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AMUN Update Accessing Invoices and Committee Reports and Presubmitted Resolutions

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. This communication provides information on accessing your invoice and a discussion of pre-submitted resolutions.

View Your Invoice and Committee Reports Online

AMUN has made your invoice available online for review and printing as often as needed. Please take a moment to review your invoice now. Doing so will save your group

time and effort later and expedite your registration by ensuring that all credits have been received and properly entered. Please email the Executive Office at <u>mail@amun.org</u> if you have any questions regarding your invoice or the status of your account. All payments are due for the 2020 Conference by 8 October 2020; requiring full payment in advance of the Conference is a change from previous years, but it is a requirement for the virtual environment, as each registered participant will need a unique access URL to join.

Additionally, 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 preparing 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. Please remember that in 2020, only one representative may be assigned to each simulation. If your school needs to register additional participants, please consider having them apply for a seat on the International Court of Justice or the Historical Commission of Inquiry. You may also register for an additional delegation.

You may access this report and your invoice online, located under the "Our Conference" tab at <u>www.amun.org</u>, and by choosing "<u>Reports for Registered Schools</u>" under the FA/PR menu. You will access your reports using the email address to which this communication was sent.

Why Does AMUN Not Accept Pre-Written Resolutions?

One question the AMUN Secretariat receives fairly often is why will we not accept pre-written resolutions; after all most resolutions at the United Nations are written by a primary author in advance of in-person meetings. And while this is true, it's also true that this is the end product of a long, ongoing, interactive process of diplomacy among Member States. To that end, AMUN wants to emulate the collaborative, consensus-building nature of the United Nations. It is strongly encouraged that Representatives be prepared to begin work on any draft resolution after the Conference begins and they have the opportunity to speak with partner Member States and bloc members.

AMUN Virtual Conference Important Dates

We have put together important dates and times for the 2020 Conference to assist you in your preparations. We will continue to update this calendar as we solidify dates and times.

Ongoing

- Flipgrid open to record Opening Speeches (<u>www.flipgrid.com/openingspeeches</u>)
- 1 October
 - Position Papers Due (for awards)
 - ICJ Memorials Due
 - Last day to request a Model UN in a Box Simulation Guide
- 7 October
 - Position Paper Submissions close
- 8 October
 - All Payments due
 - Credentials due
- 13 October
 - AMA #3, 1 p.m. Central (intended for all AMUN participants) via Zoom
- 19 October
 - Gatherly Platform opens for representative familiarization sessions with times TBD. During these sessions, representatives will have access to:
 - Practice simulations
 - Tech help
 - Finance/registration help
 - General questions
 - Team huddles
- 22 October
 - Opening Plenary and Keynote, time TBD

23 October

- Graduate School and Career Expo, 2-5 p.m. Central
- FA/PR Feedback Meeting, time TBD

24 October

• FA/PR Feedback Meeting, time TBD

25 October

- FA/PR Feedback Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Central
- 2021 Country Lottery 10:30 a.m. Central

Questions, Comments or Concerns?

If you have any questions about this email, please contact us directly at <u>mail@amun.org</u> 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 <u>mail@amun.org</u> with updated contact information or fill out our <u>Change of Address/Contact</u> form online.

Good Luck on Your Preparations,

Joshua Adams 2020 Secretary-General Shannon L. Dunn AMUN Executive Director

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