



American Model United Nations Conference Preparation Newsletter

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AMUN's Philosophy About Realism & Accessibility Info *How an Educational Focus Shapes the Conference.*

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. This newsletter will discuss AMUN's philosophy about realism in simulations and AMUN's accessibility and accommodation information.

REMINDER: Your Position Papers are due This Week!

Just a reminder that the deadline to submit position papers and be eligible for a position paper award is **THIS WEEK**. Position papers are due at 11:59:59 Central Standard Time on 25 October. Your Position Papers must include papers on both topics on every simulation for which your country is seated. [Submit your position papers online.](#)

AMUN's Philosophy of Realism

The AMUN Secretariat wants you to have an enjoyable Conference, but most of all we want you to have an *educational* experience. To that end, AMUN goes to considerable lengths to ensure that we're providing a simulation of UN Bodies that is as realistic as possible. This is part of the reason why AMUN only simulates topics that have been previously addressed by the United Nations and why each our materials and staff assist delegates with to understand the purview of each body. Purview is the basic delineation of responsibilities that limits what steps a body can take on the topics under debate.

Through both the [AMUN Accords](#) and the [Issues at AMUN](#) handbook, the AMUN Secretariat spends a great deal of time researching and producing content that will enable your students to draft substantively grounded resolutions and reports. At-conference, the AMUN Secretariat is also available through our Home Government offices in the Missouri Room on Level 2 of the Sheraton to answer substantive questions and provide roleplayers for bodies, peoples and countries that aren't in attendance at AMUN.

If you want to read more about AMUN's dedication to realism, read [A Commitment to Realism and Education: Understanding AMUN's approach to Model UN by Dr. Jacqueline E. Whitt](#) or [Why Realism is Important: The Goals of AMUN's Security Council Simulations by Nia Indelicato](#), both found on the [AMUN Accords](#) section of our website.

Accessibility & Accomodation at AMUN

The AMUN Secretariat wants to ensure that all Conference attendees are able to enjoy the Conference and participate fully in their simulations. If you or any member of your delegation requires any accommodations or modifications to get the most out of the AMUN experience, please contact Shannon Dunn, the Executive Director, at mail@amun.org as soon as possible, so we can discuss appropriate arrangements. Or speak to us once Conference has started by visiting the Executive Office in the Ohio Room on Level 2 of the Sheraton.

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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