



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

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### AMUN's 2023 Delegation Lottery

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. Planning for the 2024 Conference has already begun for the AMUN Secretariat. For those planning to attend the AMUN Conference in 2024, your preparation begins here with the [Country Lottery for the 2024 Conference](#). This includes links to the 2024 simulations, dates and fees as well as the 2024 Member State list. We send this information out early so you can bring a deposit for next year's conference and allow yourself time to participate on Monday, 20 November. If you have any questions, or if you cannot attend the 2023 Conference but would like to participate in the lottery for the 2024 Conference, please email [mail@amun.org](mailto:mail@amun.org).

### 2024 Country Lottery

The 2024 Country Lottery will be held live at the 2023 AMUN Conference from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Monday, 20 November in the Michigan A/B Room on Level 2 of the Conference Hotel. Participation in the lottery requires a \$120 deposit which will be credited towards your registration and participation fees for 2024. For schools that were not able to attend the 2023 Conference, you can still participate in the lottery by sending your completed application to [mail@amun.org](mailto:mail@amun.org). All [applications](#) are due to the AMUN Secretariat by 5:00 p.m. CT on Sunday, 19 November. Applications can be delivered either via email ([mail@amun.org](mailto:mail@amun.org)) or by delivering the lottery application to the Ohio Room on Level 2 of the Conference Hotel, one level below the hotel lobby.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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