



VIMUN Procedure

VIMUN 3.0





Glossary



Delegate: an elected representative sent to a conference.



Resolution: A document that contains all the issues that the committee wants to solve and the proposed solutions to that issue



Amendment: Change to an operative clause of a resolution



Chair: Facilitate debate according to the Rules of Procedure.



Secretary general: The head of the Secretariat, manages the chair.



For other words you do not understand, use the glossary at:
<https://www.wisemee.com/mun-glossary/>



Research

- You must research your country and the viewpoints of your country on the topic before the conference
- You should start with familiarizing yourself with the topic.
- You must have the sources of all collected information; incase the chair asks.
- If you have any questions regarding your research, the chair are there to guide you



USEFUL RESOURCES

- The United Nations website:
<https://www.un.org/en/>
- Wikipedia (only use after citing info, [1] boxes tell the source of the info) :
<https://www.wikipedia.org/>
- UN news:
<https://news.un.org/en/>
- BBC:
<https://www.bbc.com/news>
- CNN:
<https://edition.cnn.com/>
- Reuters:
<https://www.reuters.com/>
- Please use **English resources** only. Resources in other languages will be **rejected**





Research Tutorial



Start by researching your countries views

- Research what stance your country takes on the topic
- Useful sources to find out your country's views include:
 - Articles from your country's state run media company
 - Statements from your country's leaders
 - Statements from your country's foreign office & Ambassadors



Germany's position in Azeri-Armenian war

- Popular German newspaper DW published an article stating the German government's position in the conflict
- <https://www.dw.com/en/germany-under-pressure-to-take-sides-in-nagorno-karabakh-conflict/a-55364432>
- “Berlin insists the two should come back to the negotiating table.”- shows what Germany thinks is the solution to the conflict
- “Merkel speaks to both sides”- implies a more neutral stance
- Generally speaking, if you can find an article from a popular media outlet of the country you are representing, it will contain your country's main views on the topic



Finding the stats

- It is always important to back up your argument with stats
- Reliable statistics can be found from research organisations
- Any website that ends with '.org'
- <https://www.armscontrol.org/factsheets/Nuclearweaponswhohaswhat>
- The link above will be useful if you are in the General Assembly
- It contains detailed information on the number of nuclear weapons and key treaties



Research other countries

- To formulate a good argument, it can be useful to know information about your enemy
- For example, past events that occurred: US being the only country to use a nuclear weapon in warfare, the fact that both Russia and the US played a key role in developing nuclear weapons in the cold war
- Such information can be used to form counterarguments in the case of being asked a POI whilst on 'the floor'



Enemies, Allies & Main submitters

- It is always useful to know what relations your country has to the main submitter
- You can research this by searching on the internet: “CountryX relations with Iraq”
- Most of the time, a Wikipedia link would cover the topic
- Wikipedia is a good place to build general knowledge
- However be careful when using Wikipedia as sometimes it uses unreliable sources
- Knowledge of your country’s relations with the main submitter can help determine if your country stands for or against their resolution



Note

- The amount of research you need to do depends on your pre-existing knowledge on the topic
- If you have a deep understanding of the topic, you will need to do less research beforehand
- But even the most experienced delegates of MUN need to research to improve their arguments and have statistics to back up their argument

Some Basic Terms
(motions) to Use
during sessions-
use guidebook for
further support

Motion	Meaning
Point of Personal Privilege	A request to the chair regarding a delegate's personal comfort, e.g. noise, toilet break, etc.
Request a Follow Up	A request to follow up on a point of information to the speaker, clarifying a previous question
Point of Information	A request to ask a question of the speaker or chair
Orders of the Day	A request to return to the scheduled issue being debated, if the discussion has drifted away
Roll Call Vote	A request to vote again by asking each country individually for their vote on a main motion
Move to Reconsider a Resolution	A request to reopen debate on a previously tabled resolution
Right of Reply	A request to respond to an opening speech



Procedure

- The first day of the conference will be spent completely debating on the resolution
- This will start off with the main submitter reading the operative clauses of the resolution

