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SECRETARY-GENERAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Delegates and Faculty Advisors,

It is with great pleasure and immense pride that I extend my warmest greetings to you all for the Decennial Edition of La Martiniere Model United Nations- LMUN 2023.

This landmark occasion marks the decade-long tradition of an academically-centered Conference for intellectual growth, diplomatic discourse, and transformative experiences. We wish to provide the delegates with an experience that greatly broadens their understanding of international relations, politics, diplomacy, crisis management, and more.

Through stimulating debates and resolutions, we have witnessed the birth of future leaders, ambassadors, and change-makers. We are dedicated to providing an unparalleled experience to all our participants. This year's Conference shall be a true reflection of the journey we have undertaken together – a journey marked by growth, innovation, and inspiration. It will be an occasion to honour the accomplishments of the past, acknowledge the challenges of the present, and envision a brighter future.

At La Martiniere College, we have the priceless opportunity to write our own stories and let them resonate for decades to come. As a result, La Martiniere Model United Nations hopes to provide students with a forum where they can speak truth to power and leave their mark on history. In addition to the Committee sessions, we are excited to present an array of panel discussions, facilitated by distinguished experts and practitioners in their respective fields. These sessions shall enrich delegates' understanding of global affairs, foster innovative thinking, and inspire them to take on leadership roles in shaping a better future.

I look forward to hosting you at the tenth edition of La Martiniere Model United Nations, giving you an opportunity to display your passion and mutual interest in policy-making.

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La Martiniere Model United Nations, 2023

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SCHEDULE FOR THE DECENNIAL EDITION OF THE LA MARTINIÈRE MODEL UNITED NATIONS

2nd November, 2023

16:00-17:00	Registrations
16:00-17:00	Campus Tour
17:00-18:00	High Tea

3rd November, 2023

08:00-09:00	Registrations
09:00-11:00	Opening Ceremony
11:00-12:00	Conference Photograph & High Tea
12:00-14:00	Session 1
14:00-15:00	Lunch
15:00-17:30	Session 2
17:30-18:00	High Tea/Head Delegate Meeting
18:00 onwards	Delegate Evening

4th November, 2023

08:30-11:00	Session 3
11:00-11:30	High Tea
11:30-14:00	Session 4
14:00-15:00	Lunch
15:00-17:30	Session 5
17:30-18:00	High Tea/Head Delegate Meeting
18:00-19:30	Fellowship
19:30 onwards	Principal's Dinner

5th November, 2023

08:30-11:00	Session 6
11:00-11:30	High Tea
11:30-14:00	Session 7
14:00-15:00	Lunch
15:00-16:00	Session 8
16:00-18:00	Closing Ceremony

THE COMMITTEES

United Nations Human Rights Council



AGENDA 1: Deliberating upon the right to freedom of speech and its Limitations on Grounds of Law and Public order and its impact on the Freedom of Press.

AGENDA 2: With reference to International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), addressing the issue of Rights of prisoners while laying emphasis on Solitary Confinement.

Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries Plus



AGENDA: Exploring new methods for utilisation of oil reserves with special emphasis on Latin American and African Oil Reserves bearing in mind the issue of sanctions and its effects on Global Oil Trade.

The 610 Office of the Communist Party of China, 1999



AGENDA: Persecution of Falun Gong

United Nations General Assembly (Legal)



AGENDA: Deliberating upon the usage of Responsibility to Protect (R2P) and its legalities in the current contemporary paradigm while developing a framework for its safe usage around the world with special emphasis on responsibility and accountability.

THE COMMITTEES



A.B.D.A. High Command, 1942

AGENDA: The Pacific Theatre

Constituent Assembly of the Dominion of India, 1947



AGENDA: Consideration of long term accession of Princely States to India, in order with the instrument of accession under Government of India Act, 1935, subject to clause 9 of the Indian Independence Act, 1947.

United Nations Security Council



AGENDA 1: Contemplating the effectiveness of sanctions as tools for conflict prevention, emphasizing on their implementation and monitoring.

AGENDA 2: Deliberation on the feasibility and implementation of digital technologies in maintaining international peace and security in the current paradigm.

United Nations Environmental Programme



AGENDA: Integrating indigenous knowledge systems and posthumanist approaches to promote sustainable development.

