



RCIMUN 2025  
Conference Handbook

## Welcome Letter

Dear Participants,

I am honored to welcome you to Robert College International Model United Nations 2025. This year, the conference will host participants from all over the world in its 18th annual session between 2-5 April.

Last year, the seventeenth annual session of RCIMUN hosted a total of 676 attendees, with 467 delegates coming from 41 schools, along with advisors, and guest speakers.

The RCIMUN conference has always provided a venue for the youth to work together and find solutions to global issues through rigorous debate. This year, our conference will have the theme of "Enhancing Cooperation: Mending the cracks in the rules-based international order" and our agenda items have been selected in accordance. Our theme letter, which will be published on our website in the following weeks, will explore the idea further; therefore, the participants are encouraged to peruse the letter before proceeding with preparations for RCIMUN.

In addition to our previous forums, I am thrilled to announce that we will be offering two new committees this year: the World Health Assembly and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

On behalf of the Executive Team, I am looking forward to hosting you at our conference and working with all of you to establish an international platform to discuss current global issues and envision how cooperation could be fostered to repair our global system. As one of the most prestigious MUN conferences in Turkey and Europe, with the extensive efforts of our Executive Team, I'm sure that RCIMUN will once again provide an unmatched experience to all of its participants.

Cordially,  
Duru Taş  
Secretary-General of RCIMUN 2025



## Theme Letter

### **"Enhancing Cooperation: Mending the Cracks in the Rules-Based International Order"**

Following the end of World War II in 1945, in the San Francisco Conference, fifty nations formed the United Nations (UN) based on the Charter of the United Nations and the Statute of the International Court of Justice. This conference and the adoption of these documents were the first steps towards building a rules-based international order subsequent to the end of World War II.

Rules-based international order (RBIO) is described as a system of relationships between countries in which they adhere to global rules, laws, agreements, and treaties. At the core of the RBIO is cooperation across borders, ensuring that countries—regardless of size—work together on a shared foundation. International institutions such as the United Nations and its bodies play an integral part in preserving RBIO, as they create an open platform for Member States to cooperate on global issues, including climate change, refugees and asylum seekers, poverty, peace, and justice. However, especially in recent years, cracks in the rules-based international order started to intensify with increasing tension between states, leading to a disregard for international norms and a decay in multilateralism.

A major and recent crack in the RBIO occurred after the devastating 9/11 attacks on the United States. Forces led by the US invaded Afghanistan, followed by Iraq, despite the absence of Security Council authorization, which the US needed to conduct military interventions overseas, as per the UN Charter. The unilateral approach by the US challenged the idea of collective decision-making as a part of a rules-based international order, exposing the limitations of the UN in enforcing international law. This set a precedent for Member States bypassing the international order, which not only damaged the credibility of the UN but also created a state of distrust between nations. Countries, therefore, started to act unilaterally with less hesitation.



The ongoing Russo-Ukrainian War has further highlighted these issues. Reports have shown that Russia, disregarding the rules established by the United Nations Charter and invading Ukraine, has committed multiple war crimes and violated humanitarian law. Although an arrest warrant was issued by the International Criminal Court for Vladimir Putin, the decision was not effective, and the war in Ukraine still continues.

Furthermore, the conflict that has emerged in Gaza is continuing to cause thousands of civilians, women, and children to lose their lives, despite the calls for a ceasefire from the UN. Although many investigations have shown that Israel has committed multiple war crimes, the United States is pressuring the ICC to stop issuing arrest warrants against Israeli leaders. While resolving these issues is certainly an intricate subject, many cracks, if mended, would help the globe reach the idealistic rules-based international order. One of these efforts could involve reforming and updating governance institutions, namely the United Nations and Bretton Woods Institutions, in order to expand the extent to which international transparency and accountability laws incentivize nations to uphold such principles; to allow emerging economies and all regional powers to have an equitable voice. As particular nations begin to shift the power dynamics of the world, Less Economically Developed Countries' voices often get disregarded in the grand scheme. Mechanisms to prevent this would be pertinent.

While we attempt to address previous issues, we must also foresee upcoming crises. In an ever-changing world, it is crucial to recognize and adapt to new challenges engendered by technology along with making use of them. New technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence, can be used by United Nations officials to find elaborate solutions and shortcuts to hassles by using an eclectic variety of tools consisting of political simulations, conflict prediction, and language translation. On the other hand, global governance institutions must craft new legislation regarding the ethical use of technology to avert possible scenarios of technological turmoil.



