MODEL UNITED NATIONS
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
2011
Dear Colorado Model UN Sponsors,

We are pleased to announce the University of Colorado High School Model United Nations conference to be held this fall on November 5, 2011 at the Leeds School of Business at the University. You and your delegates are cordially invited to attend our conference which offers a new and exciting opportunity to learn and experience international diplomacy. Over the past six months, our staff has worked to create a program designed for your students who are passionate about learning through cooperation.

We encourage you to consider preparing your students for our conference as we aim to provide a unique and challenging experience that will engage your students in international affairs and solution building through diplomatic means. This is an ideal opportunity for students to research complex topics and create detailed resolutions through cooperation and collaboration. The collegiate staff at UCHSMUN has extensive experience and a wide scope of interests and specialties within the international forum that will provide your students with in-depth understanding and insight into issues facing the international community today. For our staff, Model UN is not only a passion, but an important learning tool for leaders in the arena of diplomacy and decision-making and we aim to instill that same thirst for knowledge into the next generation. With a wide variety of interests among the staff, our Directors and Assistant Directors have created a substantive program that encompasses the multifaceted makeup of world issues.

In the creation of a unique set of committees and topics, such as the Future Security Council and the International Court of Justice, we hope to engage and excite students with complex and unique international questions that may not be addressed at other conferences. Given this, we will be hosting the following committees with the topics as listed in the following pages.

If you have any questions at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of our other Senior Staff members and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best,

Mikaela Ellenwood
Conference Director,
UCHSMUN 2011
University of Colorado
Dear Colorado Model UN Sponsors,

I am pleased that you are interested in attending UCHSMUN 2011. My name is Patrick Garrett, and I am the Director-General at UCHSMUN 2011. As Director-General, it is my duty to ensure that the substantive program at UCHSMUN meets the highest standards of Model UN. Our Conference Director, our Directors and I have been working hard since May to create a dynamic and professional substantive program. I hope that you will find many improvements from conferences past including our background guides, staff structure, and committee management. Hopefully this will set the stage for you to return to UCHSMUN for many years to come.

Understanding many challenges in years past, we have decided to make many changes which will make our conference better for you and your delegates. To that end, we have chosen to ease the research and preparation expectations of your delegates from years past. Our Directors have been carefully chosen based on their enthusiasm for working with youth, as well as their abilities to guide and interact with delegates in a courteous and professional manner.

However, there will still be some important differences at UCHSMUN from other in-state conferences. Extra time is built into the schedule to allow your delegates not only to provide an opportunity for more in-depth topic exploration, but also in order to take advantage of the unique opportunity at UCHSMUN to engage with our collegiate staff. You will see that we will use a slightly amended version of ColoradoMUN Rules of Procedure. And please also note that position papers need to be submitted to Directors via email no later than November 1st. This is so our Directors and Assistant Directors can provide your delegates with tips and revisions that will help them in future Model UN conferences—especially for national-level conferences.

I hope that you will find the substantive program that we have created to be both educational and engaging for your students. If you should have any questions or concerns about the substantive program, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you very much,

Patrick Garrett
Director-General,
UCHSMUN 2011
Colorado State University
General Note on the Delegate Expectations and Conference Proceedings

In an effort to provide a high-quality, challenging, and learning conference for high school students, we have formulated a program that encompasses successful policies adopted at a multitude of other conferences and schools. These expectations of delegations highlight an important component of participation that will be beneficial to their full experience of simulation-based education and learning. We have adapted rules for committees based on experience and difficulty in order to provide a level-appropriate experience for each student.

To begin with, all delegations are expected to prepare a position paper representing the opinions and policies of the country they are representing in relation to the topics of their committee. Position papers should be submitted to the directors and chairs listed in each background guide by **November 1, 2011**. Directors and Assistant Directors will review these position papers in order to provide your delegates with feedback on structure, content, and style to be returned to them on the day of the conference. This will give students an opportunity to ask questions to improve their skills for future conferences. Position papers are expected to be **no longer than two pages**, single-spaced, Times New Roman font size 12; there is an outlined example and full position paper in the registration materials on page nine.

For each level of experience, your delegates should come prepared accordingly for debate, topic-analysis, and resolution-writing. Please understand which experience level applies to each of your students individually and from these suggestions, plan for their research and preparation prior to the conference:

**Advanced Committees**: Delegates should have participated in at least two (2) in-state Model UN conferences or at least one (1) national-level conference. These committees will be fast-paced, competitive, and will require advanced knowledge of rules of procedure, resolution writing, and general debate skills. Resolutions will be written in committee.

**Intermediate Committees**: Delegates should have participated in at-least one (1) or more in-state Model UN conferences. These committees will focus on building up skills in resolution writing and debate, while also building upon knowledge of Rules of Procedure. To emphasize these skills, delegates will write resolutions in committee. There will be no pre-written resolutions in intermediate committees.

