



AMUN Conference Preparation Newsletter

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Don't Risk It: AMUN Policies on Plagiarism and Resolutions

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. By now your preparations for the 2025 Conference should be under way. This message is a policy reminder that directly affects your delegation. We strongly encourage you to share the contents of this email—or the email itself—with every member of your team attending AMUN's 2025 Conference. Thank you for doing your part to ensure that the AMUN Conference remains a space where all representatives can engage in fair, respectful and collaborative debate, and where every participant's work reflects their own research, ideas and effort.

The following information outlines AMUN's Plagiarism Policy and Pre-Written Resolutions Policy. These key standards are designed to uphold the integrity and educational value of our simulations.

AMUN's Plagiarism Policy

Please take time to review our Conference plagiarism policy with all students attending AMUN 2025. The text of this policy can also be found in the [General Conference Information](#) section of the [AMUN Handbook](#).

AMUN strives to create a simulation of the United Nations which is as realistic as possible while still allowing for the fulfillment of our participants' and the organization's educational goals. As such, the AMUN policy regarding plagiarism focuses on an educational rather than a punitive goal.

At AMUN, plagiarism involves the substantial, verbatim or near-verbatim copying of language, without attribution, in published or unpublished texts, speeches or documents. Representatives should adhere to their country's policies at all times, but this does not give license to plagiarize existing materials. Thus, parts of speeches or position papers may be derived or paraphrased from previous speeches or papers, but should not be copied verbatim. Additionally, representatives should not copy and represent as their own the work of another representative or group of representatives. Collaboration and consensus-building is encouraged and appropriate, but

representatives should take care that the authors of resolutions, reports and other documents are fully represented in the discussion of the body's work. Collaborative work remains the work of the collaborators even when not all representatives are able to sign on to the final product.

Similarly, AMUN expects that all representatives are familiar with past resolutions at the United Nations, but the work of the United Nations should be expanded on in representatives' work, not copied verbatim. There are some exceptions: for example, representatives are not necessarily expected to expand upon a phrase that is often or always used when a country gives a formal speech or a clause that is repeated verbatim through several years of resolutions on a topic. Generally, it is not necessary to explicitly credit such sources, although if substantial language is quoted, it should be acknowledged and cited. Final determinations on plagiarism and its consequences are at the discretion of the AMUN Secretariat.

The goal of any Model United Nations conference is to work toward the resolution of a problem facing the world. The documents created to this end are inevitably the work of a collaborative process; States could never achieve consensus without this collaboration. Obtaining individual credit for the submission or sponsorship of a draft document should never be a State's or representative's goal during a Model United Nations conference. Representatives are expected to collaborate in the drafting and submission of draft documents with the utmost level of respect and diplomatic courtesy.

AMUN's Pre-Written Resolution Policy

Collaboration is at the heart of AMUN's simulations. The most effective resolutions and reports emerge from the open exchange of ideas, negotiation and consensus-building among representatives in the room. To preserve this spirit, and to mirror the work of the United Nations in New York, AMUN expects all draft documents to be created through inclusive, cooperative processes during the Conference itself.

Delegations should only sponsor draft resolutions or reports that have been developed in collaboration with other participants at the Conference. Bringing fully-formed, pre-written resolutions with the intent of quickly circulating them for signatures undermines both consensus-building and the educational value of Model UN. Instead, representatives are encouraged to engage in drafting, amending and negotiating documents together, ensuring that the final product reflects the collective will of the body and strengthens the overall Conference experience.

For more information on AMUN's pre-written resolution policy, please review the [United Nations Documents](#) section of the [AMUN Handbook](#).

Practice Like Pros with Model UN in a Box

Want to sharpen your delegation's skills before Conference? Our [Model UN in a Box](#) simulation guide is the perfect way to practice brainstorming, collaboration and resolution writing in a low-pressure, high-learning environment. Whether you're fine-tuning teamwork or trying your hand at drafting language, this ready-to-use resource gives you the tools to build ideas together, negotiate effectively and turn discussion into well-crafted resolutions—just like you'll do at AMUN!

Best of all, it's included with your Conference registration. No extra cost, just extra practice!

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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