Conference Handbook

Cathedral Model United Nations 2025

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Letter from the Secretary-General

Dear Delegates,

It is with immense privilege and profound honour, that I, Aaditya Agarwal, Secretary-General, extend a heartfelt invitation to each of you to the 29th Annual Edition of Cathedral Model United Nations, CMUN. Since its inception in 1996, CMUN has had the distinct privilege of providing a platform for diplomacy, conversation and policy making to the leaders of tomorrow. In a world where neo-authoritarian regimes flourish and pseudo-democracies have become the norm, it is more important than ever to remind ourselves of the founding principles of the United Nations - the principles of collective security, sovereignty, and naturally, diplomacy. As the United Nations seems to grow increasingly dysfunctional, it is easy to lose sight of the importance of it as an institution, and by extension, Model United Nations too.

The United Nations is far from perfect; however, the UN is also the last defender of the principles of global co-operation, world peace, and fundamental humanitarian rights that grant some semblance of stability in an ever volatile world. In 2023 alone, the United Nations provided food to 152 million people who were wholly dependent on their aid, vaccinated 133 million children against the life-endangering measles, and provided 36 million people access to safe water. These are people who otherwise had no

alternative, and the United Nations rescued them when they needed it most. To this extent, the United Nations enjoys tiny victories everyday – with every aid package they deliver, every starving child they feed, and every village they provide clean water to – they fulfil their goal.

However, the question still remains - what does this mean for each of us, why do we take part in Model UN? If you haven't already, I implore you to consider this question now – why do we, at a time in our lives where every moment is valuable, find fulfilment participating in Model United Nations conferences? This question has shaped my high school MUN journey, as each conference has left me with more answers than the last. At first, like most of you, I thought it was to make me a better public speaker. A few conferences later, I was convinced that MUNs were important only to facilitate on-the-spot and creative thinking. Thus, over my 5 years of doing Model United Nations in high school, I was confident that every answer to this question had crossed my mind. From MUN helping me sharpen my diplomatic skills by communicating with people not just across India but also from all around the world, to facilitating my ability to craft logical arguments – or even drafting solutions for the most relevant problems of the past, present and future, I sincerely thought I had discovered every benefit there was to MUN.

I now see, however, that CMUN means a lot more. It's where people find their voice and passion, whether for economic policy or ancient history, and it's where friendships that last a lifetime are forged. CMUN was the first time I discovered my passion for public policy - somewhere between the hours of debating the intricacies of my first directive on drug trade in Liberia, to my Draft Resolution failing by one vote, something clicked. CMUN 2025 will be my 5th and final CMUN. Only after having completed my 20 MUN tenure, involving countless flights, word documents, and chits, that I can clearly see what Model UN really means. Model United Nations, like most great things, is what you make of it. For the last 5 years, I have witnessed friends, juniors, and seniors participate in CMUN and other MUNs with unwavering enthusiasm and passion unparalleled to any other extracurricular. Even in my own life, it would be an understatement to say that MUN has played a fundamental role in who I am today, leaving me with friendships that have lasted years, and memories that will last even longer.

As an 8th grader, the decision to join Symposium, Cathedral's MUN Club, was arbitrary. As I listened to the seniors who once ran this conference introduce MUN as an epitome of diplomacy, lobbying and public speaking, I signed up as any ambitious child would. If someone stopped to tell me at any point in the 5 years that one day, I would enter my last committee, give my last GSL, or write my last communique – I would not understand the weight of those statements, I never did until now. As

one of my favourite quotes of all time says - "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." As each of you invariably get lost in the seemingly infinite moderated caucuses and open floors, moving from one committee session to another, I urge you to do what I wish someone had told me to do. Take a step back, recognise and appreciate the privilege each of you has in being part of this enriching platform, not just at CMUN, but in your schools, and MUN clubs alike.

This conference is not only a culmination of months of work leading up to the committees that see, but for the entire Secretariat and myself, it is our final act in a 5-year-passion for MUN. If there's one thing you should take away from this letter, it should be to thoroughly enjoy this conference and make the most of it, in other words: Carpe diem, seize the day - trusting as little as possible in the next one. Each Director, Moderator and Assistant Director at CMUN has worked tirelessly to be able to provide you with an unforgettable, and transformative experience. Whether it be to discuss the fall of the Roman Empire, your favourite composer, the masterpiece that is Good Will Hunting, or of course, our glorious committee - as conference approaches, and anticipation grows, feel free to reach out to me at secgen.cmun@cajcs.in.

Viva la Vida,

Until August,
Yours truly,
Aaditya Agarwal,
Secretary-General,
Cathedral Model United Nations 2025.