**Beginner Committees**: Delegates do not need any previous experience in Model UN. These committees will focus on familiarizing delegates with the Model UN system, Rules of Procedure, and general debate skills. Resolution and amendment writing will be briefly covered, but pre-written resolutions will be provided to these delegates by the Directors prior to the conference.
Committees and Topics

**Advanced:**

*Future Security Council*  
I. The Conflict over Water Rights in East Africa

*International Court of Justice*  
I. *Japan vs. Australia*, Whaling in the South Sanctuary

**Intermediate:**

*United Nations Special Committee on Palestine*  
I. Partition and Jewish Immigration to Palestine in 1947

*Council of the European Union*  
I. Addressing the European Debt Crisis  
II. Ensuring European Energy Security

*United Nations Environment Program*  
I. Addressing Pollution in the Arctic  
II. Water Rights in Trans-national River Basins

**Beginner:**

*General Assembly 3rd Committee:*  
I. Protecting Human Rights While Combating Terrorism  
II. Empowering Women through Political Participation

*Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian*

*United Nations Peacebuilding Commission*  
I. Peacebuilding and Stabilization in South Sudan  
II. Post-Conflict Peacebuilding in Kyrgyzstan

*Human Rights Council*  
I. Rights of Migrant Workers  
II. Human Rights Violations in the Libyan Conflict

*UNSCOP will be simulated as a historical committee at UCHSMUN, delegates should research positions of their countries in the year 1947, and not after this date*
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**TOTAL:** 20 (40 delegates)  **TOTAL:** 20 (40 delegates)  **TOTAL:** 20 (40 delegates)  **TOTAL:** 25 (50 delegates)  **TOTAL:** 27 (54 delegates)  **TOTAL:** 15 (30 delegates)  **TOTAL:** 18 (18 delegates)  **TOTAL:** 15 (15 delegates)**

**DELEGATE COUNT (POTENTIAL):** 289

**Potential Beginner Delegate Count:** 122  **Potential Intermediate Delegate Count:** 134  **Potential Advanced Delegate Count:** 33

*There is possibility for double delegations in some committees if there is a higher demand*
Registration Form

Complete the registration form and e-mail it to Mikaela.Ellenwood@colorado.edu and Kirsten.Walter@colorado.edu or send it to: Model United Nations, UMC 342, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309.

 Registrations are requested by October 17, 2011; however, additional registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis after that date.

 All numbers are considered final as of October 24, 2011 and any drops after this must still be paid for.

 An email of all registered schools will be sent out on October 20, 2011 with country and committee assignments to be assigned on a first come first served basis.

 We will charge $14.00 per student, $3.00 per any student observers and a general flat fee of $18.00 for each school.

 We are asking for the school fee to be turned in with initial registration to insure the costs of conference space, technology rentals, and basic preparation materials needed prior to the date of the conference.
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School______________________________________________________________

Address______________________________________________________________

Sponsor ___________________________ Contact Phone # _______________________

Fax # __________________ E-Mail ___________________________

Please fill in the below information. We ask you to consider your students’ strengths and to disperse them among committees. Should you require more than three in any given council, please simply fill in more country requests. Place your requests in order of country preference, and remember that we receive multiple requests for the same countries and will do our best to ensure a fair distribution considering those preferences, but do not guarantee first picks.

Advanced:

Future Security Council:
1) ______________________ 2) _______________________ 3) _______________________

*International Court of Justice:
Number of Justices: ______________________

Intermediate:

United Nations Special Committee on Palestine:
1) ______________________ 2) _______________________ 3) _______________________

United Nations Environment Program:
1) ______________________ 2) _______________________ 3) _______________________

Council of the European Union:
1) ______________________ 2) _______________________ 3) _______________________

*Note: Participants in the ICJ do not employ the views of any country and will thus be referred to as Justicies, please simply indicate the number of participants you are requesting to bring
Registration Form

Beginner:

General Assembly 3rd Committee: Social, Cultural and Humanitarian:
1) __________________ 2) __________________ 3) __________________

United Nations Peacebuilding Commission:
1) __________________ 2) __________________ 3) __________________

Human Rights Council:
1) __________________ 2) __________________ 3) __________________

Total Students: _______ X $14.00 = ______
Total Observers: _______ X $3.00 = ______
School fee: + 18.00 flat fee

TOTAL= ____________________________

Please make checks payable to University of Colorado. We ask that the school fee be sent in with the original registration while the remaining may be paid on the November 5, 2011.
Sample Outline of a Position Paper

Proper Heading

General outline of Member States’ stance and committee topics.

I. Topic One Title

Paragraph one: background of basic committee topic/show understanding of topic to be discussed

Paragraph two: background of what the country has done on the issue/personal experiences of the country in relation to the issue/what the country has signed on to

Paragraph three: recommendations/solutions that the country would like to see

II. Topic Two Title

Paragraph one: background of basic committee topic/show understanding of topic to be discussed

Paragraph two: background of what the country has done on the issue/personal experiences of the country in relation to the issue/what the country has signed on to

Paragraph three: recommendations/solutions that the country would like to see
Both of these position papers were written by delegations from the University of Colorado and received top position paper awards in their committees at NMUN-DC. These are purely examples as all papers for the high school conference should **be no longer than two pages**, but are certainly welcome to be much shorter, depending on the research abilities and time constraints of your delegates.

