

Criteria to be a successful Delegate



Explanatory notes: Any reference in the document to a male person shall be deemed also to constitute a reference to a female person unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

The Secretariat strives to foster Delegates critical thinking by developing coherent arguments and adhering to the foreign policy of the Member State they represent. To assure the continuous improvement of the Delegates' performance during the Model United Nations Conference (MUN), we encourage participants to engage in interactive discussions that pursue conciliation and consensus. It is expected that the Delegates will be tolerant, respectful and show courtesy to other Delegates, Teachers, guests and members of the Secretariat.

Foreign policy and interests of the assigned country:

- Rely on accurate information, from recognized sources.
- Maintain the character of Delegate and representative of a nation.
- Use statistics and information, in a precise manner, to promote and expose foreign policy and the national interest of your country.
- Quote speeches from Heads of State and/or Government, Ambassadors and distinguished leaders.

Topics of the Committees:

- Know the Agenda extensively: topics, relevant issues, conventions, resolutions, statements, etc.
- Follow the recommendations and direction of the debate by the Bureau (Dais) of your committee.

Position Paper:

- Gather all the information that is necessary as far as your country is concerned.
- Study each topic on the Agenda and identify how it relates to the national interests of your country.
- It is very important that you focus on the essence of each topic and limit its scope during your research.
- The document must be drafted individually or in pairs (the two Delegates who will participate together in that committee) and must have an extension of at least 500 words and maximum 800 words, to facilitate its reading or distribution (the international format is one page).
- The Position Paper format consists of 3 parts:
 1. Header;
 2. Development of the topic;
 3. References.
- In the "Development of the topic" section, 3 essential parts should be included:
 - a. Background;
 - b. Foreign policy;
 - c. Proposals.

Mastery of the Rules of Procedure:

- Remember that it is essential to have good knowledge and effective command of the Rules of Procedure.
- Demonstrate your ability to use the rules in a way that benefits the interests of the represented country, without abusing the use of procedural motions.

Speech - Formal debate:

- Keep in mind that during your speech, eye contact, body language, a reasonable tone of voice and, above all, persuasion are important.
- Be a diplomatic speaker and honor your position as a Delegate.
- Develop the ability to express yourself and communicate your thoughts clearly.
- Try to actively participate in the debate and provide concrete proposals to advance the negotiations (on a scale, quality outweighs the quantity of interventions).

Moderated Informal Consultations (Moderated Caucus) - Skills and Talents:

- Politely demonstrate your persuasion, negotiation, mediation and conciliation skills.
- Always maintain your commitment to find a solution that benefits the entire international community.
- Conduct yourself with diplomatic decorum.

Regular Informal Consultations (Regular Caucus) - Skills and Talents:

In addition to what is recommended beforehand for the Moderated Caucus:

- Use time effectively.
- Identify the block that you could build and work as a team (regional groups are an example).
- Request the intervention of mediators if you consider it necessary.

Writing a Draft Resolution:

- Negotiate and commit.
- Remember that the essence of the content of your Draft Resolution is creativity and, above all, the proposal of viable measures with a long-term vision.
- Spell and punctuate carefully.
- Verify that the terminology in the working language of your committee corresponds to that used in the United Nations. For example, the translation of "digital divide" in Spanish is "brecha digital" (<https://unterm.un.org/>).
- Amendments can be used to correct an error of that nature.