



## American Model United Nations Conference Preparation Newsletter

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### Understanding the Report-Writing Committees *A Primer for New Students*

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. Please pass this newsletter along to your students. It contains information for new and returning students in the Commission for Population (CPD) and Development and the Committee for Development Policy Expert Group (CDPEG).

### Rules & Roleplaying Session

On Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. in the Mayfair room on the Level 2 of the Sheraton AMUN will be hosting a Rules & Roleplaying Session (RRP). AMUN's RRP for report-writing bodies will cover the basics of Model UN and the AMUN rules. RRP's are an excellent refresher for students that have gone to Model UN conferences before, but for first-time attendees to AMUN or Model UN in general, it's an essential foundational experience that gives new Model UNers the tools they need to be successful in simulations. AMUN's RRP will provide information on:

- How to give speeches and the flow of debate in simulations,
- The key rules of AMUN simulations,
- Diplomatic Courtesy and why it's essential,
- How to draft and work on collaborative reports,
- How to express a dissenting opinion while still supporting the work of the report,
- And a lot more.

### How the Combined ECOSOC Plenary Works

From 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 21 November in the Chicago Ballrooms VIII-IX on Level 4 of the Sheraton, AMUN will run its ECOSOC Plenary session. The [membership of the ECOSOC plenary session](#) is based off of the current membership of the ECOSOC, meaning that it may contain Member States that did not participate in the two bodies reporting the ECOSOC Plenary (CPD and CDPEG).

The ECOSOC Plenary will devote its time to hearing the reports from the two report-writing bodies and debating whether to accept those reports. Each body will be allotted time to discuss the reports

developed on both topics of the simulations, in total hearing four reports. The Member States that are selected to present the reports to the ECOSOC plenary are chosen within their individual simulations immediately prior to the ECOSOC Plenary.

Limited copies of the reports will be made available but copies of the Executive Summary will be made available for all Member States in ECOSOC Plenary. Immediately following the Combined General Assembly Plenary, AMUN will host its Closing Plenary Session.

## The Key to the Report-Writing Bodies: It's In the Name

Unlike other simulations at AMUN the specific focus of the report-writing bodies is to write a report, not to pass resolutions. This is a significant change in focus that most first-time representatives in report-writing bodies struggle to focus on. Each body will likely [produce one report per topic](#) and that can best be achieved by dividing the work of the report process between many Member States. A report at AMUN is the pinnacle of collaborative work, as each report is intended to be passed by consensus by the bodies working on them. It is therefore key that much formal debate is spent discussing the scope of the report as it pertains to the topics and what specific things the body believes are the best focuses for the international community.

## Questions, Comments or Concerns?

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Good Luck on Your Preparations,

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