**Delegation from**

Japan

**Represented by the**

University of Colorado-Boulder

### Position Paper for UN General Assembly Third Committee

The issues before the third General Assembly are: Addressing the Plight and Abuse of Child Soldiers In War and Conflicts, The Economic and Social Impacts of Poverty, and Policies and Programmes Involving Youth: Youth in the Global Economy. Japan recognizes these issues as fundamental to the development of the 21st-century global community. The eradication of poverty and establishment of secure localities are cornerstones of the Millennium Development Goals thus demanding the increased attention and action of the United Nations.

#### I. Addressing the Plight and Abuse of Child Soldiers in War and Conflict

Japan recognizes the use of children as soldiers to be one of the most severe threats to peace. According to Human Rights Watch, more than 500,000 children as young as age twelve have been recruited for armed conflict. Furthermore, this has occurred in 85 or more countries all the way down to the village-level. Often, recruitment is by abduction, thus demanding a strong international response to end this global plight.

Japan sets forth a zero-tolerance policy for the abuse of child soldiers. Our own action has solidified this position with programs and aid contributing significantly to the protection of children involved in armed conflict in areas like Acholiland, Northern Uganda. We have committed to providing humanitarian and reconstruction assistance, aiding refugees and the internally displaced, rebuilding basic infrastructure, and enabling the reconstruction of both social and economic structures in Northern Uganda. Japan provided two million dollars in 2007 to facilitate the protection of rights of affected children. This project is coordinated by UNICEF and conforms to Japan’s Framework on New Measures for Consolidation of Peace in Africa. The expansion of such programs to global efforts is the only acceptable action, and the only means with which to ensure a global solution.

Persistent efforts to increase global awareness must be of immediate attention to the international community. On February 19, 2008, Japan endorsed a weeklong exhibit titled “The Message from Children about War and Peace.” We encourage all member states to pursue similar action as a global call to action. Furthermore, Japan asserts that international standards
Sample Position Papers with Proper Formatting

for military conduct must be revised and mandated. For example, article 38 of the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child sets the minimum age for recruitment and participation in hostilities at 15. This age must be raised from 15 to 18, the minimum age of voluntary military service in Japan. Comprehensive action combating the global plight of child soldiers is the indeed the only acceptable solution.

II. Policies and Programmes Involving Youth: Youth in the Global Economy

Japan believes that youth are an overlooked demographic of the international community. While not of immediate consequence, overlooking the upcoming generation will be an untolerated failure of the international community. According to Youth in a Global Economy, A/RES/62/126, youth unemployment is at record-levels with youths being two to three times as likely to be unemployed; there must be zero-tolerance for such a disparity.

Education has driven the employment of the youth in Japan. Although Japan, like many other industrialized countries, suffered from an economic crisis in the 1970s, the degree of unemployment has been much less severe. Young people in Japan, as a result, have little trouble finding jobs after their education is completed. Educational policy is geared towards making education widely available and positions higher education in the country as the primary force for developing specific skill sets. As a result, many Japanese youth begin working when they have completed their senior year of high school or college. Japanese students are only required to attend school for nine years, but the number of students who do not continue their education is not significant enough to produce a disparity such as the aforementioned unemployed youths, a problem that plagues other industrialized countries. Japan’s culture highly values education, which encourages most students to complete higher education programs and as a result, helps Japanese youth become more employable.

Japan believes it necessary to examine pragmatic solutions to education and youth unemployment. More specifically, individualistic tendencies in the sphere of education must be recognized as inhibitory to the successful employment of youth at the global level. While Youth on the whole are more educated than before, many challenges remain to reducing their unemployment level. Focusing on the school to workforce transition, for example, will be essential to increasing employed youth. Indeed, persistent effort in assessing educational means and preparing youth for the workforce are issues that must receive immediate international consideration.
Rules of Procedure

In this document we have provided you with a revised version of ColoradoMUN Rules of Procedure which we will be using at our conference. You will find that the vast majority of the rules are the same that your delegates are used to at other in-state MUN conferences. Please note, however, that the following important changes have been made:

I. There will be no need for Minimal Debate at UCHSMUN. Our Directors have been trained on how to effectively lead debate, and will not allow debate to end before a topic has been sufficiently addressed. Directors will ensure that ample opportunity for delegates to speak will be given during the Speakers List and Moderated Caucuses.

II. UCHSMUN rules clarify the difference between a “Working Paper” and a “Draft Resolution”. This distinction is made at many national conferences (both for high schools and college), and our Directors will be enforcing the correct use of these terms.

III. Please note that delegates do not need to specify a purpose for a Suspension of the Meeting, unless it is for a Moderated Caucus.

