

Standardized
Universal Debate
Protocol (SUDP)



LETTER OF THE PRESIDENT

Once we recognize and become aware of the current state of our world, we agree that the problems we face are certainly something we must address in a prompt and expeditious.

Furthermore, it is our responsibility as young people of the world to take part in the international arena with the aim of becoming leaders who, although young in age, are an agent that is becoming more relevant every day, especially for their approach to conflict resolution, which on more than one occasion has seen a greater organization and negotiation than actual implementation.

Therefore, we are convinced that each of the committees that make up the GIMMUN will be taken by its delegates, magistrates, union members, senators or entities, with total and complete seriousness, formality and with the necessary values that identify a MUNer and that make him participate in solemn acts that exalt human intelligence, the use of reason and most importantly, the union that we can form, regardless of barriers to achieve incredible things and promote positive and prosperous development for us and of course, future generations.

So young people, I praise you once again and remind you that it is your voice that will be heard and represented, regardless of the committee you are on. It will undoubtedly be such a great forum that the topics that will be discussed, addressing such diverse aspects, will generate resolutions that you will soon be able to see reflected in their community and therefore, on their planet.

KINDLY,

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Article 01. Definition of this Protocol ("SUDP") Below you can find the rules of procedure and regulations that will govern the work during the days of the event organized by the "GRAND INTERNATIONAL" of the MUNYCH Association.

This document has been designed by the President of MUNYCH Association and selected as: "Standardized Universal Debate Protocol (SUDP)" created for the purpose to lay the foundations for an international union and the participation of thousands of young people working within a common framework accessible to all.

Article 02. Categorization in the Official Protocol

The Standardized Universal Debate Protocol, hereinafter referred to as the "SUDP", will differentiate between two categories of debate:

A. Contemporary Committees (covering:)

- 1. UN Bodies
- 2. Governing Bodies
- 3. Unions and Organizations
- 4. Simulations B. Historical Reconstruction Committees

Article 03. Difference in categories and the practical application of the "SUDP"

Between the two categories, the main difference in the application of this protocol will be the temporal context to which reference is made at the time of the debate.

While in a contemporary committee, the search for resolutions and future events are mostly uncertain, in a historical committee, the outcomes of each decision are known, and the intention is not to arrive at the same outcome resolution adopted, but rather to create a new one taking as a starting point the antecedents, which could have led to a better point in the future and which could have transformed the present.

Article 04. Events where the "SUDP" applies

This protocol manual will ultimately contain the structure that the debates must follow, especially in all events organized by the MUNYCH Association and entitled "GRANDS," organized by "Articles" that will govern the way each student must adhere to in order to actively participate in the flow.

Article 05. On the validity of the articles of the "SUDP" and its update

These articles may be updated over time to refine and improve the debate structures, making them simpler and more comfortable for each delegate. The goal is to make the task of debating an act of pleasure rather than sacrifice and pressure.

It is therefore mandatory to know and follow the general and specific points detailed here.

Article o6. The Role of the Delegates

"Delegate" shall be understood as each active participant, woman or man, in the debate of the "GRAND" events, officially registered by an institution and accepted to express his official position. It will therefore be considered an individual structure.

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"Delegation" shall be understood as any combination of active participants that correspond to the joint work of at least two "delegates" representing and acting on behalf of a State or Entity.

Article 08. The stake of the "delegates" and "delegations" A "contribution" refers to any submission from the "delegation" or "delegate" to the forum, provided it has been approved by the board of directors.

Article 9: The Role of the Board of Directors and Its Composition

The "Board of Directors" for the MUNYCH Association shall consist of a Committee Chair and a Committee Vice Chair. In their respective roles, they are responsible for moderating, advising, guiding, and intervening when necessary to maintain the flow of debate. They will also enforce the general rules of the protocol, including its general and specific provisions, and perform other functions that promote the well-being of the committee.

Article 10: General Provisions of the Protocol

Each delegate or delegation is required to present constructive proposals and actively participate in discussions. The following requirements must be fulfilled:

- 1. Sign up for the speakers' list in the order you find appropriate, ensuring you participate at least once.
- 2. Make at least three interventions daily, as time and work sessions allow.
- 3. Submit your **"Foreign Policy Reports"** (Category A) or **"Position Reports"** (Category B) to the Board of Directors before the submission deadline, adhering to the established guidelines.
- 4. Participate in all training sessions, protocol reviews, model sessions, and conferences designated by the speakers and senior secretariat in the event program.
- 5. Promote and uphold respect for the exchange of ideas, differences of opinion, expression, non-discrimination, inclusion, tolerance, and more.

Delegates are expected to maintain professional behavior at all times, respecting diplomatic etiquette.

Article 11. General Consensus Votes

"General Consensus Votes" will be conducted whenever the committee needs to make an important decision. These votes will adhere to international standards relevant to each voting type and will depend on the specific situation.