RCIMUN'25 encourages all participants to recognize the cracks in the rule-based international order and to cooperate towards foreseeing and mending them through diplomatic cooperation. In its current precarious state, the world must learn from its mistakes to embark on the journey to a brighter future. States should prioritize world peace and cooperation based on international rules and norms before their national interests. Only then can we achieve the dream of a peaceful and equitable world.

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## **Executive Team Members**

**Duru Taş - Secretary-General**

**Kerem Demir Karahan - President of the General Assembly**

**Emre Ersin - Deputy Secretary-General**

**Arel Ulukuş - Deputy Secretary-General**

**Ahmet Kaan Bozay - Financial Manager**

**Berrak Gümüşsoy - Financial Assistant**

**Berra Vatansever - Public Relations Manager**

**Derin Şener - Public Relations Assistant**

**Ege Nogay Öztürk - Development Manager**

**Naz Arıkan - Campus Manager**

**Ayşe Ceylin Nebati - Secretary**

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**Burak Yıldırım - Crisis Assistant**

**Ada Katırcıoğlu - Coordinator of ICJ & ICTY**

**Ece İrem Kenar - ICJ & ICTY Assistant**

**Zerynep Demirci - Board Assistant**

**Defne Sert - Board Assistant**

**Ege Yılmaz - Board Assistant**

**Esra Geçer - Board Assistant**



## Student Officers

### **Disarmament Committee:**

Nehir Özcan - **President Chair**

Alp Süner - **Deputy Chair**

Doruk Ege Özgülşen - **Deputy Chair**

### **Political Committee:**

Eda Ünan - **President Chair**

Maya Su Ergun - **Deputy Chair**

Ege Güman - **Deputy Chair**

### **Human Rights Commission:**

Nil Süme - **President Chair**

Asude Duş - **Deputy Chair**

Mehmet Alp Ünal - **Deputy Chair**

### **Legal Committee:**

Kerem Korucan - **President Chair**

Can Kuzey Güner - **Deputy Chair**

Mete Cem Utku - **Deputy Chair**

### **Economic and Social Council:**

Emir Dinçel - **President Chair**

Umut Mutlu - **Deputy Chair**

Yaprak Kişioğlu - **Deputy Chair**

### **Special Conference:**

Zeynep Naz İplik - **President Chair**

Nazlı Emre - **Deputy Chair**

Ege Varlık - **Deputy Chair**

### **World Health Assembly:**

Kerem Moğol - **President Chair**

Defne Vural - **Deputy Chair**

Şirin Pamir Şirikçi - **Deputy Chair**

### **Security Council:**

Mina Atak - **President Chair**

Elif Seçkin - **Deputy Chair**

Aslı Erdem - **Deputy Chair**

### **Advisory Panel:**

İlke Biçeroğlu - **President Chair**

Umut Çağlar Can - **Deputy Chair**

Can Baran - **Deputy Chair**

### **Historical Security Council:**

Elif Yıldız Batum - **President Chair**

Maya Acar - **Deputy Chair**

Efe Oğuz Aktaş - **Deputy Chair**

### **International Court of Justice:**

Ece Nur Bayraktar - **President**

Christos Tomasso Kefaleas - **Vice President**

Ece İrem Kenar - **Registrar**

### **International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia:**

Ada Katırcıoğlu - **President Chair**

İklim Kılıç - **Vice President**

Defne Horasanlı - **Registrar**

### **EcoFin Committee:**

Derin Özkan - **President**

Sanem Naz Kafalı - **Deputy Chair**

Erdem Sarıalioğlu - **Deputy Chair**



## Agenda Items

The theme for RCIMUN 2025 is: “Enhancing Cooperation: Mending the Cracks in the Rules-Based International Order”

### **Disarmament Committee:**

Combatting the trade of dual-use equipment in war zones across the Middle East and Northern Africa  
Limiting the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices  
Strengthening the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy to respond to non-state actors in Sub-Saharan Africa

### **Economic and Financial Committee:**

Ensuring debt financing for developing countries  
Poverty eradication in South and Southeast Asia by 2030  
Fostering economic diversification and structural transformation in Central Africa

### **Political Committee:**

Restructuring the workings of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency  
The situation in the Central African Republic  
Responding to Israeli practices against Arab individuals in the Occupied Territories