Letter from the Deputy Secretary-General

To Those Who Question, Challenge, and Shape the World with Words,

It is with profound pride, extreme enthusiasm and immense honour that I, Ansh Bhansali, Deputy-Secretary General, welcome you to the 29th Annual Edition of the Cathedral Model United Nations. Being the largest high-school conference and the oldest MUN in India, CMUN preserves an unparalleled, undying and unyielding legacy; a tradition that time cannot rival. From having only one committee - The Asia and Pacific Council - in 1996, to inviting out-of-state schools in 2005, to organising CMUN outside of the Cathedral School in 2010, to bringing CMUN to life virtually even in the face of extraordinary and unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, CMUN 2025 remains steadfast, persisting with the purpose of epitomising the spirit of excellence, as I believe MUN should.

It is irrefutable that MUN has always been woven into the fabric of my personality; a part of my high-school life that has left an indelible mark on me. As I reflect on the impact MUN has had on me, I find myself facing a blurred yet deeply resonant image of its influence; hazy, complex and layered. As I continued to introspect, I attempted to categorise my MUN career into various years of high-school life to properly shape an image of the effect it has borne. It was only then that I realised how subtly my perception

of MUN had transformed over time. Now, through this letter, I hope to convey to you the significance it holds.

"I don't like MUN, I like winning" - is what a bold and inexperienced, yet ambitious and passionate version of myself would have likely said as a freshman. I viewed MUN as a medium to thrive; acknowledging my strong drive to excel, I held MUN as the ideal arena to channel that competitive spirit. Graduating to the 10th grade, as my interaction with MUN increased and my involvement in our MUN club heightened, I realised that surely MUN had to have a larger impact than merely serving as a platform for victory thus attaining fleeting satisfaction. I convinced myself that MUN had a greater, lasting purpose; to create lasting memories and forge friendships that endure. To build relationships, learn the art of communication and develop contacts, "after all, this is what life in government, international relations or law would probably be like," I wondered. But as I progressed to the 11th Grade, I realised that MUN surely transcends victory or relationships - MUN empowers each individual with a voice, one that truly matters, thus allowing discourse and the exchange of viewpoints. However, as I attended another closing ceremony or read another Letter from the Director, these ideas seemed cliche, recurrent and simply put, exaggerated. I concede that, to some extent, MUN likely does foster friendships and cultivates an environment that encourages the sharing of opinions, however, overarchingly, due to its lack of actionability

and inability to effect real, tangible change, I believe that the purpose of MUN transcends the impact we can create on others. Alternatively, the true impact of MUN is best understood through the lens of its personal influence - on who we become as individuals. And I recognise that such an effect may not be immediately apparent to those who are not largely invested in MUN, but therein lies its beauty. Perhaps its true allure resides in its ability to bring about transformation in personality, which is only evident at the climax of one's MUN career.

Currently in the 12th grade, as I finally began to write this letter, I found myself realising why MUN is important to me and what effect it has had. While many may say that MUN's spirit of civil discourse, compromise and diplomacy is what gives it its appeal, I think that conversely, it is the spirit of competition it fosters that truly elevates its value. Three days of incessant and uncompromising debate, fervent lobbying, comprehensive draft resolutions and defiant and unwavering speeches - all these facets of MUN epitomise the spirit of excellence and competition it instills in us - which is what its true impact on me has been. It teaches us to be firm and resolute, chase perfection in our speeches and aim for success while lobbying - not only to advance the policies of our allocations, but more importantly so we can succeed as delegates. Subsequently, in my eyes, it is that precipice of excellence which CMUN is built on, it is that feature which CMUN hones and it is that standard

which CMUN aims to maintain at its 29th Edition.

CMUN this year consists of 9 committees, each of which individually pursue unparalleled standards of perfection. I can personally attest to the fact that each and every committee - the foundations of CMUN - is niche, incomparable and unprecedented. From the British House of Commons (HOC) discussing Brexit and the World Trade Organisation (WTO) analysing the scale and impact of tariffs, our General Assemblies promise to be thought-provoking, filled with a mix of technical debate, as well as our CMUN special; crises. As for the regionals - The Polar Governance Council (PGC) and Emergency Council of the Kurukshetra (MTECK) will provide equally intense and captivating simulations, examining agendas that span history, from the Mahabharata in 3000 BC to the conquest of the Arctic and Antarctic twenty years into the future. The Specialised Committees, the hallmark of CMUN, promise to be equally engaging and exhilarating. Our Historic Security Council (HSC) will review the Soviet-Afghan war and the Nicaraguan Conflict with a balanced focus on technicality and crises, whereas the Indo-Stabilisation Emergency Council (ISEC) will address the Indo-Sri Lankan Crisis of 1987 with special emphasis on rising internal tensions in India. Lastly, our super-specialised committees promise to be filled with exciting crises and exhilarating argumentation. The House of Rothschild (THOR) will discuss the various revolutions spanning Europe in the 19th Century

whereas The Odyssey; Twilight of the Iliad (OTI) will contemplate the fate of Odysseus' fleet and their return to Ithaca, amidst the fury of the Council of Olympus. Every single committee at CMUN guarantees a unique blend of stimulating discussions, and immersive experiences that will assuredly captivate and challenge every delegate.