THE COMMITTEES



Commission for Constitutional Laws, Legislation and General Administration of the French Republic

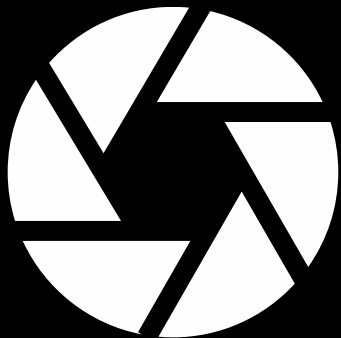
AGENDA 1: Examination of the Pension Reform Law, 2023 noting the Civil Unrest and Welfare of the citizen in accordance with right to rest and leisure.

AGENDA 2: With reference to the Pension Reform Law, 2023 reassessing the country's executives primacy over the Assembly.



international Bank for Reconstruction and Development

AGENDA: Policy Proposal for Addressing Governmental Malfeasance to Promote Fiscal Sustainability and Enhance the Efficacy of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).



THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS



Ad-Hoc Committee of the Secretary-General

Council of Resilience, La Martiniere College

AGENDA: Defence of Lucknow, 1857

RULES OF PROCEDURE

GENERAL RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Language:

English will be the official and working language of the conference.

General Powers of the Committee Staff:

The Chairperson will declare the opening and closing of each meeting and may propose the adoption of any procedural motion to which there is no significant objection. Subject to these rules, the executive board will have total control of the proceedings at any meeting. The Chairperson will direct discussions, accord the right to speak, put questions, announce decisions, rule on Points of Order, and ensure and enforce the observance of these rules. If necessary and given no objections, the Chair may choose to suspend the rules to clarify a certain substantive or procedural issue. The Chairperson may temporarily transfer his/her duties to another member of the Executive Board or the Secretariat. The Executive Board may also advise delegations on the course of debate. In the exercise of these functions, the Executive Board will, at all times, be answerable to the Secretary-General. In case of a dispute, the decision of the Secretary-General will be final and binding.

Statements by the Secretariat:

The Secretary-General or any member of the Secretariat, that the Secretary-General may nominate, may make either written or oral statements to the committee at any time.

Participation of Non-Members:

A guest speaker, expert witness, or representative of an entity that is neither a member of the committee nor an accredited observer may not address a committee without the prior approval of the Chairperson of that committee.

Appeal:

A Delegate may appeal to any decision of the Chairperson, except for those matters for which the Committee Rules of Procedure explicitly prohibit. The Chairperson may speak briefly in defence of the ruling following which the appeal will be put to vote. The decision of the Chairperson will stand unless overruled by a two-thirds majority. The Chairperson has ultimate discretion on any ruling, whether it is appealed successfully or not.

Electronic Devices:

The usage of cell phones and internet shall not permitted while committee is in session. Saved web pages and laptops, however, shall be allowed for the purpose of smoother committee functioning.

Quorum:

Quorum is set at 1/10th of the committee strength. A roll call may be taken as and when the chair deems necessary. In case quorum fails, the meeting shall be suspended at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Dress Code:

All delegates must be dressed in **Western Business Attire** during the entirety of the conference. Please note that all delegates must be dressed appropriately and shall not be allowed in the conference rooms if they do not adhere to the dress code. In cases of inappropriate attire, the delegate shall be requested to leave the college premises with the faculty in-charge in case of a school delegation or the parent(s), in case of an individual delegate. Delegates are encouraged not to wear specific insignia of their educational institution to maintain anonymity and fairness, in judging.

Courtesy:

Delegates must treat other delegates, members of the Secretariat, the Executive Board and all conference staff with the highest level of courtesy and respect. The Secretary-General or the concerned Chairperson will call any delegate to order who fails to act accordingly.

General Behaviour:

Delegates must conduct themselves in a dignified manner. In case of any act of misbehaviour, the delegate(s) shall be asked to leave, by the Secretary-General or any member of the Secretariat whom he nominates or the principal of the institution. The word of the concerned authorities shall be final and binding.

Attendance:

Delegates are expected to arrive promptly and attend all committee sessions in order to be considered for an award at the end of the conference. Roll call will be taken at the beginning of each session. Delegates who are late to committee should submit a note to the chair instead of announcing their presence to the room.

Food & Beverage Regulations:

Delegates are requested not to order their meals from any food delivery services during the course of three days as meals shall be provided as per the given schedule, subject to alterations by the Executive Board. This is being done to ensure a degree of congenial and uncluttered ambiance.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

RULES GOVERNING THE DEBATE

As Model U.N. Conferences have vast agenda which require an extensive amount of debate and discussion, it is imperative that order is maintained by deciding who speaks, on what, and when. Therefore, adherence to the Rules of Procedure is extremely important for a Conference.

Opening the Debate

1. Setting the Agenda:

The provisional agenda for the Conference shall be drawn up by the Secretary-General and communicated to all delegations before the start of the Conference.

