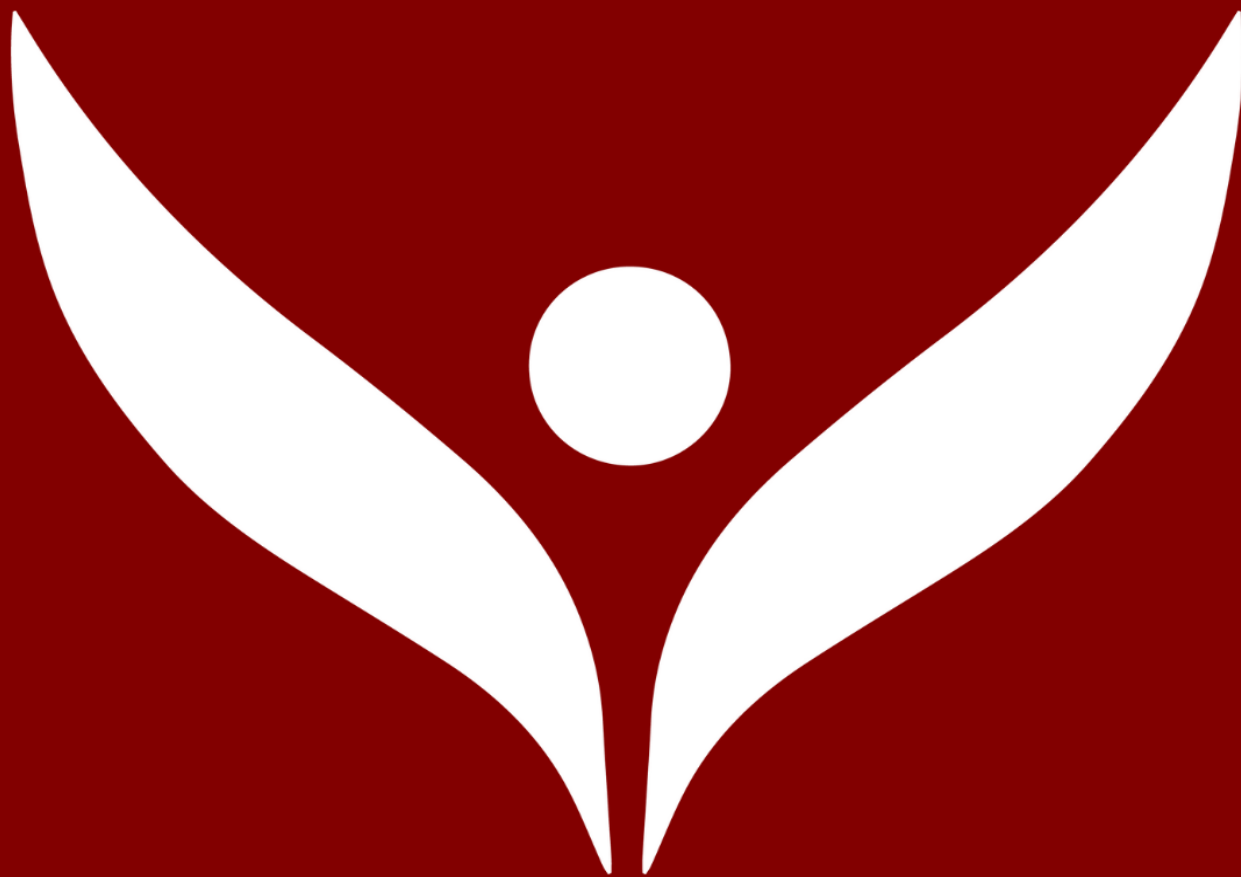




RCIMUN 2026
Conference Handbook

Welcome Letter

Dear Participants,

I am honored to welcome you to Robert College International Model United Nations 2026. This year, the conference will host participants from all over the world in its 19th annual session between 14-17 March.

Last year, the eighteenth annual session of RCIMUN hosted a total of 634 attendees, with 464 delegates coming from 49 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 "In the Wake of Crisis: Rebuilding Trust, Peace, and Prosperity" 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.

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,
Arel Ulukus
Secretary-General of RCIMUN 2026



Theme Letter

"In the Wake of Crisis: Rebuilding Trust, Peace, and Prosperity"

The global community stands at a turning point. The last decade has brought forward a chain of overlapping crises; a pandemic that touched every society, wars that displaced millions, a worsening climate emergency, and growing doubt about the institutions created to protect peace. Each event has tested our capacity to respond together, and in doing so, it has revealed the fragility of the cooperation that holds the international order together. The theme “In the Wake of Crisis: Rebuilding Trust, Peace, and Prosperity” calls on nations to examine not only how the world has changed, but how we must change with it.

Trust is the foundation on which global cooperation depends. Yet, trust has eroded; between governments and their citizens, and among states themselves. This decline is visible in the widening divide between national interests and shared responsibilities. Rebuilding trust will require honesty in leadership, transparency in governance, and respect for international law. It also demands that multilateral institutions, including the United Nations, adapt to the realities of our time. Reforming these bodies so they are more representative and effective is not a choice; it is a necessity if cooperation is to remain credible and meaningful.

Peace, too, must be understood as more than the silence of weapons. True peace grows from societies where rights are upheld, opportunities are fair, and dignity is protected. To achieve lasting stability, nations must address the inequalities and exclusions that often lie at the root of conflict. Preventive diplomacy, dialogue, and local ownership of peace processes must be given priority over



military responses. The inclusion of women, young people, and marginalized communities in rebuilding efforts is essential to create agreements that endure.

