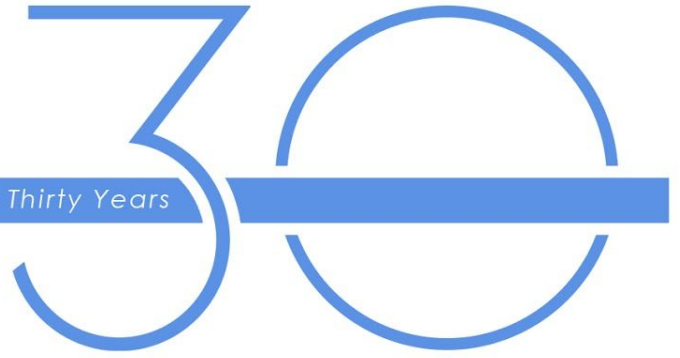


# AMUN

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## Everyday Diplomacy: Educational Excellence



### **American Model United Nations Conference Preparation Newsletter** *Understanding Report-Writing Simulations*

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. Please pass this newsletter along to your students. It contains information for new and returning students in the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ).

#### **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) for representatives participating in our ECA and CCPCJ simulations. AMUN's RRP for report-writing bodies will cover the basics of Model UN and the AMUN rules specific to these simulations. 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 much more!

#### **How the Combined ECOSOC Plenary Works**

From 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 26 November in the Chicago Ballrooms VIII-IX on Level 4 of the Sheraton, AMUN will run its ECOSOC Plenary session. AMUN is simulating ECOSOC in 2019, so ECOSOC members will convene in Plenary session alongside representatives from the CCPCJ, ECA and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU).

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. The ITU will present its work in summary form to ECOSOC; no further action from ECOSOC is required.

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 ECOSOC and Combined General Assembly Plenary sessions, 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.

For more information about writing reports please read *Report Writing 101: Understanding Reports and Report Drafting* on the [AMUN Accords](#).

## **Questions, Comments or Concerns?**

All school communications are posted to our website as they are sent. This provides you with an easy way to reference previous communications as needed. Please visit [Conference Mailings](#) at any time to review these important updates.

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Good Luck on Your Preparations,

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