MESSAGE TO NATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Ban Ki-Moon

Your participation in this Model UN comes at a time of opportunity and risk for the human family. We are the first generation that can end extreme poverty -- yet people and the planet face the rising pressures of a warming climate, growing inequality, and exploitation from mines to fields to factory floors.

The United Nations works every day, around the clock, across the world, to confront today’s emergencies while building foundations of peace for tomorrow. We are feeding the hungry, fighting disease, and pressing for a nuclear-weapon-free world. We are strengthening peacekeeping, peacebuilding, and preventive diplomacy as well as our tools for justice and accountability. Our sights are also set on the key year of 2015: the deadline for achieving the Millennium Development Goals, reaching an agreement on climate change, and adopting a bold vision for the period beyond 2015 that will advance economic growth, social progress, and environmental stewardship.

These plans are ambitious. We need people to make them real. That means you. I count on you to use the negotiating skills you learn in this Model UN exercise to help navigate the real-world challenges we face. I encourage you to join forces with like-minded individuals and groups to generate change and promote mutual tolerance, understanding, and respect. I also hope you will link to the United Nations through our Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Technology has globalized communications. Now we have to globalize compassion and citizenship. In a world that is more connected, we must be more united. With our fates ever more entwined, our future must be one of ever deeper and wider cooperation. That is the global logic of our times.

I look forward to the contributions you will make to our shared work for peace, development, and human rights. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable experience.

Ban Ki-Moon
Dear Honorable Delegates, Faculty Advisors, Staff, and Friends,

It is our distinct honor to welcome you to the 2014 National Model United Nations DC Conference. On behalf of the 2014 volunteer staff and our conference partners, the National Collegiate Conference Association (NCCA), and the Osgood Center for International Studies, we thank you for joining us for an exciting weekend that we hope will challenge, engage, and energize each and every one of you.

Each year at the NMUN•DC conference held in late October, we as staff and delegates are uniquely positioned to reflect on the work of the United Nations following the General Debate held each September. This year the assembled world leaders at the UN grappled with many of the same evolving, long-term problems as well as short-term emergencies that you will debate. In particular, 2015 marks the end of the Millennium Development Goals and the start of the framework to follow; this transition has led to reflection and progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The post-2015 development agenda and the SDGs intend to focus the international community on adapting to the most complex international development issues and human prosperity with greater integrity and sustainability than ever before. This new call to action remains tenuous, yet promising. If the international community can build a path forward while acknowledging, accepting, and integrating history, then there is true potential of improving the human condition globally. As we pursue this goal, it is not just agreeing on the SDGs that challenges us; our world is constantly changing, constantly evolving. In confronting a changing world, the international community too has a choice: do we face the evolving world together or apart?

Here, as representatives of the world’s countries, you will be confronted with this choice, not just in the policies you choose, but in your daily interactions and negotiations with other delegates. NMUN•DC asks you to bring creativity, compassion, and innovation to every action that you take. You will have to think critically and represent your assigned country accurately and diplomatically, protecting and portraying its interests while simultaneously seeking consensus, at times in the face of disagreement and impossible situations. As such, we hope Model UN is the start of a journey for all towards understanding today’s stark realities as well as potential, and turning empathy into extraordinary actions. Actions that with the right care can raise voices, save lives, change minds, and lift generations.

We know that this is the journey Model UN has led us on, and we are truly excited to share that with you this weekend. Together, while each of us take action in our own lives, we can play an important role creating a future of sustainability and integrity, and supporting the UN and its mission to bring peace and dialogue to the world.

Sincerely,

Cara Wagner
Kristina Getty
Secretary-General, NMUN•DC 2014
Deputy Secretary-General, NMUN•DC 2014
FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2014 – Marriott Hotel, Rooms are on Mezzanine Level

8:15am - 12:30pm UN Advocacy on Capitol Hill with United Nations Association (optional, for US schools)
9:00am - 1:00pm Embassy Briefings (if pre-arranged by your school)
11:00am - 1:30pm Early Conference Registration Registration A
2:00pm - 4:00pm Expert Briefing Panel US Department of State, 23rd St. Entrance
5:00pm - 8:00pm Conference Registration Thurgood Marshall Ballroom
5:15pm - 6:15pm Rules Training (optional) Thurgood Marshall Ballroom
6:30pm - 7:30pm Opening Ceremony Thurgood Marshall Ballroom
8:00pm - 11:00pm Committee Session I Thurgood Marshall Ballroom
11:15pm Head Delegates Meeting Hoover

SATURDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2014 – Marriott Hotel, Rooms are on Mezzanine Level