As I conclude this letter, I find myself reflecting on the memories of the past four CMUNs, each a unique chapter in this incredible journey. Subsequently, I encourage each and every one of you to carry with you lasting memories, embrace the experience, and truly appreciate the unique culture that CMUN fosters. However, most importantly, immerse yourself in the spirit of excellence that defines CMUN, and let it inspire you beyond this experience.

If you ever see me running across hallways or navigating our committees for feedback, please don't hesitate to talk to me about anything, spanning from our committees (or my own - OTI) to Suits or House of Cards. I look forward to seeing you in August, but in the meanwhile, please feel free to reach out to depsecgen.cmun@cajcs.in if you have any questions.

Perfectionem semper petere,

(Seek Excellence, Always),
Until August,
Ansh Bhansali,
Deputy Secretary-General, Director,
The Odyssey: Twilight of the Iliad,
Cathedral Model United Nations, 2025.

Letter from the Secretary-General of the United Nations

We are honoured to share a special message from the United Nations Secretary-General, addressed to CMUN, recognising the spirit of global dialogue and youth leadership.

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
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MESSAGE TO THE 29th ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS (CMUN 2025)

India, 8-10 August 2025

Dear friends,

Thank you for taking part in this Model United Nations – and for believing in the power of global cooperation.

You are leaders in your schools and communities.

And this is a time like no other for all people to raise their voices and engage in our global community.

We are living in turbulent times.

Our planet is burning, conflicts are raging, and inequalities are deepening.

Human rights are under fire.

Mistrust and misinformation are polarizing people and communities.

But none of this is inevitable.

Time and again, humanity has shown that when we unite to tackle our greatest challenges, change is possible.

The United Nations itself is a good example.

Since 1945, it has been the place for countries to unite behind global solutions to global problems.

We need that same spirit of global solidarity today.

And we need your ideas, energy, determination and voice.

The Member States of the United Nations recently adopted the Pact for the Future, the Global Digital Compact, and the Declaration on Future Generations.

These initiatives are designed to strengthen multilateralism and to actively engage young people in deeper and more meaningful ways.

I firmly believe that your voices must count in the way decisions are made, strategies are established, policies are defined, and actions are implemented.

And I have no doubt that your Model United Nations experience will help develop those skills even more.

Let's keep working to build peace, heal divisions, and extend a hand to those in need, especially the most vulnerable.

The United Nations is your ally in this important journey.

We will never give up fighting for a future of peace, dignity and prosperity for everyone, everywhere.

And I am counting on you to be a force of positive change to help get us there.

I wish you every success.

Thank you.

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Secretariat

The Odyssey: Twilight of the Iliad, 1184 BC

Director: Ansh Bhansali

Moderator: Mirhaan Patel

Assistant Director: Aditya Merchant

Assistant Director: Naasha Mahadevia

The House of Rothschild, 1848

Director: Atishay Dhadha

Moderator: Janmejay Kothari

Assistant Director: Inaya Vora

Assistant Director: Ahana Bakliwal

Historic Security Council

Director: Gayatri Patwardhan

Moderator: Divya Mahajan

Assistant Director: Ranveer Chainani

Assistant Director: Mayank Gupta

Indo-Stabilisation Emergency Council, 1987

Director: Ishaan Taparia

Moderator: Abhinav Shah

Assistant Director: Zreh Adajania

Assistant Director: Hesha Shroff

The Polar Governance Council, 2048

Director: Vihaan Gupta

Moderator: Sia Sachdev

Assistant Director: Nandini Pangal

Assistant Director: Saumya Ajmera

Mahabharata: The Emergency Council of Kurukshetra, 3138 BC

Director: Raj Mehta

Moderator: Maira Devnani

Assistant Director: Yash Bhatia

Assistant Director: Alyssa Vora

World Trade Organisation

Director: Vir Gogia

Moderator: Hitaishita Baya

Moderator: Srishti Jain

Assistant Director: Rhea Hiremath

Assistant Director: Krish Chandra

Assistant Director: Hrehaan Parikh

British House Of Commons, 2022

Director: Vyom Buhariwalla

Moderator: Arnav Asher

Moderator: Nivaan Punamiya

Assistant Director: Ansh Jalan

Assistant Director: Vidika Mirpuri

Assistant Director : Maitri Varaiya

International Press Corps

Director: Samaya Vaidya

Moderator: Aarav Shah

Assistant Director: Pavit Laungani

Assistant Director: Aastha Mehta

Committee Details

World Trade Organisation

Agenda: Reconsidering Brexit Policies and deliberating the impeachment of Boris Johnson