IV. Section I of the ColoradoMUN Rules was revised to accurately reflect the structure of leadership and organizational structure at UCHSMUN (for example, our use of Directors instead of “Presiding Officers”)
# Rules of Procedure

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Rules of Procedure

I. SECRETARIAT AND COMMITTEE STAFF

Rule 1- The Secretariat
i. The Secretariat of UCHSMUN shall consist of the Conference Director (Team Officer) as well as a Director-General and a Secretary-General.
ii. The Director-General shall take charge and assist the Conference Director in all substantive-related matters, while the Secretary-General shall take charge and assist the Conference Director in all administrative-related matters.
iii. All UCHSMUN committees shall be headed by a Director and an Assistant Director, appointed by and reporting to the Conference Director and Director-General.

Rule 2- The Conference Director
i. The Conference Director, Director-General, and Secretary-General shall have the authority to preside over any meeting at any time when deemed necessary by the Secretariat or requested by the committee Director.
ii. The Conference Director shall have the final decision-making authority in decisions made by the Secretariat. He/She may designate a member of the Secretariat to act on his/her behalf when deemed necessary.

Rule 3- Committee Directors and Assistant Directors
i. The Director/Assistant Director for all sessions of UCHSMUN committees shall be appointed by the Secretariat. The Director/Assistant Director shall not represent any member-nation nor shall he/she vote at any time.
ii. Director/Assistant Director, or appointed representative, shall preside over all meetings of their respective committee, retaining authority of that committee.
iii. The Director shall declare the opening and closing of each committee meeting of the session, moderate discussions of the meeting, ensure the observance of the rules of the given body, ensure proper recording and administration of the body’s work, and announce decisions as needed.
iv. The Director shall rule on points of order, and, subject to the rules, shall have complete control of the meeting proceedings.
v. The Director may use his/her position and rights to make suggestions to the body as to the use of time, in issues of allocation, regulation, and use of speaker’s list; and on the length and/or opportunity for suspension and/or adjournment of the meeting.
vi. The Presiding Officer may delegate any or all of his/her duties to other staff as long as such staff has approval by the DG prior to their assumption of any duties. The staff designee then takes on the rights and responsibilities of the Director, as denoted.
vii. Should, for whatever reason, the Director be unable to fulfill his/her duties during the meeting of a MUN organ, the SG shall appoint a replacement until the Secretariat rules when the Director may resume his/her duties.
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Rule 4- Archiving and Distributing
i. The Secretariat shall receive, print, and distribute documents, reports, and resolutions of MUN; have custody and proper preservation of the document of the MUN archives; advise and support the operations of committees; ensure the proper flow of information; and perform all other work that may be required for the smooth operation of MUN.

II. LANGUAGE

Rule 5- Official Working Language
i. American English shall be the official working language during UCHSMUN proceedings and of all official documents.

III. SESSIONS

Rule 6- Meeting Places
i. The Secretariat shall determine and reserve the place of meeting for all MUN committees, and distribute that information appropriately.

Rule 7- Schedule
i. All organs of the UCHSMUN shall open and close in accordance with the schedule set by the Secretariat.

Rule 8- Committee Simulations
i. The Secretariat shall determine all simulated committees, bodies, and organs of the United Nations, its specialized agencies, and other relevant international bodies.

Rule 9- Committee Membership
i. The membership of each simulated committee shall consist of those member nations as determined by the Secretariat of each UCHSMUN Conference.

IV. DELEGATIONS

Rule 10- Delegation Representation
i. Each delegation of a member nation shall consist of no more than two (2) delegates per committee assignment.
ii. Seating at the placard in each committee is limited to two (2) delegates at any given time.
iii. Only duly accredited representatives to a given committee shall have the right to speak during committee sessions.
iv. Advisors shall provide technical expertise to representatives during suspension of the meeting or outside of committee
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chambers. Additionally, advisors may not speak in or address the committee unless approved by the SG.

v. When deemed necessary by the Secretariat, delegations may be represented by only one (1) delegate.

Rule 11- Security Council Participation.
i. In accordance with the United Nations Charter, Article 31, a member of the United Nations may be invited by the Security Council to participate, without vote, in the discussions of any question before the Security Council.

ii. Any member nation invited under Article 31, or non-member nation invited under Article 32, shall have the right to submit proposals and draft resolutions. Any proposals or draft resolutions may only be put to a vote at the request of a Council member.

V. AGENDA

Rule 12- Topic Agenda

i. The topic agenda for all committees of the MUN conference shall be established by the Secretariat and published in a timely manner chosen by the Secretariat.

Rule 13- Order of the Agenda

i. The order in which the agenda shall be addressed shall be set at the beginning of each committee session.

Rule 14- Amending or Deleting Agenda Topics

i. Items on the agenda may be amended or deleted by the respective committee with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present and voting.

