



American Model United Nations Conference Preparation Newsletter

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Special Commissions and Report-Writing Bodies *Information to help you prepare for these exciting simulations*

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. This newsletter is specifically about participation on AMUN's Special Commission, the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA), and the Report-Writing bodies, the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) and the Committee for Development Policy Expert Group (CDPEG).

AMUN's Special Committee: the UNEA

Please note, this year's optional special committee, the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA), will be a resolution-writing body that uses the [GA/ECOSOC](#) rules. Due to space constraints, seating on UNEA is limited to one person per delegation with no exceptions.

To learn more about the UNEA, read our AMUN Accords Blog "[Meet the UNEA](#)" article or visit the [UNEA Website](#).

AMUN's 2018 Report-Writing Bodies

The Commission on Population and Development (CPD) and the Committee for Development Policy Expert Group (CDPEG) are AMUN's 2018 report-writing bodies. While they may do some limited resolution writing, their primary task is to write a report of the body's deliberations, findings and recommendations. Most of the resolutions these bodies draft are included in the report as recommendations for passage and further action by the appropriate plenary body. Only rarely does a reporting body write a resolution that requires action under its own purview. Representatives should therefore be prepared to spend the majority of their time drafting reports to cover their committee's topics in depth and to recommend actions to the body that will receive their report.

A report summarizes the body's discussion on the topic and recommends actions to the appropriate body. Students assigned to these bodies should review thoroughly the Report section of AMUN's Rules and Procedures handbook in [Draft Documents](#).

[Additional preparatory material](#) regarding participation in reporting bodies is available on our website. This page includes instructions on United Nations report-writing, a suggested timeline for the process and sample reports. A careful review of these materials will assist representatives in understanding the workflow of the report-writing process. If you have more questions about preparing students for a report-writing simulation, we suggest consulting the materials for the Simulation of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in the Model UN in a Box simulation guide. You can also contact mail@amun.org with specific questions.

Additionally, we recommend that representatives working in report-writing committees review those rules specific to report-writing bodies. Please review the [General Assembly and Economic and Social Council rules](#), which are in Chapter Eight of the Rules and Procedures handbook. Rules of special importance to report-writing bodies include: 4.1 and 4.2 (Draft Reports); 4.7 and 4.8 (Executive Summaries); 5.3 (Adoption by Consensus), 7.7/9.4 (Consultative Session) and 7.14/9.5 (Consideration of Draft Reports). Additionally, representatives working in these committees should familiarize themselves with all of the 9.x rules, which are exclusively used in ECOSOC and reporting bodies. Reports will be presented to a specially-convened session of the Economic and Social Council on Tuesday afternoon.

There will be a Rules and Roleplaying session from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. on Saturday, 17 November to allow participants in these simulations the opportunity to ask last-minute questions and receive additional information useful for the report-writing process.

Is My School on a Report-Writing Simulation?

We urge each delegation to take the time to review the committee report for their country. The committee report confirms each simulation on which the country is seated. Taking the time now to confirm your committee assignments will prevent issues, such as representatives prepared for simulations on which the country is not seated, or failing to have a representative prepared to sit on a committee where the country is seated and a representative is required.

You may access the reports online, located under the “[Our Conference](#)” tab at www.amun.org, and by choosing “[Reports for Registered Schools](#)” under the FA/PR menu. You will access your reports using the email address to which this communication was sent.

Questions, Comments or Concerns?

If you have any questions about this email, please contact us directly at mail@amun.org and we will be happy to help. As always, if you are no longer the primary contact for your school’s Model UN club or class, please contact us at mail@amun.org with updated contact information or fill out our [Change of Address/Contact](#) form online.

Good Luck on Your Preparations,

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