



# **QEGSMUN**

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**Pre Conference Issue**

**Resolving Repercussions of International Conflicts**

# RESOLVING REPERCUSSIONS OF INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS

THE 2023 QEGS MUN CONFERENCE IS BUILT AROUND THE THEME OF 'RESOLVING REPERCUSSIONS OF GLOBAL CONFLICTS', ENCOURAGING DELEGATES TO INVESTIGATE THE DEPTH OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPROACH TO PRESERVING PEACE AND HUMANITARIAN PRACTICES. THE ROLE OF THE UN AS A CENTRE FOR HARMONISING THE ACTIONS OF NATIONS IS KEY, AS ITS ROLE HAS DEVELOPED SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 1945. IN A GLOBALISED ERA, THE ISSUES SURROUNDING THE UN HAVE ADAPTED OWING TO THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CLIMATE, IN THIS MUN CONFERENCE DELEGATES HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE MORE SUBTLE EFFECTS OF THIS. A UNITED APPROACH TO THE REPERCUSSIONS OF GLOBAL CONFLICTS IS A MASSIVE FEAT, PARTICULARLY CONSIDERING THE POLARISED PERSPECTIVES OF NATIONS REPRESENTED WITHIN MUN.

IN FOCUSING ON INTRANATIONAL ISSUES, REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF MINORITY GROUPS AND WIDER AREAS OF GLOBAL DISAGREEMENT, SUCH AS THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR PROGRESS AND DESTRUCTION, IT IS KEY TO RESPECTFULLY EVALUATE THE VARYING OPINIONS OF OTHERS. WHILST THE GOAL OF THE CONFERENCE REMAINS FINDING SOLUTIONS TO DIFFICULT AND DIVISIVE ISSUES, GENUINE DEBATE AND DISCUSSION REMAIN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF MUN.

FURTHER, IT IS IMPERATIVE TO APPRECIATE THE LIMITED CAPABILITIES OF THE UN, HIGHLIGHTING MUN'S ESSENTIAL COOPERATIVE NATURE. AS HIGHLIGHTED BY CHOSEN TOPICS, TACKLING 'THE GROWING GLOBAL THREAT OF MODERN SPYWARE' INVITES COLLABORATIVE DISCOURSE, PARTICULARLY REGARDING GLOBAL AREAS OF COMPETITION. GLOBALISATION HAS BROUGHT TO THE FOREFRONT THE NECESSITY OF DIPLOMACY AND, AS DELEGATES WILL DISCOVER, THE EASE WITH WHICH ITS DELICATE FABRIC CAN BE DAMAGED.

# our secretariat

MUN GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND EXPERIENCE THE WORLD FROM A VIEWPOINT ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM MY OWN, EXPANDING MY KNOWLEDGE OF KEY GLOBAL ISSUES AND THREATS TO WORLD PEACE. MUN BRINGS YOU A WIDE RANGE OF NEW CONNECTIONS AND SKILLS THAT ARE HIGHLY RELEVANT IN TODAY'S SOCIETY; IT GIVES EVERYONE THE CHANCE TO EXPRESS THEIR IDEAS, THOUGHTS, AND PERSPECTIVES ALLOWING US TO WORK TOGETHER TO NEGOTIATE AND FORMULATE SOLUTIONS FOR EVERYONE. IT BROUGHT ME CONFIDENCE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING - BUT ALSO IN RESEARCH SKILLS, GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, TEAMWORK, AND LEADERSHIP. I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR MY EXPERIENCES WITH MUN AND HOPE THAT THIS CONFERENCE CAN GO BEYOND ACADEMICS AND EMPOWER US TO MAKE A CHANGE.

CHARLOTTE JACK - SECRETARY GENERAL

MUN HAS ALLOWED ME TO EXPLORE MODERN INTERNATIONAL ISSUES IN A NEW LIGHT, GIVING INSIGHT INTO DIFFERENT WAYS OF COMMUNICATING AND TACKLING DIFFICULT ISSUES IN A GROUP DISCUSSION. ABOVE ANYTHING ELSE, I BELIEVE IT HAS ALLOWED ME TO LEARN TO DIFFUSE AND BARGAIN WITH OTHERS IN A CONTROLLED AND LOGICAL WAY, A SKILL THAT IS EXTREMELY TRANSFERABLE TO REAL LIFE SITUATIONS THAT ARISE EVERYDAY. MUN ALSO PROVIDES THE CHANCE TO LEAD A GROUP TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL, ALL WHILST CREATING A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR DISCUSSION.