Rule 15- Additional Topics

i. Additional topic items may be added to the agenda, with the approval of a simple majority of the members present, ONLY after all items on the topic agenda have been decided (Tabling a topic is not an acceptable final decision).

VI. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Rule 16- Quorums

i. The Director shall declare a meeting open when at least one third (1/3) of the members of the session is present.

ii. The presence of a majority of the members of a committee shall be required for any formal vote.

Rule 17- Recognition to Speak

i. No delegate may address any committee without receiving recognition to speak by the Director. Delegates wishing to raise points of order or motions must raise their placard to be verbally recognized by the Director.
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ii. All speakers are to limit their remarks to those relevant/germane to the topic or specific question pending. The Director reserves, based on his/her discretion, the right to call a speaker to order should the remarks not be germane.

Rule 18- Speakers’ List
i. The Speaker’s List is the order in which speakers wishing to address the committee on a topic shall be recognized.
ii. The Speakers’ List shall be opened by motion by a recognized delegate. If no motion is made to open the Speakers’ List, the Director shall have the authority to declare it open when he/she deems it appropriate.
iii. The Director may declare the Speakers’ List closed at the present composition, at the request of a majority of the committee. Furthermore, the Presiding Officer may declare the Speakers’ List reopened, at the request of a majority of the committee. Motions for the opening/closure of the Speakers’ List may come from the Director’s suggestion or by a recognized speaker.
iv. If at any point, the Speakers’ List has been exhausted, closure of debate is declared and all relevant items before the body are put to an immediate vote.

Rule 19- Motions
i. Motions may be made by recognized speakers, either through recognition at appropriate times from the floor or by the speaker holding the floor through the speakers’ list.
ii. The making of a motion by a recognized speaker closes his/her speech.
iii. The delegate making a motion shall be recognized to speak on its behalf when the rules call for such a speaker. If the maker of the motion does not wish to speak on behalf of the motion, the Presiding Officer may recognize another delegate wishing to speak for the motion.

Rule 20- Points of Order
i. During the discussion of any matter, a delegate may rise to a Point of Order for immediate decision by the Director. A Point of Order is the only point that may interrupt a speaker and must pertain to questions of rules, procedure, and/or format demanding such attention. The Director’s decision shall stand unless an Appeal has been issued.
ii. The decision of the Director may be appealed through a motion by a recognized delegate. The Director shall have the opportunity to explain the rationale for the decision. After an explanation is given, a vote shall be taken upon the motion to overturn the Director’s decision. If two-thirds of the members present and voting vote in favor of the Appeal, the decision is overturned and the prior question is addressed.

Rule 21-Point of Information
i. A delegate may use a Point of Information for clarification before continuing with debate or voting.

Rule 22- Time Limits
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i. All speech times shall be decided up at the opening of debate.

ii. Speech time may be motioned on by a delegate, or decided up at the Director’s discretion. The vote on speaking time requires on a simple majority to pass.

iii. No two-part questions will be permitted by the Presiding Officer.

Rule 23- Yields of Speaking Time
A delegate may yield his/her time to 1) the chair, 2) to questions, 3) to another delegation.
A yield to the chair allows the time to be passed to the Director/Assistant Director to use at their discretion. The Director/Assistant Director may choose to eliminate the remaining time.
A yield to questions allows remaining time to be used in order for other delegations to prompt questions to the speaking delegation. These questions may not be substantive when discussing the setting of the agenda, nor when presenting a working paper. Only once a working paper has been submitted and accepted by the Dias may questions be substantive.
A yield to another delegation allows the remaining time to be used by the delegation specified in the yield. No double yields to other delegations shall be in order.
The Director reserves the right to call a speaker out of order for violations of these limits.

Rule 24- Minimal Debate
i. There shall be no standards of minimum debate at UCHSMUN. However, decisions on adequate debate shall be to the discretion of the Director or the Secretariat. The Director and Secretariat will ensure that a topic has been sufficiently debated before allowing a committee to move into voting procedure.

Rule 25- Right of Reply
i. Should, in the course of debate, a delegate feel that a previous speaker has unreasonably slighted his/her nation or nation, he/she may submit a written request to the Director for a Right of Reply. The Director has the sole authority to decide whether to grant this right and the most conducive time. Should the Director grant a Right of Reply, the delegate shall be recognized for thirty (30) seconds. No delegate shall be granted a Right of Reply to a reply.

Rule 26- Suspension of the Meeting (Moderated and Unmoderated Caucuses)
i. During the discussion of any matter, any delegate may move for a Suspension of the Meeting for a particular purpose (such as caucusing), a specified amount of time, or until a particular time. Such motions are not debatable and shall be put to an immediate vote. The Director reserves the right to establish pre-set limits on the length and/or use of suspensions. Such limits are not subject to appeal by the committee.

ii. “Suspension of the Meeting for the Purpose of a Moderated Caucus” allows for free discussion on the topic/resolution (while seated) and is moderated by the Director. The speaker’s list is disregarded at this time, but shall be reinstated at the
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end of the moderated caucus. Only one delegation may speak at a time, and must wait until called upon by the Director in order to speak. Rule 23 on yields shall apply to all speeches made in Moderated Caucuses, except that a delegation may not yield time to questions.

iii. A “Suspension of the Meeting” (also known as an Unmoderated Caucus) allows free discussion without any direction from the Director. A delegate does not need to specify a reason for a suspension of the meeting unless prompted by the Director.