9:00am - 12:00pm Committee Session II See Committee Locations, p. 6
12:00pm - 2:00pm Lunch Break on your own
2:00pm - 5:00pm Committee Session III See Committee Locations, p. 6
3:00pm - 4:00pm Faculty Reception Stone’s Throw Restaurant, Lobby Level
5:00pm - 7:00pm Opportunity Fair Outside Thurgood Marshall Ballroom
5:00pm - 7:00pm Dinner Break on your own
7:00pm - 10:00pm Committee Session IV See Committee Locations, p. 6
10:15pm Head Delegates Meeting Hoover

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour tonight, as US Daylight Savings Time ends at 2am on Sunday.

SUNDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2014 – Marriott Hotel, Rooms are on Mezzanine Level

9:00am - 12:00pm Committee Session V See Committee Locations, p. 6
12:00pm - 1:30pm Lunch Break on your own
1:30pm - 3:00pm Conclusion and Voting See Committee Locations, p. 6
3:30pm - 5:00pm Closing Ceremony Thurgood Marshall Ballroom

Committee Locations

- Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) Wilson A and B
- Economic and Social Council Plenary (ECOSOC) Harding
- General Assembly First Committee (GA1) Thurgood Marshall North
- Security Council (SC) Coolidge
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Thurgood Marshall South
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Thurgood Marshall West
- World Health Organization (WHO) Thurgood Marshall East
- Conference Services, Computer/Copier Room Madison B
- Faculty Room McKinley
- Head Delegates Meeting Room Hoover
General Assembly First Committee (GA1)
1. Addressing the Reality of Emerging Weapon Systems
2. Establishment of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in the Region of the Middle East
3. Curbing the Illicit Trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
1. Pursuing a Blue Economy
2. Supporting Remittances for International Development
3. Financing Sustainable Development

World Health Organization (WHO)
1. Preventing Vector Borne Diseases in Developing Countries
2. Empowering Women as Agents of Change in Health Systems
3. Improving Affordable and Equitable Access to Medicine

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
1. Strengthening Emergency Preparedness through Capacity Building
2. Responding to Mixed Migration in Europe
3. Addressing the Needs of Urban Refugees

Economic and Social Council Plenary (ECOSOC)
1. Reducing Inequality in the Post-2015 Development Agenda
2. Evaluating Long-Term Support for Haiti
3. Leveraging Science, Technology, and Innovation for Today’s Youth

Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND)
1. Evaluating the Global Drug Regime
2. Addressing the Link between Drug Trafficking and Cyber and Identity Crime
3. Strengthening Partnerships with the Private Sector in Counter-Narcotic Efforts

Security Council (SC)
1. Crisis Management in Failed or Fragile Nascent States
2. Addressing Security Sector Reform
3. Sexual Violence in Conflict

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DELEGATES

While participating in the National Model UN conference, delegates have a responsibility to always maintain the highest level of professionalism and diplomacy. Conference staff, faculty advisors, and fellow delegates should be treated with the highest level of courtesy and respect. Professionalism in speech, actions, and appearance by delegates is a requirement of this conference, and necessary to its educational mission. It is assumed that all delegates will respect the property of the U.S. Department of State and the host hotel.

NMUN reserves the right to restrict future registration for any participant or school, whose delegates or faculty advisors are not able to uphold their responsibility to the conference’s code of conduct.

Delegates are expected to:
- Remain “in character” by consistently advocating the interests and representing the policies of the country assigned. To act “in character” also entails displaying respect for the opinions and ideas of fellow delegates, even if these opinions and ideas conflict with a given delegate’s own country’s priorities.
- Collaborate with fellow delegates when possible.
- Be courteous and professional at all times.
- Attend all committee sessions.
- Avoid the consumption of alcohol and other drugs in committee sessions. Any issues related to illicit drugs will be immediately directed to the attention of local authorities.
- Be aware of the disruption caused by other delegates in committee sessions.
- Delegates who disrupt committee sessions or create problems in the hotel may be barred from further participation in the conference.
- Delegates who fail to attend committee sessions or disrupt committee sessions may result in your withdrawal from the conference.
- If you are going to drink, please drink responsibly. Excessive alcohol consumption should be avoided. The US legal drinking age is 21.

