



AMUN Conference Preparation Newsletter

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Your AMUN 2025 Prep Starts Here!

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. We have been hard at work preparing for our 36th Annual Conference in beautiful downtown Chicago, and we're excited to share several important updates as you begin your preparations.

In this communication, you'll find:

- A reminder of available country assignments and open seats on the [International Court of Justice](#), [International Press Delegation](#) and [Historical Commission of Inquiry](#);
- Information on AMUN's [Model UN in a Box](#) simulation guide and other key [preparatory resources](#);
- The official announcement of the [2025 Simulation Topics](#).

We're thrilled about what's already shaping up to be another fantastic conference, and we look forward to welcoming you this November!

101 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](#).

Spots Still Available in Specialized Simulations!

There are still openings for students to participate in AMUN's specialized conference simulations: the [International Court of Justice](#) (ICJ), [International Press Delegation](#) (IPD) and [Historical Commission of Inquiry](#) (COI).

- Have students interested in law? Encourage them to apply for [ICJ](#), where they'll analyze real-world legal disputes in a dynamic courtroom setting.
- Know students who love to write or are considering a career in journalism? [IPD](#) offers them a unique chance to report on events as they unfold during the Conference—and get their work published in the *AMUN Chronicle*!
- For students drawn to history and in-depth research, [COI](#) 2005 offers a rich, investigative simulation exploring a pivotal year in international affairs.

These simulations have limited space and fill quickly—be sure your students take advantage of these unique opportunities!

Request or Decline a Print Copy of AMUN's Simulation Guide

AMUN's Simulation Guide—also known as Model UN in a Box—is available to all schools registered for the 2025 Conference. Developed by AMUN staff, the guide is designed to help you prepare your students for Model UN conferences, with both general lesson plans and AMUN-specific training materials.

The printed book (2014 edition) includes the following chapters:

- Teaching Model UN in the Classroom
- Caucusing and Consensus Building
- Decision Making and Documents
- Rules of Procedure
- Running an Effective Dais and Training Dais Staff

We encourage schools that already have a copy to consider opting out of receiving another one to help reduce environmental impact and printing costs.

In addition, the digital supplement (2021 edition) is available separately and includes materials for running three full practice simulations:

- General Assembly Third Committee
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Security Council 2021

To opt in or opt out of receiving a new print copy of Model UN in a Box, please complete [this short survey](#) by Thursday, 28 August 2025.

To download the digital supplement from our online store, please email mail@amun.org for your complementary download link.

Read (or Write for) the AMUN Accords

The *AMUN Accords* is a volunteer-run blog dedicated to strengthening Model UN programs across the country. It features a range of articles—many of which make excellent assigned readings for students preparing for AMUN and other conferences.

We're looking for contributing authors! If you're interested in sharing your experiences, best practices, or perspectives on Model UN (or want to write on one of our [suggested topics](#)), we'd love to hear from you. Just send us an email at accords@amun.org.

Announcing AMUN's 2025 Simulations and Topics

AMUN is excited to unveil our [2025 simulation lineup and an outstanding set of topics](#) for debate at this year's Conference. As part of our commitment to high-quality Model UN education, we provide extensive, accessible research resources to help your students succeed.

Each of our topic briefs is the result of months of research and collaboration by our volunteer staff. These briefs include:

- Clear purview overviews so students understand what falls within their committee's mandate.
- Comprehensive background information to provide context and depth.
- Reliable citations as a strong starting point for independent research.
- Accessible explanations that offer a solid foundation for new Representatives while still challenging experienced Representatives.

In addition to our General Assembly and ECOSOC simulations, AMUN offers unique experiences through specialized bodies like the [International Court of Justice](#), [International Press Delegation](#) and [Commission of Inquiry](#)—perfect for students interested in a niche Model UN experience.

New to AMUN? Browse our [archive of topic briefs](#) dating back to 2001 to get a feel for the types of simulations we offer and expectations for this year's Conference.

Questions, Comments or Concerns?

If you have any questions about this email, please reach out to us at mail@amun.org—we're happy to help!

If you are no longer the primary contact for your school's Model UN program, please send updated information to mail@amun.org or complete our [Change of Address/Contact](#) form.

Best of luck with your preparations,

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