Rule 27- Tabling versus Postponement
i. Tabling a resolution/amendment puts it aside temporarily to discuss more pressing matters (i.e. emergencies). This requires a second and majority vote.

ii. Taking a resolution/topic item from the table brings the resolution/item back to the floor. This requires a second and a majority vote.

iii. If a delegate wishes to permanently dispose of a resolution/amendment, he/she must move to “Postpone Indefinitely”. This requires a second and majority vote.

Rule 28- Working Papers and Draft Resolutions
Working papers are informal documents used to communicate ideas with the entire committee. They need not be in resolution format and need no sponsors or signatories. These require the authorization the Director, granted on the basis of the usefulness of the paper, clarity of expression, whether or not the idea is already understood by the committee and whether or not the paper substantially duplicates a working paper or draft resolution already on the floor. Working papers need not be introduced and are never voted upon.

Documents submitted to and approved by the Dais, in proper resolution format, shall be considered and referred to as Draft Resolutions. The term “resolution” is to be used only in reference to documents already passed by that body or other UN bodies.

Rule 29- Authorship Speeches
i. The Director will call for authorship speeches on all draft resolutions and amendments to be considered under the appropriate subtopic. When debate on that subtopic is exhausted, new authorship speeches will be considered for the next subtopic.

ii. Authorship speeches will be limited to no more than five (5) minutes. The Director has discretion to decide how many questions may be posed (usually not more than thee (3)) IF the speaker yields to such questions.

iii. During an authorship speech a delegate may introduce friendly amendments if and only if such friendly amendments have been approved by the Director.
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Rule 30 - Amendments

i. Amendments to draft resolutions shall be submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer for review. Once the Presiding Officer approves the resolution based on its relevance, the amendment will receive an assignment number. A delegate may now bring it to the floor for consideration for a reading by the Presiding Officer.

ii. All amendments must have one (1) author and at least three (3) signatories or 20 per cent (whichever is greater) before becoming available for committee consideration.

iii. Amendments sponsored by all of the original sponsors of the resolution will be considered as “friendly” amendments, requiring no vote. Once a friendly amendment is accepted by the original sponsors, it becomes part of the resolution without requiring a vote. Any “friendly” amendments must be submitted to and accepted by the original sponsors before the resolution is presented to the delegates for debate.

iv. Amendments submitted by non-sponsors of the resolution are considered “unfriendly” unless approved by the original sponsors. All unfriendly amendments must be put to a vote. There may be only two amendments pending at any one time, and the Presiding Officer will conduct the vote in a manner that the last submitted amendment will be voted upon first. If it passes, the amendment becomes part of the previous amendment or the resolution.

Rule 31- Movement of Resolutions and Amendments to the Floor

i. Approved resolutions or amendments may be moved to the floor by a member at any time within the discussion of the relevant topic area. Amendments to a resolution may only be moved after the relevant resolution has been moved.

Rule 32- Questions of Procedure

i. Any question of procedure or rules is only directed to the Director or Assistant Director.

ii. Should any discrepancies arise regarding rules or clarification, each committee Director shall inform the Secretariat. The Secretariat shall have final authority upon any decision should a Director bring it to their attention.

iii. In any situation where a committee wishes to appeal the decision of the Director when the Director feels the appeal would be detrimental to the proceedings, the Presiding Officer shall defer to the Secretariat. Should the SG agree that the appeal would be injurious to the proceedings, the original decision of the Presiding Officer shall stand.

iv. All decisions of the Secretariat on rules and procedures are final and are not subject to appeal.

Rule 33- Voting

i. Each member nation shall have one (1) vote in each of the UCHSMUN committees in which it has standing.

ii. Voting rights within a committee may not be granted by the membership to a nation not previously granted such status by the Secretariat.

A majority of the approved members must be present for a substantive vote.

Only Permanent 5 members of the Security Council (China, Russia, France, UK, US) may have veto power, and only in a
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simulation of the Security Council.