Prosperity cannot flourish where trust and peace are absent. Economic renewal after crisis must be guided by fairness, not by profit alone. The pandemic made clear how unequal the world's systems of production, healthcare, and technology access have become. The recovery ahead must focus on reducing that gap. Investments in education, renewable energy, digital infrastructure, and resilient public services can help nations build economies that serve their people rather than divide them. The Sustainable Development Goals remain the roadmap for this transformation; a reminder that progress is possible when nations act with shared purpose.

In the wake of crisis, the world faces a simple but profound question: will we continue to drift apart, or will we choose to rebuild together? The answer depends on whether we can restore the belief that cooperation still matters; that rules, dialogue, and empathy can guide humanity toward stability once again. The challenges before us are immense, but they are not insurmountable. Every act of partnership, every policy rooted in fairness, and every community that chooses understanding over fear contributes to the renewal of the global order.

This moment asks for courage; the courage to listen, to compromise, and to place the common good above narrow gain. If nations can meet that challenge, then from the aftermath of crisis may emerge not despair, but a renewed sense of purpose: a world steadier in peace, stronger in trust, and broader in prosperity.



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Political Committee:

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Elif Eren - **Deputy Chair**
Deniz Yıldız - **Deputy Chair**

Economic and Social Council:

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EcoFin Committee:

Ege Nogay Öztürk - **President**
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Mehmet Deniz Gençer - **Deputy Chair**



Agenda Items

The theme for RCIMUN 2026 is: “In the Wake of Crisis: Rebuilding Trust, Peace, and Prosperity”

Disarmament Committee:

Preventing the use of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs) in the Middle East
Developing international measures to prevent the weaponization/militarization of outer space
Regulating the development of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS)

Economic and Financial Committee:

Regulating cryptocurrency markets to ensure economic stability
Addressing sovereign debt crises across Latin America and Caribbean nations
Strengthening international mechanisms against money laundering

Political Committee:

Promoting political stability in post-coup Chad
Addressing the political instability in Yemen
Enhancing state sovereignty & civilian protection in UN Peacekeeping Missions

Legal Committee:

Strengthening international mechanisms to monitor political prisoners and human rights abuses
Enhancing war crimes accountability in the Middle East
Developing international legal standards for artificial intelligence

Economic and Social Council:

Addressing the socioeconomic impact of migration and displacement on host communities
Strengthening fiscal capacity for public services in fragile states
Strengthening disaster resilience for Caribbean island economies

Security Council:

The situation in Syria
The situation in Haiti
The situation in Sudan



Format

All Committees in RCIMUN 2026:

Disarmament Committee

Political Committee

Economic and Financial Committee

Legal Committee

Economic and Social Council

Security Council

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**Sunday, 15th of March**

Buses Arrive	09.00-09.30	RC Parking Lot
Registration	09.30-10.30	Marble Hall
Opening Ceremony	10.30-11.30	Theatre
Coffee Break for All Committees	11.30-11.45	
Special Committees in Session	11.45-12.45	Committee Rooms
GA Plenary in Session	11.45-12.45	Theatre
Lunch for All Committees	12.45-13.45	MKSC
All Committees in Session	13.45-16.00	Committee Rooms
Student Officer Debriefing	16.00-16.30	Committee Rooms
Buses Depart	16.00-17.00	RC Parking Lot
Approval Panel Open	12.00-16.00	

Monday, 16th of March

Buses Arrive	08.30-09.00	RC Parking Lot
Student Officer Briefing	09.00-09.30	W101
All Committees in Session	09.30-10.30	Committee Rooms
Coffee Break for All Committees	10.30-10.45	
All Committees in Session	10.45-13.00	Committee Rooms
Lunch for All Committees	13.00-13.45	MKSC



All Committees in Session	13.45–15.00	Committee Rooms
Coffee Break for All Committees	15.00–15.15	
All Committees in Session	15.15–16.30	Committee Rooms
Student Officer Debriefing	16.30–17.00	W101
Buses Depart	16.30-17.00	RC Parking Lot

Tuesday, 17th of March

Buses Arrive	08.00–08.30	RC Parking Lot
Student Officer Briefing	08.30–08.55	W101
All Committees in Session	09.00–10.30	Committee Rooms
Coffee Break for All Committees	10.30–10.45	
All Committees in Session	10.45–12.00	Committee Rooms
Lunch for All Committees	12.00–12.45	MKSC
GA Plenary in Session	12.45–15.00	Theatre
Special Committees in Session	12.45–15.00	Committee Rooms
Coffee Break for All Committees	15.00–15.15	
GA Plenary in Session	15.15–16.30	Theatre
Special Committees in Session	15.15–16.30	Committee Rooms
Coffee Break for All Committees	16.30–16.45	
Closing Ceremony	16.45–18.00	Theatre
Buses Depart	18.00	RC Parking Lot



RCIMUN'26 Venues

Disarmament Committee	M203
Political Committee	M304
Legal Committee	M306
Economic and Financial Committee	M204
Economic and Social Council	W101
Security Council	Heritage Room
Advisors Lounge	RC Commons
Registration	Marble Hall



Code of Conduct

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 2026 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 2026.

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 2026 Opening Dinner will take place at the Maze in Robert College on the 14th of March .

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, March 14th and the closing ceremony will be held from 16:45 until 19:00 on Saturday, March 17th. Only delegates, ICC, ICJ, RCSA, HSC, 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.

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 Admin 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.