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CHARLOTTE JACK

RICHARD MORRIS

PRINCIPALLY, MUN IS AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP, ENGAGING IN A LOW-RISK DISCUSSION WITH PEERS, REMARKABLY, RELATES TO EACH DELEGATE DIFFERENTLY.

WHETHER INDIVIDUALS BEGIN THEIR MUN EXPERIENCE WITH THE INTENTION OF IMPROVING CONFIDENCE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING, DEBATING INTELLECTUALLY, EXPLORING INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, IT IS UNDENIABLY AN ENRICHING CONFERENCE WHICH ADDS A NEW DIMENSION TO ACADEMICS.

## WHY MUN?

ADVOCATING ANOTHER NATION'S POLICY ENABLES ONE TO APPRECIATE ALTERNATIVE WORLDVIEWS, WHICH IS MASSIVELY SIGNIFICANT IN TODAY'S GLOBAL POLITICAL CLIMATE BUT ALSO IT INVITES EVALUATIVE THINKING AND GREATER ENGAGEMENT IN UK POLITICS. FORMING OPINIONS SURROUNDING THE COUNTRY'S TRAJECTORY IS VITAL WHEN CONSIDERING FUTURE POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT, AT ANY DEPTH.

THE MUN COMMUNITY IS PRESTIGIOUS, AND GLOBALLY RECOGNISED. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER A DELEGATE CAN PINPOINT THEIR SKILL PROGRESSION, THE OBSERVATION ALONE OF SUCH CONVERSATION IS ENLIGHTENING, A FACT WHICH IS COMMENDED BOTH BY UNIVERSITIES AND ENTERPRISES.



CRITICAL THINKING, BROADLY, IS A SYNOPTIC SKILL WHICH MUN NURTURES. THEREFORE, WHILST HUMANITIES SUBJECTS MAY NOT BE YOUR PAST, PRESENT OR FUTURE, DO NOT DISMISS THE BENEFIT OF ENGAGING IN INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION AT A STUDENT LEVEL. OUR TOPICS SPAN STEM, SOCIAL SCIENCES, THE HUMANITIES AND LINGUISTICS.

**CONFIDENCE!**

**OBSERVATION!**

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# USEFUL?

**SOCIABILITY!**

**UCAS!**

**KNOWLEDGE!**

PARTICIPATING IN MUN CAN HELP IMPROVE YOUR **ELOCUTION**, WHICH CAN BE HELPFUL IN MANY DIFFERENT AREAS OF LIFE. FOR EXAMPLE, IT CAN HELP YOU PRESENT YOURSELF WELL IN **INTERVIEWS**, AS WELL AS **ESSAY WRITING**. WRITING AND PRESENTING SPEECHES ARE A KEY PART OF MUN AND THE MORE YOU **INVOLVE YOURSELF** IN THESE AREAS THE MORE BENEFICIAL THAT IS TO OTHER PARTS OF YOUR ACADEMIC LIFE. AS WELL AS THIS, IT CAN TEACH DELEGATES HOW TO USE A MORE **FORMAL WRITING STYLE** AS SPEECHES AND AMENDMENTS HAVE A VERY FORMAL TONE.

EVEN IF YOU ARE A DELEGATE **WHO DOES NOT PLAN** ON CONTRIBUTING TO DEBATE, MUN WILL BENEFIT YOU THROUGH GIVING YOU A **GREATER AWARENESS** AND UNDERSTANDING OF **CURRENT AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS**. SOME DELEGATES WHO THINK THEY LACK THE CONFIDENCE TO SPEAK **SURPRISE THEMSELVES** ON THE DAY, MAKING SHORT SPEECHES OR ASKING POI'S.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CURRENT AFFAIRS, MUN IS A GREAT WAY TO EXPRESS OPINIONS ON AFFAIRS IN THE MODERN WORLD, WHILE ALSO HEARING OTHER POINTS OF VIEW. THIS IS AMAZING FOR COMMUNICATION AND IT IS VERY INTERESTING TO HEAR OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINIONS, WHETHER YOU AGREE WITH THEM OR NOT. IT OPENS YOUR EYES TO THE WAY OTHER PEOPLE AND COUNTRIES LOOK AT TOPICS AND YOU NEVER KNOW, YOUR OPINION ON THESE MATTERS MIGHT EVEN SWAY...