At each Conference, the provisional agenda shall be submitted to the meeting for approval during the opening session through a vote.

Conduct Of Business

2. Speeches:

No representative may address the meeting without having previously obtained permission of the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire for them to speak. The Chairperson may call out a speaker if his or her remarks are not relevant to the-subject

3. Time Limit on Speeches:

The Chairperson may limit the time to be allowed for each speaker to speak and the number of times each representative may speak on any question. Before a decision is taken, two representatives may speak in favour of, and two against a proposal to set a time limit which will then be put to vote. When the debate is limited and a representative exceeds his or her allotted time, the Chairperson shall call the speaker to order without delay.

4. Points of Order:

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may raise a “Point of Order” if he/she believes that the Chairperson is not following the Rules of Procedure or not being sufficiently active in ensuring that other representatives do so. The Point of Order shall be immediately ruled on by the Chairperson in accordance with the rules of the procedure unless he/she rules otherwise. If a delegate feels that the ruling of the Chairperson is incorrect they may appeal against the ruling. The appeal is put to a vote and the decision of the Chairperson could be overruled by a majority of the members present.

5. Closing of List of Speakers, Right to Reply:

During the course of the debate, the Chairperson may announce the list of speakers and, with the permission of the representatives present, declare the list closed. The Chairperson may however accord the right of reply to any member if a speech delivered after the closing of the list makes this desirable. The Right to Reply is not used under any other circumstances.

6. Suspension of Meeting:

The meeting may be suspended for a limited amount of time upon request by a representative or the Chairperson. Such matters will not be debated but will immediately be put to a vote. A suspended meeting is resumed on the same day. This motion is used to break for informal consultations, and for lunch and tea breaks.day.

7. Adjournment of Meeting:

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may motion for the adjournment of the meeting. Such motions will not be debated but immediately put to a vote. Any continued consideration of an item on the agenda will take place at another meeting on another day. This motion can be used at the end of the day.

8. Closure of Debate:

A representative may at any time raise a motion for the closure of debate on the item under discussion, whether or not the representative has signified their wish to speak. A representative can motion for this after they feel that sufficient progress has been made on draft resolutions, and they are ready to be adopted by consensus or to be forced to a vote.

Permission to speak on the closure of the debate shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing the closure, after which the motion shall be immediately put to vote. If the meeting votes in favour of this motion, the Chairperson shall declare the closure of the debate.

9. Order of Procedural Motions:

The motions indicated below shall have precedence in the following order over all the other procedures or motions in the meeting:

- To suspend the meeting;
- To adjourn the meeting;
- To adjourn debate on the item under discussion;
- To close the debate on the item under discussion.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Draft Resolutions

The Draft Resolution must be formatted in the following manner:

Committee: Name of the Committee in which the resolution is introduced.

Agenda: Agenda of the Committee.

Sponsors: List of countries that have authored the Resolution.

Signatories: List of countries that have signed the draft and wish to see it debated upon. This in no way means that the nations vote for the Draft Resolution.

Preambulatory Clauses:

The Preamble of a Draft Resolution states the reasons for which the committee is addressing the topic and generally highlights past international action on the issue. Each clause begins with a Preambulatory phrase and ends with a comma. Preambulatory clauses can include:

- References to the UN Charter;
- Citations of past UN resolutions or treaties on the topic under discussion;
- Mentions of statements made by the Secretary-General or a relevant UN body or agency;
- Recognition of the efforts of regional or non-governmental organizations in dealing with the issue;
- General statements on the topic, its significance and its impact.

Operative Clauses:

Operative clauses identify the actions or recommendations made in a resolution. Each operative clause begins with a verb (called an operative phrase) and ends with a semicolon. Operative clauses should be organized in a logical progression, with each containing a single idea or proposal, and are always numbered. If a clause requires further explanation, bulleted lists set off by letters or roman numerals can also be used as subclauses.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

SAMPLE PERAMBULATORY CLAUSES

Acknowledging	Expecting
Acting	Expressing appreciation
Affirming	Noting with approval
Alarmed by	Expressing concern also
Alarmed	Expressing concern
Anxious	Expressing its appreciation
Appreciating	Expressing its satisfaction
Approving	Expressing satisfaction
Aware of	Firmly convinced
Bearing in mind	Fulfilling
Believing	Fully alarmed
Cognizant	Fully aware
Concerned	Fully believing
Confident	Further deploring
Conscious	Further recalling
Considering	Guided by
Contemplating	Having adopted
Convinced	Having considered
Declaring	Having considered further
Deeply concerned	Having devoted attention
Deeply conscious	Having examined
Deeply convinced	Having heard
Deeply disturbed	Having received
	Having reviewed