Rule 34- Voting Methods
i. All procedural votes may be taken by a show of placards in either the affirmative or the negative. All delegates present must vote upon procedure matters.
ii. All substantive votes shall be taken by a role-call vote, in which the Director or designee records the votes in alphabetical order. All members present may vote in the affirmative (Yes/Aye/Yea), in the negative (No/Nay), or abstention (Abstain).
iii. The vote of abstention means that a nation does not wish to affect the final outcome the vote.
iv. During a roll call vote, a delegate may Pass on his/her vote. The Director will continue with the roll call, returning to any delegate having passed on the vote. If a delegate passes on a vote, he/she must vote in the affirmative or negative; no abstention is permitted at this time.
v. If a delegate thinks that no opposition to the motion exists, he/she may call for a Vote of Acclamation before a vote is taken upon a substantive matter. The Director asks if any objection to the matter exists. If no objection exists, the matter before the committee passes without further vote. If a delegate raises an objection, the matter is moved to an immediate vote without further amendments or divisions. A delegate who rises in objection signifies his/her intent to vote in the negative on the matter.
vi. In most councils resolutions or amendments shall pass by a simple majority. However under Security Council rules, a resolution shall only pass with simple majority of Security Council including a YES vote of the Five Permanent Members (China, France, Russia, United Kingdom, and United States). An abstention by any Permanent Member is not considered to be a use of the veto power. A veto is strictly a NO vote by a Permanent Member.

Rule 35- Voting Procedures
i. In order to close debate, a motion to Close Debate (or Previous Question) must be made. This motion means that the committee will decide whether or not to vote upon the resolution or amendment. This vote is NOT a vote on the resolution/amendment itself. If this passes by a 2/3-majority, the committee immediately takes a vote on the resolution/amendment currently under debate. If the motion for Closure of Debate/Previous Question fails, the committee resumes debate from the point it left off.
ii. After closure of debate on a given issue, the Director will announce the beginnings of voting procedure, requiring all delegates to restrict themselves to their placard seats.
iii. No delegates or others may enter the committee chamber when voting procedures are in order. Should a delegate leave the chamber during voting procedures, they shall not be permitted to re-enter until after the conclusion of voting procedures.
iv. Each resolution shall be debated and voted upon individually prior to moving onto debate and votes of other resolutions under the same topic.
v. Delegates may vote on substantive issues with the Right of Explanation (voting “with rights”). Should the Presiding Officer grant the right, the delegate will receive thirty (30) seconds to speak. The use of this right should be restricted to extraordinary circumstances, in which the country’s original position is changed due to substantial alteration from the
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Rule 36- Division of the Question
i. A delegate may move to Divide the Question (divide out a specific clause) on any substantive matter. In this motion, the delegate should state, with specific sections, the nature of the division he/she desires. If the Director permits the division, the motion of division is put to a procedural vote. This procedural vote requires two (2) speakers in favor of the division and two (2) speakers opposed. If the procedural vote passes by majority, the question shall be so divided with a substantive vote taken upon the divided section(s) separately.
ii. No division of the question is permitted on Preambles.
iii. If multiple successful motions for division exist, the Director will put them to a vote based on the most drastic division taking priority over the least radical.

Rule 37- Ties
i. If a procedural vote is equally divided (Tied), the motion is considered to have failed.
ii. If a substantive vote is equally divided, a second vote shall be taken immediately, prior to any other motions or business. If the second vote is equally divided, the substantive item is considered as rejected.

Rule 38- Suspension of the Rules
i. A motion for Suspension of the Rules allows the committee to change the official rules in order to fit its needs (i.e. allowing for additional questions, extending voting privileges to invited countries).

Rule 39- Additional Rules or Procedures
i. Should any rule or procedure not be covered by the UCHSMUN Rules of Procedure, the Secretariat shall make a determination upon such rule. Once the decision is made, the decision will stand for the remainder of the conference without retroactive effect. The Secretariat shall disseminate the decision to each committee in a timely and appropriate manner.
Resolution Writing

This is a guide to writing resolutions. Advanced and intermediate committees will not allow pre-written resolutions in committee, but beginners are welcome to do so. Delegates may use this guide and the subsequent resolution example in committee however to help them during session and debate.

CODE: {you will be given a code for your resolution in committee}
COMMITTEE: {committee name goes here}
TOPIC: {your topic that you are working on}

Sponsors: {This list of sponsors is next. These are only the countries that have written part of all of the resolution and intend to vote in favor for it.}

Signatories: {These are countries that think your resolution is worth talking about but do not want to support it just yet.}

{Note: There is a minimum requirement for sponsors and signatories. Usually it is a percentage of your committee. You must have the minimum number of sponsors and signatories before the resolution can be accepted by the chair.}

{Your Preambulatory clauses go next. The first word is italicized and comes form the list of most commonly used pre-am clauses. Each clause ends in a comma. Pre-ams are non-debatable facts that support why there is a need for your resolution. They can refer back to previous agreements, treaties as support of precedent.}

{Note: each line after this point is numbered along the left hand side regardless if there is writing there or not.}

Recognizing with respect the efforts and accomplishments of the current leadership and the perpetually changing geopolitical dynamics,

THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY: {State your committee with colon at end}

{Next are the operative clauses. They use similar one word verbs to begin each sentence as the pre-ams but these verbs are stronger and infer action. They are underlined instead of italicized. Each op ends in a semi colon. Sub-ops end in commas. Each op should be specific in how it enacts policy including important information like cost, time lines, amendments to previous declarations, troops levels and where they will come from, and should always end in }