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THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF FIVE SCHOOLS PRESENT AT THIS YEAR'S QEGS-MUN CONFERENCE, SO IT IS A BRILLIANT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND MAKE FRIENDS. SOMEONE WHO WAS NEW TO THE QE SIXTH FORM LAST YEAR TOLD US THAT MUN HELPED THEM FORM FRIENDSHIPS BY GIVING THEM A COMMON INTEREST TO DISCUSS.

**FINALLY, THE CONFERENCE WILL BE A VERY FUN TWO DAYS AND THERE WILL BE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY.**

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*from our*  
*US!*

**“MUN IS AN EXHILARATING, FRIENDLY, EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCE WHERE YOU CAN FULLY EMBODY A COUNTRY AND HAVE SOME GREAT DEBATES ABOUT REALLY ANYTHING. MUN PROVIDES A SPACE WHERE YOU CAN DISASSOCIATE YOURSELF FROM THE PRESSURES OF SCHOOL AND DEBATE ABOUT REALLY EVERYTHING!” - WILL HORSFORD**

**“THROUGHOUT MY JOURNEY OF MUN, FROM BEING A DELEGATE TO ORGANISING THE CONFERENCE I HAVE COME TO REALISE HOW VALUABLE MUN IS. IT HAS OPENED SO MANY DOORS FOR ME: WHETHER THAT IS MY CAREER PATH, NEW SKILLS OR NEW CONNECTIONS. BACK WHEN I FIRST JOINED, MY MAIN DRIVING FORCE WAS EXPLORING SUBJECTS I'D NEVER CONSIDERED BEFORE AND LEARNING NEW SKILLS IN COMMUNICATION AND NEGOTIATION. HOWEVER, NOW THE VALUE COMES FROM LEARNING THE VALUE OF PERSUASION AND TEAMWORK IN ACHIEVING GOALS, WHETHER THAT'S IN ORGANISING THE CONFERENCE OR BEING A DELEGATE. I TRULY CONSIDER MUN TO BE BENEFICIAL FOR EVERYONE BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN SO HELPFUL TO ME.” - CHARLOTTE JACK (SECRETARY GENERAL)**

# SO YOU WANT TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT?

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*Disclaimer:*

*Before reading the following article please note that **amendment** is spelt without a double 'm'.*

*In the world of MUN, amendments play a vital role in the drafting and refinement of resolutions. They empower delegates to better align resolutions with the interests and concerns of their represented nation and, hopefully, all nations within that committee.*

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## AMENDMENT BUILDING!

*Amendments are proposed changes or additions to draft resolutions. These modifications can be minor, such as **tweaking a word or phrase**, or **substantial**, like adding **entirely new clauses**. They are crucial for:*

1. **SUCCESS OF THE RESOLUTION:** AMENDMENTS ALLOW DELEGATES TO TAILOR RESOLUTIONS TO THEIR NATION'S SPECIFIC NEEDS AND POLITICAL REALITIES. BY ADDING OR MODIFYING CLAUSES, A RESOLUTION CAN GAIN THE SUPPORT OF A WIDER ARRAY OF COUNTRIES & THEREFORE IS MORE LIKELY TO PASS.
2. **FLEXIBILITY IN NEGOTIATION:** THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS IN MUN IS INTENSE AND EVER-EVOLVING. AMENDMENTS PROVIDE THE FLEXIBILITY NEEDED FOR COMPROMISE AND CONSENSUS-BUILDING. DELEGATES CAN MODIFY RESOLUTIONS TO ACCOMMODATE NEW INFORMATION, SHIFTING ALLIANCES, OR EMERGING PRIORITIES.
3. **FAIR REPRESENTATION:** AMENDMENTS ENSURE THAT EACH DELEGATION HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FINAL DOCUMENT. THIS OFTEN ENHANCES THE LEGITIMACY OF THE RESOLUTION AND THE OVERALL APPROVAL OF THE DOCUMENT FROM ALL PARTICIPATING NATIONS.
4. **REALISTIC SOLUTIONS:** THE WORLD'S CHALLENGES ARE OFTEN COMPLEX. AMENDMENTS ALLOW FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PRACTICAL AND REGION-SPECIFIC APPROACHES, INCREASING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RESOLUTION IN THE REAL WORLD E.G. CEASEFIRES IN MAJOR CONFLICTS.

# Procedure

DELEGATES DRAFT THEIR AMENDMENTS, PRESENT THEM TO THE COMMITTEE, AND THEN ENGAGE IN DEBATES TO PERSUADE OTHERS TO SUPPORT THEIR PROPOSED CHANGES. ON THE DAY, A POST ON CLASSROOM WILL ALLOW AMENDEMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED, READY FOR DEBATE.