RULES OF PROCEDURE

SAMPLE OPERATIVE CLAUSES

Accepts	Expresses its hope
Affirms	Further invites
Approves	Further proclaims
Authorizes	Further reminds
Calls	Further recommends
Calls upon	Further requests
Condemns	Further resolves
Confirms	Has resolved
Calls for	Notes
Calls upon	Proclaims
Congratulates	Reaffirms
Considers	Recommends
Declares accordingly	Regrets
Deplores	Reminds
Demands	Requests
Designates	Solemnly affirms
Draws the attention	Strongly condemns
Emphasizes	Supports
Encourages	Takes note of
	Trusts
	Urges

RULES OF PROCEDURE

SAMPLE DRAFT RESOLUTION

The following resolution has been taken from the official website of the United Nations Association of the United States of America.

Resolution GA/3/1.1

General Assembly Third Committee

Sponsors: United States, Austria and Italy

Signatories: Greece, Tajikistan, Japan, Canada, Mali, the Netherlands and Gabon

Agenda: Strengthening UN coordination of humanitarian assistance in complex emergencies

The General Assembly,

Reminding all nations of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which recognizes the inherent dignity, equality and inalienable rights of all global citizens,

[use commas to separate preambulatory clauses]

Reaffirming its Resolution 33/1996 of 25 July 1996, which encourages Governments to work with UN bodies aimed at improving the coordination and effectiveness of humanitarian assistance,

Noting with satisfaction the past efforts of various relevant UN bodies and nongovernmental organizations, Stressing the fact that the United Nations faces significant financial obstacles and is in need of reform, particularly in the humanitarian realm,

1. *Encourages* all relevant agencies of the United Nations to collaborate more closely with countries at the grassroots level to enhance the carrying out of relief efforts;

[use semicolons to separate operative clauses]

2. *Urges* member states to comply with the goals of the UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs to streamline efforts of humanitarian aid;

3. *Requests* that all nations develop rapid deployment forces to better enhance the coordination of relief efforts of humanitarian assistance in complex emergencies;

4. *Calls* for the development of a United Nations Trust Fund that encourages voluntary donations from the private transnational sector to aid in funding the implementation of rapid deployment forces, Stresses the continuing need for impartial and objective information on the political, economic and social situations and events of all countries;

5. *Calls* upon states to respond quickly and generously to consolidated appeals for humanitarian assistance; and

6. *Requests* the expansion of preventive actions and assurance of post-conflict assistance through reconstruction and development.

[End resolutions with a period]

12. Tabling Draft Resolution:

Any member state may submit a draft resolution to the Chairperson for which no minimum percentage of support is required. However since resolutions are aimed to be adopted by consensus, it is advised that representatives build multilateral support before tabling draft resolutions.

13. Proposals and Amendments:

Proposals and amendments on a tabled draft resolution shall be submitted are either formally submitted in writing to Chairperson, issued as “L-documents” or proposed orally from the floor, if no member objects.

When an amendment is moved to a proposal, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments are moved to a proposal, the committee shall first vote on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal and then on the amendment next furthest removed therefrom, and so on until all the amendments have been put to the vote. Where, however, the adoption of one amendment necessarily implies the rejection of another amendment, the latter amendment shall not be put to the vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be considered or voted upon.

14. Majority Required:

Decisions of the General Assembly meeting shall be made by a simple majority of the members present and voting, except on important questions including recommendations with respect to the maintenance of international peace and security, the suspension of the rights and privileges of membership, the expulsion of Members, and budgetary questions. This applies to both draft resolutions and amendments.

15. Method of voting:

The meeting shall normally vote by a show of hands or but any representative may request a roll-call vote. The roll-call will be taken in alphabetical order, and when called, the representative shall answer “yes”, “no” or “abstention”. Voting for documentations and other substantial matters may also be done through the use of "muncoordinated" unless the Chairperson rules otherwise.

16. Conduct during voting:

After the Chairperson has announced the beginning of voting, no delegate shall interrupt the voting unless on a point of order in connection with the actual voting procedure. The Chairperson may permit members to explain their vote either before or after the voting. The time given for these explanations may be limited by the Chairperson.

17. Equally divided votes:

If a vote is equally divided on any matter, the Chairperson shall decide if a second vote shall be taken. If the second vote also results in an equally divided situation, the proposal shall be regarded as rejected.

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