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Prepping for Report-Writing Bodies

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. Please pass this newsletter along to your students. It contains information for new and returning students in the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) and Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

Rules & Roleplaying Session

On Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. in the Michigan A/B Room on the Level 2 of the Sheraton, AMUN will be hosting a Rules & Roleplaying Session (RRP). AMUN'S RRP for report-writing bodies will cover the basics of Model UN and the AMUN rules. RRPs 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.

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 <u>produce one report per topic</u> 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 <u>Report Writing 101: Understanding</u> Reports and Report Drafting on the *AMUN Accords*.

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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