### **Legal Committee:**

Combatting drug trade in the Golden Crescent  
Determining the scope of universal jurisdiction and creating supportive mechanisms  
Achieving humanitarian standards in refugee camps across North Africa

### **Human Rights Committee:**

Supporting the rights of individuals under military occupation  
Protecting journalists from unfair prosecution  
Measures to control migratory flows in Latin America

### **Special Conference:**

Promotion of free trade initiatives  
Achieving equitable growth across the Global South  
Protecting regional cultures in Less Economically Developed Countries





**Economic and Social Council:**

Developing agriculture in order to support humanitarian efforts

Reconstructing infrastructure in post-conflict zones

Ensuring energy security and the use of sustainable resources in Asia and the Pacific by regional cooperation

**Security Council:**

The question of Palestine

The situation in Myanmar

The situation in the Sahel

**Historical Security Council (1999-2001):**

The situation in Sierra Leone

The situation in Kosovo

The situation in East Timor

**Advisory Panel on the Arabian Peninsula:**

Maritime security in the Red Sea

Combatting the funding network behind non-state actors in the region

Promoting labour standards in the Gulf States

**International Court of Justice:**

Certain Iranian Assets (Iran v. United States)

**International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia:**

(ICTY) Momčilo Perišić

(ICTY) Radoslav Brđanin

**World Health Assembly:**

Measures to control the falsified medicines used for diabetes treatment and weight loss

Eliminating the healthcare crisis in Sudan

Implementing the Immunization Agenda 2030

**Robert College Specialized Agencies (RCSA)**

Third Crusade



## Format

### **All Committees in RCIMUN 2025:**

Disarmament Committee  
Political Committee  
Economic and Financial Committee  
Human Rights Committee  
Legal Committee  
Special Conference  
Economic and Social Council  
Security Council  
Historical Security Council  
World Health Assembly  
Robert College Specialized Agencies  
Advisory Panel on the Arabian Peninsula  
International Court of Justice  
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

### **General Assembly Plenary:**

The GA Plenary will be held in the Theatre.

### **Opening and Closing Ceremonies:**

Opening and closing ceremonies will be held in the Theatre.



## Schedule

### Wednesday, 2nd of April

Buses Arrive	9.30-10.30
Registration & Orientation	9.30-12.00
Lunch	10.30-12.00
Welcoming Reception with Advisors	11.00-11.30
Staff Meeting	11.00-11.30
Opening Ceremony	12.00-13.00
Coffee Break	13.00-13.15
GA Plenary in Session	13.15-14.30
Special Committees in Session	13.15-14.30
Coffee Break for all Committees	14.30-14.45
All Committees in Session	14.45-16.00
Coffee Break for All Committees	16.00-16.15
All Committees in Session	16.15-18.00
Opening Dinner	18.00-21.00
Buses Depart	18.15-19.30-21.00

### Thursday, 3rd of April

Buses Arrive	08.00-08.30
Student Officer Briefing	08.30-08.55
Advisors' Meeting	09.00-09.30
All Committees in Session	09.00-10.30
Coffee Break for All Committees	10.30-10.45
Special Committees in Session	10.45-13.00
GA Committees in Session	10.45-12.15
Lunch for Special Committees	13.00-13.45
Lunch for GA Committees	12.15-13.00
Special Committees in Session	13.45-15.00
GA Committees in Session	13.00-15.00
Coffee Break for All Committees	15.00-15.15
All Committees in Session	15.15-16.30
Approval Panel Open	9.00-16.30

### Friday, 4th of April

Buses Arrive	08.00-08.30
Student Officer Briefing	08.30-08.55
Advisors' Meeting	09.00-09.30
All Committees in Session	09.00-10.30
Coffee Break for All Committees	10.30-10.45
GA Committees in Session	10.45-13.00
Special Committees in Session	10.45-12.15
Lunch for GA Committees	13.00-13.45
Lunch for Special Committees	12.15-13.00
GA Committees in Session	13.45-15.00
Special Committees in Session	13.00-15.00
Coffee Break for All Committees	15.00-15.15
All Committees in Session	15.15-16.30
Coffee Break for All Committees	16.30-16.45
All Committees in Session	16.45-18.00
Advisors' Debriefing	17.30-18.00
Student Officer Debriefing	18.00-18.30
Participants Leave for the Boat Trip	18.20-19.00
Boat Trip	19.00-21.30
Buses Depart	18.15-21.45

