



American Model United Nations Conference Preparation Newsletter 18-21 November 2023

21 September 2023

Opt-Out Date of Virtual Committee Participation

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. Please review the following communication for important information about the Virtual Committee.

Virtual Committee Opt-Out Date: 30 September

By default, when you sign up for a country to participate at the 2023 AMUN Conference, your registration includes a seat on AMUN's Virtual Committee simulation. You may elect to release your seat on the virtual committee by contacting mail@amun.org no later than 30 September. After that date the expectation will be that you intend to seat at least one (but no more than two per delegation) representatives on the virtual simulation. If you inform us that your group will not be participating in the virtual committee we will release the seat for that country, making it available for any other school to represent. Releasing the seat on the virtual simulation will have no negative impact on your school.

Making these seats available for representation will ensure that there is a wide variety of countries represented on the virtual simulation, enhancing the experience for all virtual participants. The 30 September date is designed to allow schools time to determine whether they will seat a delegate (or two) on this simulation and also allow any school picking up the virtual seat time to prepare to represent that country in November, including providing adequate time to complete position papers by the 25 October deadline.

Virtual Committee Information

All the information about our 2023 Virtual Committee is now online. For your convenience, links to each section are copied below.

- [General Information](#): go here if you need information on the country and delegate fees, refund policies, and pricing structure.
- [Tentative Agenda](#): the complete tentative agenda for the conference dates 19-21 November. Please note that there are no substantive sessions for the virtual simulations on Tuesday.
- [Virtual Simulations & Topics](#)
- [Available Countries](#)

- [Assigned Countries](#)

Simulations & Agenda

The Virtual Committee simulation for 2023 will be the Human Rights Council. The virtual session will run concurrent with the in-person schedule on Saturday (18 November) and Sunday (19 November). On Monday (20 November), the virtual committee will align with the in-person committees and have a free afternoon. We will not be holding any virtual committee time on Tuesday (21 November). We will broadcast the Closing Plenary Session so that virtual participants may participate.

All other conference deadlines, such as the [Position Paper](#) due date of 25 October and the [Credentials](#) due date of 15 November, will remain the same.

Upcoming Deadlines

Position papers for each delegation your school represents are due by 11:59 p.m. CT on 25 October to be eligible for Position Paper Awards. Please see the Research and Preparation section of the [Handbook](#) for full details on position papers. Memorials for cases before the International Court of Justice are also due on 25 October.

Following the [25 October deadline](#), all position papers received via the online form will be processed and posted on the AMUN website a minimum of one week in advance of the Conference. We provide this service at the request of past participants, in order to help all schools to better prepare for the simulations. Please note that AMUN will not accept any position papers submitted after 5:00 p.m. CT on 07 November.

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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