of this period must be debated and agreed upon by the committee, as with any other caucus.

Moderated Caucuses are structured discussions where delegates sign themselves up to give short, regulated speeches. The speaking time and topic of discussion are set when the motion is proposed, and delegates take turns to speak.

Unmoderated Caucuses are divided between a regular unmoderated caucus and a gentleman's unmoderated caucus, where everybody remains seated. A regular unmod entails a period free of structured, regulated debate, where delegates can mill about the committee and work with their blocs.

Some actions that are carried over from the usual committee procedure:

- Point of Order
- Point of Information
- Appeal to the Chair
- Suspension of Debate
- Adjournment of Debate
- Closure of Debate
- Roll Call Vote
- Set the Speaker's Time
- Call a guest speaker

Written Papers

Directives:

A directive is a formal written instruction or order given by a delegate or a group of delegates to the chair or to other delegates. Directives are used to propose specific actions or solutions to address the crisis at hand. They can range from proposing specific policies or strategies to calling for specific actions by other delegates or bodies within the simulation. Directives are passed frequently throughout debate and are a lot shorter than most resolutions. They are not restrained by a specific format, and while they do need signatories and sponsors, they do not require a distinction between preambulatory and operative clauses.

Directives will require a minimum of four people to sign off on the document, with two sponsors and two signatories to be debated.

Delegates

- Albania
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Montenegro
- Netherlands
- North Macedonia
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States

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