HEAD DELEGATES

Head delegates provide leadership to their delegates and to other delegations by serving as information resources when appropriate. Faculty advisors are expected to:
- Provide leadership to their delegates and to other delegations by serving as information resources when appropriate.
- Attend and participate in head delegates meetings. Head delegates may be assigned to a committee or may serve solely in an advisory role. Head delegates assigned to a committee should observe the delegate code of conduct. Those not assigned to a particular committee should interact with delegates as would a faculty advisor.
- Set the tone for the conference and demonstrate the skills of diplomacy as practiced at the UN.
- Attend all committee sessions. Any issues related to illicit drugs will be immediately directed to the attention of local authorities.

FACULTY ADVISORS

The role of faculty advisors, while at the conference, is to make all efforts to see that their students maintain a positive and professional approach to the conference. The educational quality of the conference is primarily dependent on the active and professional participation of all delegates. Faculty advisors can ensure this by monitoring the attendance of their students at committee meetings and helping them understand the skills of diplomacy as practiced at National Model United Nations. Faculty advisors must maintain the highest level of professionalism toward all conference participants and staff.

During the conference, faculty advisors are encouraged to advise students on specific questions such as a Member State’s policy or issues of international law, but must not participate in the actual writing of resolutions or caucusing activities. NMUN allows students an opportunity to demonstrate their preparation and research skills. While faculty advisors are encouraged to observe their students from the back of committee rooms, participation in the committee process must be left to the student delegates and the conference staff.

Faculty Advisors are expected to:
- Provide leadership to their delegates and to other delegates by serving as information resources when appropriate.
- Respond to questions and concerns without interfering with the work of the committees or the deliberations of delegates, whether in formal session or in caucus.
- Refrain from using academic credit and grading policies that force participation beyond that country’s normal position in the UN.
- Remind their delegates of the educational purpose of the simulation.
- Awards should not be a delegation’s main emphasis.
- Attend and participate in faculty advisors meetings.
- Offer suggestions and assistance to new faculty advisors.

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Developed countries suffered most from economic losses

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DRESS CODE

All clothing must adhere to guidelines that portray professionalism and modesty. If a delegate’s attire is deemed inappropriate by NMUN staff, the delegate will be asked to leave the session and return with appropriate attire.

- Standard delegate attire for the conference is business jacket, slacks/skirt, dress shirt (with tie for men) and dress shoes.
- Dress sweaters, shorts, ball caps, jeans, sneakers and sunglasses are considered too casual. Clothes that expose excessive bare skin or are otherwise revealing are inappropriate.
- It is not appropriate for delegates to display any national symbols such as flags, pins, crests, etc. on their person during sessions. UN symbols are acceptable.

Western business dress is preferred. Traditional dress is only permitted for international delegates in whose native countries “professional business dress” includes traditional cultural dress. NMUN will not tolerate any delegate’s attempt to portray a “character” using traditional cultural attire as costume.

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Correct an error in procedure
None
None
Refers to a specific rule

**Appeal of the Chair**
Challenge a decision of the Chair
None
Majority
Question the Chair’s ruling

Suspension of the Meeting
Recess meeting for a defined period
None
Majority
Used to go into informal debate or break for a given time

Adjournment of the Meeting
End meeting
None
Majority
Used only on final day; ends committee for the year

Adjournment of Debate
End debate without a substantive vote
2 pro/2 con
Majority
Tables the topic; requires a roll call

Closure of Debate
Vote on all draft resolutions or report segments; move to an immediate vote
2 con
2/3 Majority
Ends all discussion on current topic

**Division of the Question (Used in voting only)**
Consider clause(s) separately from rest of draft resolution or report segment
None
Majority
Voted on in order of most to least radical change

Part I: Procedural vote on if this motion should be considered
2 pro/2 con
Majority
If passes: Clause(s) removed and voted on separately
If fails: No change to clause(s)

Part II: Substantive vote to accept or reject separate clauses
None
Majority
If passes: Annex passes
If fails: Clause(s) discarded and no longer part of any draft resolution

**Roll Call Vote (Used in voting only)**
Vote by roll call, rather than show of Placards
None
None
Automatically granted once requested

**Adopt by Acclamation (Used in voting only)**
Adopt a draft resolution or report segment as a body by consensus
None
None
Once motioned, Chair must ask if there are any dissensions

Reconsideration
Re-open debate on an issue (Motion must be made by a member who voted for “Adjournment of Debate”)
2 con
2/3 Majority
Untables topic that was tabled by “Adjournment of Debate”

*Set the Speaker’s Time*
Set or change the time allotted to each speaker
2 pro/2 con
Majority
It is very rarely used at the UN and may be ruled out of order by the Chair

Close the List of Speakers (also applies to re-opening the list)
No additional speakers can be added to the list of speakers
None
Majority

Adoption of the Agenda
Approval of agenda order
None
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