The following types of voting are permitted for practical purposes by the GIV-MUN:

- 1. Roll Call Voting
- 2. Confidential Voting

The types of vote counts allowed for practical purposes of the GIV-MUN will be:

- A. Simple Majority Voting (conventional cases, will require 50% of the votes plus one)
- **B. Qualified Majority Voting** (conventional cases, especially in chambers and councils, will require two-thirds of the committee voting in favor).
- C. Executive Double-Party Voting (whenever the board considers it pertinent and under exclusive circumstances, the board may vote on decisions with double the voting weight, without being able to abstain. It is recommended to use it only if the flow of debate is deviated, an attempt is made to make decisions that put global stability at risk, etc.).
- D. Unilateral Voting of Authoritarian Exclusivity (only it can be applied in cases of crisis and representation of rupture of ties, making emergent decisions, etc. Used, for example, in the case that a state is challenging the norms of the committee or if an authoritarian position is being sought within the simulation. This vote could allow only some delegates (such as a select group of delegates of a block) have the ability to take decisions that alter the course of the debate.

Article 12. Scope and Objective of the Committee

By the end of the event, each committee must have developed a "Resolution Act" that, by consensus, is designated as a container for the proposals to address the problem and contribute to its development. This sheet may be named "Resolution Act", "Preliminary of the

"Resolution Act" or "Resolution Act Dismissed".

Article 13: Structure of the Debate at the "GRAND INTERNATIONAL"

The models and events organized by the MUNYCH Association, referred to as "GRAND," will include six working sessions, each with a specific purpose. The objective is to produce "Resolution Act" at the end of the five sessions, following a "Preliminary Resolution Act" that has been approved by the Organizing Committee and voted on by the committee members.

SESSION 1: Opening, Consensus on the Topic, and Points to be Discussed

(Duration: between one and one and a half hours)

SESSION 2: Presentation of Arguments and Positions

(Duration: two hours)

SESSION 3: Establishment of Proposals with Approaches

(Duration: between one and two and a half hours)

SESSION 4: Debate of Proposals, Selection, and Resolution

(Duration: between two and two and a half hours)

SESSION 5: Presentation of the Established Resolution

(Duration: one hour)

SESSION 6: Final Votes and Closure of the Debate

(Duration: one hour)

Article 14. Official Procedure for the First Meeting, the Special Case of Topic Consensus

I. It will be the responsibility of the President to give a welcome first occasion to the delegates and present to their table and committee.

II. It shall be the responsibility of the Vice President to appear when indicated by the President, to call the roll at the beginning of each session, and to authorize whether the "necessary quorum" exists.

III. It shall be the responsibility of the Bureau to guide its delegations during the First Session to achieve a vote, preferably unanimously, on the topic that will be opened during the following days of debate, so that it is relevant and can resolve a current issue whose attention and resolution will have a positive impact on the international community for the common good.

Article 15. Official Structure of the Protocol during the Working Sessions:

FIRST WORKING SESSION

Sequence number: 01

Person in charge: President

The President welcomes the delegates to the First Edition of GIMMUN, introducing the specific committee and the topic to be discussed. They introduce themselves and then give the floor to the Vice President for their introduction.

Sequence number: 02

Person in charge: Vice-President

The Vice President introduces themselves upon receiving the floor and delivers a brief welcome message. They conduct the official roll call of the committee, instructing each delegate to introduce themselves by saying, "Delegate from [country or representation],

Person in charge: Vice-President

[name and surname]," followed by their status in the committee (Present or Present and Voting). They thank the delegations and indicate the total number of delegates present, confirming if there is a quorum to begin. If a quorum is not present, they will instruct the President to decide the committee's next steps. The Vice President then returns the floor to the President.

Sequence number: <u>03</u>

Person in charge: President

The President takes the floor. If a quorum is present, **the president declare the committee's work open**, stating the b of the meeting (the Vice President will record this information). If a quorum is not present, the President will decide whether to open the committee by calling for a motion for "Extraordinary Opening by Decree" or seeking a motion for "Postponement of the Start of Formal Work," indicating that the postponement may not exceed 10 minutes.

Sequence number:<u>04</u>

Person in charge: President

The President calls upon the delegates to consider a recommended motion: "Procedural Motion for the Opening of Debate," which will be voted on by simple majority and a second. If this motion does not apply, a motion for "Establishment of Opposing Reasons" must be made. In this case, two delegates will vote in favor and two against, stating their reasons for believing it is either appropriate or not appropriate to open the debate.

