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AMUN's Country Lottery for the 2022 Conference

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. Planning for the 2022 Conference has already begun for the AMUN Secretariat. For those of you who think you will attend the AMUN Conference in 2022, your preparation begins here with the [Country Lottery for the 2022 Conference](#).

2022 Country Lottery

The 2022 Country Lottery is held live at the AMUN Conference from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Monday, 22 November in the Michigan A/B Room on Level 2 of the Conference Hotel. For schools that were not able to attend the 2021 Conference, you can still participate in the lottery by sending your completed application to mail@amun.org. All [applications](#) are due to the AMUN Secretariat by 9:00 CT either via email or by delivering the lottery application to the Ohio Room on level 2 of the Conference Hotel.

Why Choose AMUN?

AMUN is one of Model UN's premiere conferences. It is held annually in beautiful downtown Chicago in the Sheraton Grand Chicago Hotel. AMUN prides itself on educational excellence, gracious customer service, and factual realism. It is a great conference for people new to Model UN or experienced representatives. AMUN is also affordable with a country registration fee of \$100 and a per delegate fee of \$65. If you've never been to AMUN before, we hope you'll get the opportunity to see how AMUN sets itself apart from other conferences through our dedication to the educational mission of Model UN by hosting a realistic simulation of the United Nations to teach students about international organizations and diplomacy.

AMUN Country Assignment Philosophy

AMUN's country assignment philosophy is that group leaders themselves have the best understanding of their group's ability to represent a certain country in the upcoming year. We believe this works better than the popular practice of conference leaders or staff determining who gets which country. Group leaders, rather than conference staff, are in the best position to know how many students are likely to be part of the next year's group and those students' level of

experience. For example, if this year has been a rebuilding year with a lot of students new to Model UN, you might expect to have a group of experienced, seasoned students in the subsequent year, thus enabling you to take on a more challenging or more extensive country assignment. On the other hand, if you have had a great year with a lot of experienced representatives who are graduating, that's great, but consider that you may have a rebuilding year next year. You are also in a better position to know about institutional funding levels or class requirements, all considerations that may affect your school's country selection.

AMUN recommends groups consider the following questions when filling out the lottery application and making a country selection:

- How many people does your group typically bring? Look at the minimum and maximum number of students for each country and choose one that you'll be able to comfortably fill.
- How experienced will your group be next year? Will your group be able to handle a Security Council country or one with a complex approach to international relations?
- Is there a specific region of the world your group would like to focus on? Do you or your students have a particular interest or expertise in a region or issue?
- Are there particular simulations that you want the opportunity to participate in?
- If you will be selecting more than one country, consider the combination of countries that you might select—for example, do you want to aim for countries that might naturally work together, or ones that will allow your students to explore very different parts of the world?

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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