### Saturday, 5th of April

Buses Arrive	08.00-08.30
Student Officer Briefing	08.30-08.55
Advisors' Meeting	09.00-09.30
All Committees in Session	09.00-10.30
Coffee Break for All Committees	10.30-10.45
GA Committees in Session	10.45-12.00
Special Committees in Session	10.45-12.45
Lunch for GA Committees	12.00-12.45
Lunch for Special Committees	12.45-13.30



Advisors' Debriefing	16.00-16.30	GA Plenary in Session	12.45-15.00
Student Officer Debriefing	16.30-17.00	Special Committees in Session	13.30-15.00
Buses Depart	16.45-17.20	Coffee Break for All Committees	15.00-15.15
		GA Plenary in Session	15.15-16.30
		Special Committees in Session	15.15-16.30
		Coffee Break for All Committees	16.30-16.45
		Closing Ceremony	16.45-19.00
		Buses depart	19.30

### RCIMUN'25 Venues

Committee	Venue
Disarmament Committee	SK Theater
Economic and Financial Committee	Library
Political Committee	MPR
Legal Committee	Gym
Special Conference on International Development	G313
World Health Assembly	G312
Human Rights Commission	G311
Economic and Social Council	Bingham
Security Council	Heritage Room
Historical Security Council	W206
Advisory Panel	W209
International Court of Justice	W306
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia	W308
RCSA 1	Faculty Parlor
RCSA 2	Conference Room
Advisors Lounge	RC Commons
Registration	Marble Hall



## Code of Conduct

### **General Conduct:**

Throughout the conference, all delegates will be regarded as diplomats and ambassadors for the country they represent, in addition to being representatives of their schools.

The official language of the conference is English. Therefore, all participants should speak English at all times.

Appropriate behavior is expected from all students at all times. Delegates will be asked to leave the conference in case of any violation of the rules and regulations set by the RCIMUN 2025 Executive Board. The repeated rudeness and disruptiveness of a delegate will be reported to the advisor. Bear in mind that an extremely rude behavior of a delegate might cause the expulsion of the whole school from RCIMUN 2025.

### **Plagiarism:**

Plagiarism is the direct or indirect use of another one's work without citation, whilst claiming originality. Plagiarism will not be tolerated at RCIMUN. If plagiarism is detected by Student Officers during lobbying, they will ask for a complete rephrasing of the plagiarized parts of the resolution. Otherwise, the resolution will not be debated in the forum. If plagiarism is detected during the debate by Student Officers or if a delegate proves that any part of the resolution is plagiarized, the Chair will announce to the committee that the resolution is plagiarized. Thus, depending on the gravity of the plagiarized parts, the resolution will either be tabled or amended.

### **Attendance:**

Student Officers will be taking attendance at various times throughout the day to ensure that the delegates are present during the debate. It is important that all delegates are prompt and adhere to all instructions given by their chairs concerning the schedule. A report on tardy and absent students will be given to MUN advisors. Advisors will be contacted by the Executive Board if their delegate is late or absent in the committee session on a particular day

### **Registration Package:**

Each participant will be provided with a package at registration. Please check that your package contains an information booklet, a notepad, a placard, a badge and a pencil. The items in this package are yours to keep.

### **Privacy:**

Participants may not record or take pictures of any part of the sessions without permission.

### **Appropriate Clothing:**

Delegates should keep in mind that RCIMUN is a simulation of the real United Nations and that dress code is not an exception.

All participants should dress in a manner that is suitable for an academic conference.

Formal attire is required. Jeans, t-shirts, sneakers, national and military outfits and symbols are considered inappropriate.



A formal suit or dress jacket, shirt, and tie are expected of male participants. Female participants are expected to wear either smart separates (trousers or skirts) or dresses. Male delegates are expected to wear their jackets while speaking.

**Note Passing:**

Each participant will be provided with an RCIMUN notepad, which will be included in their folders. Delegates should not prepare their own official notepaper for note passing. Instead, recycled RCIMUN Notepapers can be used for note passing.

Delegates are allowed to pass notes to other participants through the admins. Delegates should keep in mind that all notes except for those sent to the chairs will be screened by the admin staff in order to ensure that the notes pertain to the debate topic.

Those irrelevant to the issue or those written in any other language than English will be confiscated. The chairs have notepapers which cannot be screened by the admin staff. They may be requested from the administrative staff any time. Amendments written on unofficial note paper will not be accepted by the chairs. The Chairs have the right to suspend note-passing in order to maintain the order of the house.