Sequence number: <u>05</u>

Person in charge: Vice-President

The only motion that will proceed is the "Motion for Agenda Deliberation." This motion must be seconded and subsequently voted on to achieve a simple majority. If a simple majority is not obtained, the committee may opt to establish a Double-Department Executive Vote, hoping to reach the required majority. If this still does not succeed, the committee must decide on next steps since no other motions are possible. If proceedings continue without issue, the committee must acknowledge that time is limited, explicitly stating the hours and minutes left for the committee to come to a consensus on the topic at hand.

Sequence number: 06

Person in charge: Vice-President

During this motion, the following will take place: The forum will be suspended for a Moderated Debate without a list of speakers, allowing participants to raise their hands or placards to contribute. Each intervention is timed and must not exceed one and a half minutes. This time will specifically be used to propose a topic for discussion, explain its current relevance, emphasize the importance of addressing it, and express the intent to tackle it. Participants cannot directly undermine other topics or declare them less important but may argue for their topic without restrictions. The debate will remain moderated; points of personal privilege or parliamentary doubt must be submitted through diplomatic notes or by direct communication with the Bureau.

Person in charge: Vice-President

Once the time for the first session has expired, neither agenda order nor topic changes will be revisited.

Sequence number:<u>07</u>

Person in charge: President

When a majority of the committee supports an item, a delegate may propose a "Motion to Deliberate on a Consensus Agenda Topic" in the forum. If this motion is seconded and secured by a simple majority vote, the committee will proceed to a roll-call vote, requiring at least 70% approval. If this threshold is met, an Agenda Deliberation is officially declared, indicating the chosen topic by all. If the votes do not meet the required percentage, the committee will return to Moderated Debate until a consensus is reached.

SCENARIO A: If a consensus is achieved before time runs out, the debate may be postponed until the following day, concluding the First Session.

SCENARIO B: If no consensus is reached before time expires, \$\iint\stack \text{the} committee will be unable to continue the session unless an extraordinary decision is made by the board in collaboration with the Organizing Committee.

Sequence number: 08

Person in charge: President

The session will be closed. Please refer to the section on "Opening and Closing of Session."

SECOND, THIRD, AND FOURTH WORKING SESSION:

Sequence number:<u>01</u>

Person in charge: President

The session will be opened. Please see the section on "Opening and Closing of Session."

Sequence number: 02

Person in charge: President

Once the motion is approved, the Forum will officially open. The only motion in order will be "Opening the Speakers' List," which must be seconded and voted on by a simple majority. If this motion is not approved, a procedural motion called "Establishment of Opposing Reasons" must be introduced. In this case, two delegates will propose reasons in favor of opening the speakers' list and two delegates will present reasons against it. After these reasons are shared, another round of voting will take place.

If the vote is negative, the committee will be suspended for a session. If the vote is positive, the debate will continue.

Sequence number: 03

Person in charge: President

The floor is now open for discussion. Today, the recommended motion is a "Procedural Motion to Establish Speaking Time on the Speakers' List." The speaking time will be a maximum of 2 minutes and a minimum of 59 seconds.

Person in charge: President

If less than a simple majority supports the motion, we will initiate a procedural motion to "Establish Opposing Reasons." In this scenario, two delegates will present arguments in favor of establishing speaking time, while two delegates will present arguments against it.

The remainder of the procedure will follow the same guidelines as previous instances where this motion has been applied.

Sequence number: 04

Person in charge: Vice-President and President

Once the time limit has been set, the Vice President will announce that spots on the speakers' list are now open. At this point, each delegation wishing to participate may raise their hand or placard to be added to the list. The purpose of the speakers' list is to allow delegations to express their positions on the topic being voted on. It is recommended that delegates avoid directly addressing proposals and instead focus on indicating their stance, which helps identify potential alliances.

Once all delegates who wish to sign up for the list have done so, the President will allocate the floor in order, and the Vice President will time each speech.

If a delegate finishes giving their position and there is still time left on the clock, they may:

a) Give the floor to the table

b) Open the floor for questions

c) Continue presenting their ideas for the remaining time.

When the time limit is up, the delegate will be instructed to conclude their speech, with a maximum of 10 seconds allowed to finish. After each speech, the floor will be open; however, a "Motion to Establish Moderated Debate" or "Motion to Establish Unmoderated Debate" will only be considered after at least five delegations have given their speeches. (Refer to the annexes for both motions.)

Sequence number: <u>05</u>

Person in charge: President

It is recommended that once the list of speakers is empty, delegates begin presenting their proposals and arguments (sessions 3 and 4).

To facilitate this, any debate motion may be used:

- Motion to Establish Moderated Debate
- Motion to Establish Unmoderated Debate.

(Refer to the annexes for both motions.)

FOURTH AND FIFTH WORKING SESSION

Sequence number:<u>01</u>

Person in charge: President

After a series of both moderated and unmoderated debates, the Board will decide when they are ready to begin working on the "Preliminary Resolutive Minutes." At that point, they will activate the protocol for the "Open Session for Collaborative Work to Establish Preliminary Resolutive Minutes."

