



# AMUN Conference Preparation Newsletter

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## The 35th Annual Model United Nations Conference!

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. The AMUN Secretariat has been hard at work this spring to start preparations for our 35th Annual Conference in beautiful, downtown Chicago. In this communication we will remind you of available countries and seats on the International Court of Justice (ICJ), International Press Delegation (IPD) and Historical Commission of Inquiry (COI); discuss AMUN 's Simulation Guide; and announce the 2024 Simulation Topics. We're excited for what's already shaping up to be another fantastic conference.

### 112 Countries Available for Registration

We make a point each year of trying to find representatives for as many of the UN Member States as we can. The more countries in attendance, the better a simulation of the United Nations the Conference will be. You can find a list of our [available countries online](#). Additionally, you can [register for any open UN Member State online](#).

### Simulation Guide Opt-In

AMUN's Simulation Guide — also known as Model UN in a Box — is available to all schools that have registered a delegation for the 2024 Conference. It has been written and designed by AMUN staff to help you train your students who will be attending Model UN Conferences. In addition to general MUN lesson plans and resources, it also introduces specifics about AMUN rules and procedures and research and preparation.

The current printed edition of the Simulation Guide was published in 2014, so if you have a copy already, we kindly ask that you help us make an environmental and budget friendly choice to opt-out of receiving another copy. The digital supplement to the Simulation Guide was new in 2021 and can be made available to all participants separate from the physical book. The digital supplements allow you to practice three simulations, the: Commission on the Status of Women, General Assembly Third Committee and the Security Council of 2021.

Please complete this [survey](#) to opt-in or opt-out if you need a new print copy of the Simulation Guide, please complete the survey by Thursday, 31 August 2024.

## Seats still open on the International Court of Justice, International Press Delegation, and Historical Commission of Inquiry

AMUN still has spaces open on the 2024 Conference simulations for the International Court of Justice (ICJ), International Press Delegation (IPD) and Historical Commission of Inquiry (COI). If you have students that are considering a future in law make sure they get a chance to sign up to participate with the ICJ. If you have students that enjoy writing or are thinking about a career in journalism, the IPD is the place for them. Students interested in a niche historical simulation may enjoy the COI of 1948. Make sure your students don't miss out on participating in these limited simulations!

## Contribute to the *AMUN Accords*!

The *AMUN Accords* is written, edited and published entirely by volunteers who want to improve the state of Model UN nationwide. To that end, we're looking for contributing authors for the blog. If you're interested in sharing your experiences or best practices for Model UN or writing about any of our [suggested/requested topics](#), please let us know by emailing [accords@amun.org](mailto:accords@amun.org).

## 2024 AMUN Simulation Topics

AMUN is proud to announce its [2024 simulation line-up](#) and the host of excellent topics we will debate in 2023. As a part of our commitment to education, we work hard to create extensive and accessible research resources. Our topic briefs are the culmination of months of research and staff effort. They feature:

- Overviews of purview so your students know what they can and cannot do
- Comprehensive topic backgrounds that give your student context
- Reliable citations for a solid starting point for individual research
- Easily understandable overviews that challenge experienced Representatives and provide a strong foundation for freshmen and first-time Representatives

AMUN provides an constantly changing variety of simulations, including the [International Court of Justice](#), [International Press Delegation](#) and Commission of Inquiry which provide individuals unique learning experiences outside the traditional Representative role.

If you've never attended AMUN before, take a look at [any of our topic briefs as far back as 2001](#) and review the types of simulations and expectations for this year's Conference.

## 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 preparation,

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