**Badges:**

Participants should wear their badges at all times. In case of failure to comply with this rule, the participants will not be admitted to the conference venue.

If participants lose their badges, they will have to replace them at the Secretariat for 100 Turkish Liras. In the case of a mistake in the badge, please contact the Registration Desk or the Secretariat.

Delegates will be required to present their badges to the admin staff while entering and exiting their committee rooms. The admin staff will be keeping track of these entrances and exits.

**Placards and Seating:**

Each delegate will receive one placard. Delegates should also keep in mind that if they are found to have written on, defaced or lost a placard, he or she will not be provided with a replacement.

On the back of each chair will be labels indicating the delegation name. These may not be removed.

All delegates must sit at their assigned seats during committee sessions.

**Opening Dinner:**

The RCIMUN 2025 Opening Dinner will take place at the Maze in Robert College on April 2nd.

As this is a formal dinner, the conference dress code still applies. Badges will be checked at the entrance. Delegates are expected to make use of this opportunity for lobbying purposes.



**Curfew:**

RCIMUN does not have a set curfew. However, participants should bear in mind that they are expected to be present in their committees at 09:00 at the latest every morning. Schools who are staying at hotels should keep in mind that they are not the only guests at their hotels. Therefore it is extremely important that all participants behave accordingly, especially late at night.

**Digital Equipment and Computer Labs:**

Mobile phones should either be turned off or switched to the silent mode during the sessions. Delegates must turn off all portable electronic devices. Laptops can be used during lobbying, but are not allowed during debate in the General Assembly. In specialized agencies, chairs will determine if computers will be used during debate time.

**Food, Drink, and Coffee Breaks:**

In between the committee sessions, RCIMUN will be providing refreshments and snacks. Delegates will only be permitted to leave the committee venues during these coffee breaks. Participants should keep in mind that they cannot bring food and drinks to committee venues except for water. Participants should also keep in mind that they should bring their own water bottle since we will not be selling water.

There will be no eating or drinking in the computer labs at any time. Lunch will be served free of charge. Lunch breaks will be announced by Student Officers. During lunch breaks, delegates are free to roam within the campus limits.

If you are suffering from any special conditions such as allergies or physical disabilities, please don't hesitate to inform the RCIMUN Executive Board.

**Alcohol, Drugs, and Smoking:**

Alcohol and illegal drug consumption is strictly prohibited during the conference and conference related activities, including the Opening Dinner and the Boat Trip.

Smoking is strictly prohibited on the Robert College campus. Bear in mind that smoking inside and outside of the buildings may set off the fire alarm. Due to time constraints we cannot allow participants to leave the RC campus for smoking. MUN advisors are responsible for making sure that their students act appropriately.

**Opening and Closing Ceremonies:**

The opening ceremony will be held from 12:00 until 13:00 on Wednesday, April 2nd and the closing ceremony will be held from 16:45 until 19:00 on Saturday, April 5th. Only delegates, ICC, ICTY, RCSA and HSC participants, Press Members and Student Officers are allowed in both of the ceremonies and they should be seated at their assigned seats. Advisors may not enter these ceremonies as their seats are reserved in the Advisors' Lounge. For their convenience, advisors will be following the live broadcast of the ceremonies from a large screen in the Advisors' Lounge on the Commons.



**RCIMUN Boat Trip:**

On April 4th, there will be a boat trip between 19:00 and 21:30 pm. The trip is for RCIMUN participants only. Badges will be checked at the entrance to the boat.

Participants may change their clothes on the Robert College campus before leaving for the boat trip. It is strongly encouraged that female delegates avoid high heels at this event.

Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated; participants are expected to abide by the general rules of the RCIMUN conference. After the boat trip, buses will be available for the participants to go back to their hotel.

**Ambassadors:**

Each country represented in the General Assembly (GA) has an ambassador. The Ambassador must be a member of one of the GA committees. The ambassador should be present at the Opening of the General Assembly on Wednesday. Ambassadors selected to hold opening speeches can refer to their delegations' policies in their speeches and comment on the issues on the RCIMUN agenda. Opening speeches cannot exceed one minute. During committee sessions, ambassadors will be allowed to leave their committees. However, they may only do so with the permission of the chair.