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2. **Decides**, in accordance with Article 108 of the Charter, to submit the following amendments to the Charter:
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a) In Article 23, Paragraph 1, substitute the word “fifteen” in the first sentence with “twenty-four”, and the word “ten” in the third sentence with “thirteen”,
b) In Article 23, Paragraph 1, insert after the first sentence: “Additional Permanent seats shall be allocated as following:
i. Two seats to African states, with the provision that one seat shall be allotted to a Northern African state,
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ii. One seat to European states,
iii. One seat to Latin American and Caribbean states,
v. Two seats to the Asian and Pacific states,
c) In Article 23, Paragraph 2, in the first sentence substitute the word “two” with the word “four”,
d) In Article 23, Paragraph 2, in the second sentence substitute the words “eleven to fifteen” with “fifteen to twenty-four” and the word “four” with “three”,
e) In Article 23, Paragraph 2, strike the last sentence, which reads “A retiring member shall not be eligible for immediate reelection”,
f) In Article 27, Paragraphs 2 and 3, substitute the word “nine” with “thirteen”,

8. Encourages the Secretary-General to increase the utilization of his powers under Article 99 of the Charter to reinforce the emerging understanding of threats to the peace, by bringing these issues to the attention of the Security Council.

{Note: The last clause will end in a period.}
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Suggested beginnings for preambulatory clauses:

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All preambulatory beginnings should be *italicized* and must end with commas for punctuation.

Listed below are possible operative clauses:

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All operative clauses should be *underlined* and must end with semi-colons for punctuation until the last that ends with a period.
Sample Resolution

CODE: 1-1
COMMITTEE: General Assembly Plenary
TOPIC: Strengthening the UN System: A Follow-up to the Agenda for Change

Sponsors: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Comoros, Egypt, Gambia, Mali, Mauritius, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, South Africa, Zambia,

Signatories: Argentina, Chile, Djibouti, Germany, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Swaziland, Timor-L’este, Vietnam, Zimbabwe,

Recognizing with respect the efforts and accomplishments of the current leadership and the perpetually changing geopolitical dynamics,

Acknowledging the comments of the Secretary-General and noting the importance of the Millennium Development Goals as the fundamental reasons for reforming the Security Council to ensure a lasting global society,

Understanding the necessity for reform to be a compromise and accommodating to increase the strength and legitimacy of the Council to become a more effective body by expanding the membership to be more representative of the diverse interests of the world population,

Accepting in principle the 2004-2005 recommendations of both the High-Level Panel and The Secretary-General with regards to model A for reforming the Security Council, further outlined in GA Resolution A/59/2005,

Taking note of the Razali Plans recommendation that a specific enumeration of the Agenda for Change within the Security Council must precede the election of new permanent and non-permanent members of the Council,

Further noting the precedence for the expansion of the Security Council set by the 1965 decision which expanded the membership from 11 to 15 members following the first great wave of decolonization,

THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY:

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   f) In Article 27, Paragraphs 2 and 3, substitute the word “nine” with “thirteen”,

3. **Decides** to restructure the non-permanent members as follows:
   a) Four seats to African states, with the provision that one seat shall be allotted to a Northern African state,
   b) Three seats to Asian and Pacific states, with the provision that one seat shall be allotted to a Middle Eastern state,
   c) Two seats to European states, with the provision that one seat be allotted for an Eastern European state,
   d) Four seats to Latin American and Caribbean states,

4. **Further Decides** that it shall be the responsibility of established Regional Groups within the UN system, to put forth candidates from each geographical region, from which the members will be elected by the General Assembly, no later than three months after the entering into force of the present amendments;

5. **Suggests** the formal establishment, within the Rules of Procedure of the Security Council, of a system of indicative voting, whereby each original permanent member of the Security Council may vote “no” without invoking their right to veto;

6. **Requests** the Secretariat to monitor and maintain a right of observation status for member states not on the Council during non-emergency times in order to establish a more effective body;

7. **Urges** the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations to expeditiously conclude negotiations on the *Declaration on the Basic Conditions and Standard Criteria for the Introduction of Sanctions and other Coercive Measures*, as a means to establish internationally agreed guidelines for the establishment and implementation of measures under
Chapter VII of the Charter;

8. **Further Urges** the Security Council to adopt, as a matter of priority, upon the completion of the work of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations, a Declaration on the Criteria for the Introduction of Sanctions;

9. **Calls Upon** the Security Council to adopt a Declaration, establishing clearly defined guidelines for the use of force to address a breach of peace, within the framework outlined in Paragraph 207 of A/59/565: Report of the Secretary-General High-Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change;

10. **Requests** an Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice as to whether humanitarian disasters fall under the authority of Chapter VII of the Charter, as a “threat to the peace” as defined by the Charter;

11. **Encourages** the Secretary-General to increase the utilization of his powers under Article 99 of the Charter to reinforce the emerging understanding of threats to the peace, by bringing these issues to the attention of the Security Council.