MUN General Assembly- Solving the economic situation in Iraq

Main Submitter: United States of America

Co-submitters: United Kingdom and France

Signatories: Kuwait and Saudi Arabia

Reaffirming that the Republic of Iraq has not developed a stable economy

Recalling that during the decade 1990-2000, Iraq lost around \$170 billion in oil revenues. Additionally, Iraq's GDP losses amounted to \$380 billion, which still has not been recovered

Concerned, despite providing economical, infrastructural and welfare aids to The Republic of Iraq, the current government has still not been able to recuperate from its dire economic situation

Aware that the GDP growth rate in Iraq is -0.8% annual change

private sectors carries very high risks for businesses investing in Iraq. Companies can expect to contend with several forms of corruption.”

1. **Demands** the Iraqi government to provide the UN with all its financial records; including import/export reports from 1990-present.
 - a) This includes a report on what was done with the \$5.34 billion loaned by the IMF (International Monetary Fund) in 2016 for economical stability
2. **Calls Upon** member states to halt all MoU's (Memorandums of Understanding), economical, welfare, infrastructural aid to the Iraqi government. However, this must not be implemented as a sanction.
3. **Requests** the UN to temporarily stop the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI) until answers are provided.
4. **Further Demands** the Iraqi government to support those people who were affected by the 2018 southern-Iraq protests over water shortages.
 - a) This means that the Iraqi government takes notice of the following problems in the south: lack of civil documentation, the unstable security situation, checkpoint harassment, contaminated houses and inadequate basic services.
5. **Recommends** the Iraqi government to implement laws under which corruption should be highly noted and ease of business should be revitalised throughout the republic.



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- Once the main submitter has finished reading the resolution, delegates will be given the opportunity to raise any points
- After the chair says “If there are any such points in the house, please type in the chat now”
- You should type in the #points text channel the type of point you would like to raise to the chair
- Then, the chair will create a ‘roll call’ by creating an order of the delegates to speak
- E.g. “The delegate of Jordan followed by the delegate of Saudi Arabia followed by the delegate of Lebanon.”
- When each delegate finishes speaking, the chair will call out the next delegate to speak by saying: e.g. “the delegate of Lebanon you have been recognised”
- Only when the chair recognises your point are you allowed to unmute your microphone
- Chair can randomly pick speakers, especially delegates that are not contributing



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- Remember, if you are raising a POI, you can only ask this to the delegate on the floor
- As soon as all the points have been recognised, the chair will ask the delegate on the floor (Main submitter/speaker for/against) to yield the floor back to the chair
- To reply you must say: “the delegate of Country X yields the floor back to the chair”
- After this point the Main submitter/speaker returns back to a normal delegate status



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- After the Main submitter has finished from the floor and has yielded the floor back to the chair, other delegates will be given the chance to speak For or Against the resolution
- Chair will say: “We will now be entertaining a speaker for/against the resolution, if there are any such speakers in the house, type your country name in the chat now”
- If you would like to speak for/against the resolution, you must type your country name in the #points text channel
- Generally speaking, the first delegate to type their country will be recognised and given the floor
- After saying your speech for/against the resolution, the chair will ask if you “are open to any points of information”
- If you want to answer all the points, you should reply saying “any and all”
- The chair will ask if there are any points in the house and other delegates will raise any points



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- Most of the time, the points raised in the chat are points of information- which are questions directed to the speaker on the floor
- You, as the speaker on the floor can reply to the point
- Once you have replied, the delegate asking the POI might want to request a follow up
- If granted by the chair, they will be allowed to ask another question directed to you, the speaker on the floor
- When all points are done/limit reached, the you will be asked to yield the floor back to the chair and the whole process repeats again with a different speaker



Note

- You can ask to speak for/against the resolution multiple times
- If you do not speak throughout the conference, you may be picked on by the chair



Main submitters for each committee

Committee	Main Submitters	Topic
General Assembly	USA & Australia	Total elimination of nuclear weaponry
Security Council	Azerbaijan & Armenia	Armenia & Azerbaijan war
Economic Development Council	Nigeria & South Africa	Corruption & embezzlement in Africa
UNICEF	Switzerland & Iraq	Securing Children's Rights in Iraq