**Advisors' Lounge:**

There is an Advisors' Lounge located in Commons, the ground floor of Gould Hall. This room is designated for advisors only. Delegates are not admitted to this area. The Secretary-General, Deputy Secretaries-General, and Executive Board Members will often come to this area to make announcements and to answer any questions. In addition, there will be two admins who will be taking care of the advisors' concerns.

**Advisor Meetings:**

Except for the first advisor meeting, attendance to the advisor meetings is not mandatory but highly encouraged. Advisors may express their ideas and concerns regarding the conference, ask questions and contact the Conference Director, Timothy McLernon, at these meetings.

**The Administrative Staff:**

The administrative staff include students from Robert College working to ensure the smooth running of the conference. They are staff members who take care of note passing, photocopying and arranging the coffee breaks. Participants are expected to treat them with respect and follow their instructions carefully.

**The Executive Board:**

The Executive Board is the main organizing organ of the conference. All members of the executive board wear a name tag, and can answer organization-related inquiries.

**Lost and Found:**

At the end of each day, committees will be closed and the admin staff will collect any item that is left behind. These collected items will be placed in the Lost and Found in Marble Hall, which will be where the registration desk is. If you have lost one of your belongings, contact a member of the Executive Board and they will assist you in finding your item.





Please note that the RCIMUN Executive Board is not responsible for items that are not found. Please make sure that your belongings are safe. RCIMUN staff is unlikely to move your belongings from one place to another during the day.

### **Emergencies:**

In the very unlikely case of an emergency, please follow the administrative staff and do as you are told. Do not panic, as Robert College Campus is one of the safest places one can be during an emergency. The meeting point in case of emergency is the Maze, the small auditorium located near the parking lot.

In the case of an earthquake, we have sufficient supplies on campus for everyone to survive for up to 48 hours, including food, water, shelter, sanitary supplies, medicine, specialist search equipment, and communication equipment. Every member of the adult community on campus is part of and has trained to be on an emergency team: First Aid, Search and Rescue, Student Support, Communications, Food & Shelter, and so on. Our buildings have been structurally strengthened to help them withstand any serious shocks.

### **Evacuation Plan:**

#### Fire

- In case of fire, evacuate buildings through doors or fire escapes.
- Go to the meeting point, (MAZE)
- IMPORTANT TO STAY CALM AND QUIET
- Wait for further instructions at the meeting point
- Reoccupy when “All Clear” instruction is given.

#### Earthquake

- Stay Calm!
- If you are far away from the exits, remain inside and take shelter.
- Take shelter under safe objects, (Duck, Cover and Hold) or Fetal Position.
- When shaking stops,
- If you are indoors, go out and stay away from the buildings
- If you are close to an exit, go out and stay away from the buildings.
- Go to the meeting point, (MAZE)
- Wait for further instructions at the meeting point.

#### Lockdown

- When you hear the “Lockdown” PA announcement, stop what you are doing immediately.
- CONGREGATE QUIETLY
- When outdoors, go to Bizim Tepe, Plateau Sports Equipment Storage, MPR, Gym, MKSC or find somewhere to hide outside and do not run as that would draw attention to yourself, and wait for instructions.
- Lock the doors, (the key is in the emergency box), turn off lights, close curtains, pull down blinds on the doors.
- Wait for further instructions
- Reoccupy when “All Clear” instruction is given by one of the SLT members who identifies himself





**Traveling:**

If you want to travel around Istanbul during the conference, we have a tour guide on our website where you can find more information. The guide includes a brief history of Istanbul's many cultural sights, a list of traditional dishes and restaurant recommendations, along with practical information you might need during your visit.



## THIMUN Procedure

### Debate Format

Open debate: Delegations are able to speak either for or against an item.

Closed debate: Delegations can only speak for or against an item. A preset number of for and against speeches must be delivered, and the floor is open to one at a time only.

Open debate is the only debate format for THIMUN affiliated conferences. However, closed debate is required for discussions on amendments. The chair will decide on the duration of the for and against times on the amendment.

### Rising to Points

Delegates must first be recognized by the Chair to be able to express their point.

(Example: There has been a point of information to the Chair. Could the delegate please rise and state his point?)

Point of Personal Privilege:

A point of personal privilege refers to a delegate's discomfort which prevents him or her from focusing on the debate. It can only interrupt a speaker if it is due to audibility and cannot refer to the content of the speech.

Point of Order:

A point of order refers to procedural matters. The Chair is responsible for keeping the order of the debate. Should he or she make an error in maintaining order according to the rules and procedures or in the setting of debate time, delegates can rise to a point of order. (Eg: Is it in order for the delegate to yield the floor to another delegation, since he has already yielded the floor?)