THE FINAL DECISION ON AMENDMENTS ARE MADE BY A MAJORITY VOTE (SECURITY COUNCIL DELEGATES WILL ENJOY VETO FROM P5 COUNTRIES).

## RAISE YOUR PLACARD

DURING OPEN DEBATE, YOU MUST STATE WHAT YOUR INTENTION IS:

- SPEECH (REGARDING THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE)
- AMENDMENT

IF THE CHAIR BELIEVES THAT IS IN ORDER THEN THE DISCUSSION WILL MOVE TO CLOSED DEBATE

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YOU WILL HAVE TO WRITE A SPEECH FOR THE AMENDMENT YOU ARE PROPOSING SO THAT YOU CAN GATHER AS MUCH SUPPORT FOR IT AS POSSIBLE.

THIS WILL THEN MOVE FORWARD TO SPEECHES FOR AND AGAINST THE AMENDMENT (IT IS BEST TO RESPOND TO THESE WITH POIS). AFTERWARDS IT WILL MOVE TO VOTING PROCEDURE FOR YOUR AMENDMENT.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SECOND DEGREE ARE

**AMENDMENTS TO AMENDMENTS!**

THE PROCEDURE FOR THESE ARE EXACTLY THE SAME AS NORMAL AMENDMENTS AND ARE USUALLY SMALL GRAMMATICAL CHANGES TO THE PREVIOUS AMENDMENT IN THE INTEREST OF YOUR NATION'S GOALS.

# ANNA MAMRYCH

IN MUN, IT TRULY IS A GAMBLE OF WHAT COUNTRY YOU GET BUT WHICHEVER ONE IT IS, YOU HAVE TO THROW YOURSELF IN IT COMPLETELY- SOMETIMES AS YOU MAY FIND OUT, THAT MAY BE IN THE DEEP END.

BUT CERTAINLY DON'T BE AFRAID OF RADICAL COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH MOST OF YOU HAVE YOUR CLEAR VIEWS ON WAR, HUMAN RIGHTS AND POVERTY, YOUR COUNTRY MAY CERTAINLY NOT. AND IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY, YOUR COUNTRY'S EXTREMIST VIEW MAY HELP TO SHAPE A MORE REAL REPRESENTATION OF THE UN ITSELF.

IN FACT, THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF THE UN IS TO CREATE A SOMEWHAT FAMILY OF NATIONS AND WHAT'S A FAMILY WITHOUT A FEW RADICAL OUTLIERS. AND USUALLY IN MUN, IT'S THOSE CRAZY UNCLES OF COUNTRIES YOU CAN HAVE THE MOST FUN IN REPRESENTING. NORTH KOREA, RUSSIA ARE ONE'S THAT HUGELY STAND OUT TO ME WHEN IT COMES TO CRAZY (TO SAY THE LEAST)... HOWEVER, RADICAL IS GOOD, AT MUN WE ARE TRYING TO REPRESENT HOW THE WORLD TRULY WORKS AND IF NORTH KOREA SUDDENLY STARTED CARING ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS (THAT WOULD BE GREAT OF COURSE), THE LIKELIHOOD OF THAT HAPPENING IS SLIM AND FAR FROM THE TRUTH.

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## YOUR COUNTRY FOR THE WEEKEND

IT'S THE ONE TIME WHERE YOU CAN JUSTIFIABLY ARGUE TERRIBLE THINGS AND IN SOME WAY GET PRAISED FOR IT. BUT BEFORE YOU TAKE IT TOO FAR, THEY DO REALLY APPRECIATE A WELL-EDUCATED, SELF-AWARE 'VILLAIN'. IF YOU DO ENOUGH RESEARCH TO BE ABLE TO WORD THE 'EVILS' OF YOUR COUNTRY IN A WAY THAT ALMOST SEEMS REASONABLE, BUT NO ONE LIKES A SELF-DEPRECATING BAD-GUY COUNTRY.



MAKE SURE ALL THE RESEARCH ON THE POSITION OF YOUR COUNTRY IS DONE AND DEFINITELY DON'T START RADICALISING ANY COUNTRY YOU ARE GIVEN FOR THE SAKE OF IT. SO BE BOLD, BE RADICAL AND STAND OUT!

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**A LITTLE MESSAGE:**

**A MASSIVE THANKS TO THIS YEAR'S PRESS OFFICERS FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO MUNews. THE 2023 CONFERENCE IS MORE EXCITING THAN EVER, THE ATMOSPHERE WILL NO DOUBT BE ELECTRIC.**

*Annia Gilland*