While this session is initiated by the Board, it requires consensus from all members. Therefore, it will be seconded and put to a vote to secure a qualified majority. If the majority is not reached, the forum will remain open for ongoing debate

If the majority is achieved, the Vice President will create a document titled "01_PAR_SIGLACOMITÉ_DAY_MONTH_YEAR_GIMMUN_2025," which will be shared with two or three delegates selected by consensus to act as drafters.

By order of the special protocol, the rest of the delegates will be allowed to create a document to place their shared ideas, research, and necessary points to give shape and support to the Preliminary

Resolutive Minutes.

Sequence number: 02

Person in charge: VicePresident

When this preliminary is considered finalized, the delegates may propose a: "Motion to present to the table a Preliminary Resolutive Minutes", which will be seconded, voted on and if it obtains the qualified majority, it will proceed to be reviewed by the Table and sent to the Organizing Committee for review.

Person in charge: President

If it is approved by the Staff and the Table, the President will make the announcement to their delegations announcing: "Congratulations, delegates, at (time)_ on the day _, we have successfully reached a Resolutive Minutes, your ideas and proposals have become part of the change itself and now represent the future of society."

Sequence number: <u>04</u>

Person in charge: President

Once the event concludes, marked by the "Resolutive Minutes," a

"Procedural Motion to End the Debate and Adjourn the Sessions Until the Next Grand International Event by the MUNYCH

Association" will be proposed. All delegates will second this motion and then proceed to vote on it.

Opening and Closing of sessions after the start of formal work a) OPENING OF THE SESSION

Sequence number:01

Person in charge: President

Welcomes the delegates once again and states the session number.

The floor is then given to the Vice President for the roll call of the session.

Person in charge: Vice-President

The Vice President begins by giving a brief welcome and conducting a roll call.

A quorum is not required at this stage since the meeting has already been opened.

The Vice President also outlines the goals for the session as recommended by the committee and notes the number of attendees present and absent.

Finally, the Vice President hands the floor back to the President.

a) CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

Sequence number: 01

Person in charge: Vice-President

When the allotted time has expired, the Vice President takes the floor to close the previous motion. They then open the forum and propose a "Motion to Close the (number) work session." This motion must be seconded and voted on, requiring a simple majority to pass and proceed.

Sequence number:02

Person in charge: President

Obtains the floor, and attests to and legality of the closing motion, indicating the time and formally declaring it closed.

Motions to Establish Moderated Debate or Unmoderated Debate a) MODERATED DEBATE

Person in charge: President

Any delegate may propose a "Motion to Establish a Moderated Debate" when the forum is open. To do so, they must state the duration of the debate, the purpose of the motion, and the suggested time for each intervention.

This motion can be approved at any time, as long as it is deemed necessary and the rules of the Speakers List are followed.

The motion is recommended for the following purposes:

- a) To share arguments and counterarguments.
- b) To discuss proposals, including their advantages and disadvantages.
- c) To establish the order of work, including the speakers and editors.

b) UNMODERATE DEBATE

Sequence number: 01

Person in charge: President

Any delegate may propose a "Motion to Establish an Unmoderated Debate" when the forum is open. They must specify the duration of the debate and the purpose of the motion. This motion can be approved at any time, provided it is deemed necessary and complies with the rules of the Speakers List. This motion is particularly recommended for:

- a) Working on preliminary resolutions.
- b) Advancing the creation of proposals.
- c) Forming working groups and building alliances.

Extraordinary Situations a) UNILATERAL VOTING OF AUTHORITARIAN EXCLUSIVITY

Sequence number: 01

Person in charge: President

A block of delegates, who have built an alliance, may, if they deem it necessary, present to the table a "REQUEST FOR A UNILATERAL VOTING OF AUTHORITARIAN EXCLUSIVITY", which must be seconded by a member of their block and voted on by all its members.

This extraordinary situation allows:

- Breaking diplomatic ties against a Member State due to contempt of International Treaties or Agreements.
- Declaring a State of Emergency or Humanitarian Crisis.
- Declaring the use of armed forces against a country.
- Imposing sanctions against a State.

It is NOT advisable to use it, because it implies making decisions outside of diplomacy and can lead to a more serious international problem.

Extraordinary Situations

b) UNILATERAL VOTING OF AUTHORITARIAN EXCLUSIVITY

Sequence number: 01

Person in charge: President

If a delegate or a group of delegates disagrees with any point of the "Resolutive Minutes," they must submit a "Request to Make an Amendment" at the time of the final vote.

This request should specify the proposal, include the proposal number, and provide the reason for the amendment.

The proposal must be seconded and, if applicable, **approved by at** least 70% of the delegations.

If it passes, the modification will be made as soon as possible. Once the "Resolutive Minutes" have been voted on, no further modifications can be made during the current congress.

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