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Your Role as a P5 Delegation

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat! As we prepare for the upcoming Conference, this email outlines key expectations for delegations representing Permanent Five (P5) Member States.

Consistent Representation Matters

As permanent members of the Security Council, P5 delegations play a critical role in shaping the direction and tone of every simulation. To maintain realism and uphold the integrity of the Model UN experience, **P5 delegations are expected to assign a representative to every committee on which they are seated.** Your consistent presence ensures that debates reflect the dynamics of actual international diplomacy and allows other Member States to engage meaningfully with key global actors. Please ensure your delegation is fully staffed and prepared to participate in all assigned simulations.

Two Delegates Recommended for Security Councils

Security Council simulations require 100% quorum during formal sessions, meaning every seat must be filled for official proceedings to take place. To meet this requirement and maintain the flow of debate, **P5 delegations are strongly encouraged to assign two representatives to each Security Council.** This not only guarantees consistent participation through every session but also allows delegates to collaborate more effectively on complex issues, divide responsibilities and respond dynamically to fast-paced developments. A two-person team strengthens your delegation's presence and helps uphold the realism and rigor expected in Security Council simulations. We strongly recommend assigning two representatives to each Security Council seat your country holds before placing a second student in other committees or in this year's optional simulation, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Position Papers Strengthen Dialogue and Diplomacy

P5 delegations are strongly encouraged to complete position papers for all assigned simulations. These documents are more than just a formality—they reflect a delegation’s preparation, strategic thinking and understanding of global issues. For other Member States, access to P5 position papers provides critical insight into the priorities and perspectives of the UN’s most influential actors. This transparency fosters more informed debate and encourages greater collaboration. A well-prepared position paper sets the tone for meaningful diplomacy and elevates the overall quality of the simulations.

Understanding the Veto: Power, Responsibility and Strategy

One of the defining features of the Security Council—and a key distinction from other UN bodies—is the veto power held exclusively by its five permanent members. A single “no” vote from any P5 delegation can halt a resolution, regardless of majority support. This authority carries significant weight and shapes every aspect of Council dynamics, from debate and negotiation to alliance building.

Successful P5 representatives recognize that the veto is not just a tool of power, but a responsibility. Knowing when and how to use it requires strategic thinking, deep understanding of your country’s interests and a commitment to maintaining the realism of the simulation. Equally important is learning how to navigate around veto usage by other P5 members—by building consensus, seeking compromise and crafting creative solutions that can earn the support (or abstention) of all permanent members. In doing so, P5 delegations help foster meaningful diplomacy and elevate the quality of the simulation for everyone involved.

Questions, Comments or Concerns?

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Best of luck with your preparations,

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