Point of Parliamentary Enquiry:

A point of parliamentary enquiry is a question directed to the Chair, asking for a brief clarification about rules of procedures.

Point of Information to the Speaker:

A point of information to the speaker is a question to a speaker who has opened himself or herself to points of information. It should be recognized by the Chair. It must be presented in a question form. Delegates should not make a short statement, although a short introductory statement can precede the question: "Is the honorable delegate aware that...? Would the speaker not agree that...?" After being recognized by the Chair, delegates can only ask one question to the speaker as they rise to a point of information. No follow-ups are in order. There can be no direct dialogue between delegates. If the speaker wishes the questioner to repeat or rephrase his or her point of information, s/he should first address the Chair: "Can the Chair please ask the delegate to refer to a clause? Could the delegate please rephrase his point of information?"

Point of Information to the Chair

A point of information to the Chair is a question to the Chair, which does not refer to points of parliamentary inquiry, points of order or points of personal privilege. It mostly refers to facts and the agenda. (Eg: Could the chair please clarify, when we are going to adjourn for lunch?)



*None of the points require a second to be recognized by the Chair.*

### **Motions**

Motion to extend debate time:

A motion to extend the debate time can be entertained at the Chair's discretion. The Chair accepts or overrules this motion with regard to the debate time on the amendment or resolution.

Motion to move the previous question:

A motion to move the previous question asks for the discontinuation of the debate on a resolution/amendment and proceeding with the voting procedures. Can also be proposed or overruled by a Chair and needs a "second" by the house. If an objection is voiced, the motion is then voted upon.

Motion to adjourn the debate: A motion to adjourn the debate asks for the temporary disposal of a resolution, and the postponement of its discussion after all other resolutions submitted to the Secretariat have been debated. The debate on the resolution can then be restarted upon a "motion to reconsider a resolution." The submitter of this motion should make a short speech on why s/he proposed that this item should be tabled. The Chair will then entertain one speaker in favor and one speaker against this motion.

Motions cannot interrupt a speaker.

### **Some Useful Vocabulary:**

- To move: to suggest
- Motion: suggestion
- Adjourn: to close or suspend for the day
- Recess: to have a break
- Privilege: A special advantage
- To amend: to change
- To request the floor: to want to speak
- To strike: to get rid of
- To yield the floor to...: to give the speaking chance to somebody else
- Point of Information: Question to the speaker
- Point of Order: something happening out of rule/order
- To second: to agree
- Out of order: not allowed / not in accordance with parliamentary procedures
- Overrule: reject
- Abstain: Vote neither for nor against, implying that you are critical of a resolution or an amendment.

### **Amendments:**

Amendments must be submitted on the official Amendment Sheet that will be distributed by Admin Staff. They will only be entertained if the submitter moves the amendment while obtaining the floor. E.g. "The delegation of Zambia has submitted an amendment if that is in order." Delegations can make short speeches before moving the amendment.



Closed debate will be the debate mode for amendments.

If an amendment fails, the submitter of the amendment retains the floor to finish the speech s/he began before moving the amendment. Delegations can vote for or against an amendment. Abstentions are also in order.

An amendment of the second degree (an amendment to the amendment) requires the same procedures as for regular amendments, and requires a closed debate.

If the amendment of the second degree passes/fails, the Chair resumes with the debate on the amendment of the first degree.

### **Resolution Writing:**

A resolution is a written suggestion to solve a problem or issue. A resolution is a statement of your ideas for the solution to a problem or how an issue should be tackled by the United Nations. But remember, you are a representative of your country and you must put forward the appropriate views.

1. Each resolution is a single sentence with the perambulatory clauses being separated by commas and the operative clauses by semicolon.
2. The preambulatory clauses present the argument and justification for action. They should not recommend, but only give a background.
3. The operative clauses state the policy. Each operative clause deals with one idea only. The operative clauses should follow a logical sequence.

A resolution must also be typed in the correct format. Don't forget to stick to parliamentary language. (Be careful with Security Council phrases)

### **Approval Panel:**

After delegates are done lobbying and merging their clauses the chairs will be sending a copy of the resolution to the Approval Panel. The Approval Panel will look at the resolution and will edit it if necessary. If the resolution is approved by the Approval Panel then it will be debated in the following days.