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British House of Commons, 2021

Agenda: Globalisation and Protectionism

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Mahabharata: The Emergency Council of Kurukshetra, 3138 BC

Agenda: Prevention of the Mahabharata

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The Polar Governance Council, 2048

Agenda: Reviewing the Antarctic Treaty System and formulation of a new framework for the Arctic

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The House of Rothschild, 1848

Agenda: The Revolutions of 1848

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The Odyssey: Twilight of the Iliad, 1184 BC

Agenda: The 60th Setting of the Sun Since the Sack of Ilios

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Indo-Stabilisation Emergency Council

Agenda: The Indo-Lankan Crisis

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Historic Security Council

Agenda: The Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan

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International Press Corps

Agenda: Investigating the 2021 Pegasus Paper Scandal and its global implications on privacy, surveillance, and journalism

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What is a MUN?

Model United Nations (MUN) is a simulation of the United Nations that brings together high school students to collaborate and devise viable solutions to the plethora of problems plaguing the world today. The primary focus of MUN is providing delegates with a platform to voice their opinions on pressing matters of global importance and develop clarity on the status quo of international relations.

At a Model UN conference, delegates represent different countries and portfolios and have the opportunity to engage in stimulating debate reflecting different policies and perspectives. Over the course of the conference, delegates will hone the essential skills of public speaking, problem solving, and pragmatic thinking. The hours of tireless speaking, in-depth research, dynamic lobbying and immaculate writing culminate into one of the most fulfilling, unforgettable and holistic learning experiences.

What is CMUN?

The Cathedral Model United Nations is an annual MUN hosted by the students of the Cathedral & John Connon School, Mumbai. CMUN is the oldest, largest, and most prestigious MUN in India and CMUN 2025 will be its 29th session. Every year, CMUN attracts students from all over the world. For a period of three days, these students assume the roles of delegates representing various countries, forming committees and debating diverse topics of global importance. Apart from gaining confidence to articulate world affairs, students also familiarize themselves with the nuances of international politics and history.

In 1996, the first conference had only one committee (Asia & Pacific Council). Since then, CMUN has grown into a larger event with up to 10 committees and over 500 delegates. CMUN 2007 was groundbreaking as it was the first to have delegates from outside Mumbai. CMUN 2010 was the first to move out of the Cathedral School. In 2020 & 2021, CMUN did not halt with the world. The spirit of dialogue was carried over online during the pandemic, adapting to the new situation.

Age Category

Delegates belonging to a school delegation must be from grades VIII to XII of the current academic year. Individual delegates wishing to attend CMUN this year must be born on or after 1st January 2006. Individual delegates need to have participated in a minimum of three MUNs and must send us an email with a copy of their birth certificate as proof of age.

Dress Code

Delegates are required to be in formal attire throughout the conference. Men may wear suits and button-down shirts, preferably along with blazers and neckties. Women may wear formal dresses, suits and blouses. Delegates wearing revealing clothing or anything that does not adhere to the dress code will be asked to leave the conference and will not be allowed to return until they are dressed appropriately.

Guide to Preparation

Preparing for a Model United Nations conference entails research on three levels: the procedure and structure of the conference, the respective committee's agenda, and the position of the country/portfolio being represented.

Procedural Research

This Conference Handbook is a guide to the basic procedure followed at CMUN. Delegates familiar with formal MUN procedure are still advised to go through the conference handbook and acquaint themselves with the modifications and intricacies of CMUN.

Agenda/Committee-Oriented Research

The study guide for each committee, available for download on the CMUN website, will serve as a starting point for the delegate's research. Delegates are encouraged and expected to do further independent research using reliable sources such as academic papers, scholarly articles and news agencies such as Reuters, Al Jazeera and CNN. While Wikipedia serves as a reference for basic policies, it is not considered credible and may not be quoted in committee.

Position Oriented Research

Committee topic areas may range from historical events, wars, economic emergencies and technological developments to humanitarian crises. The topics are characteristically dynamic and highly debatable in nature, but delegates are not at liberty to form and represent their own opinions. They must make statements and/ or take actions within committee in line with their foreign policy and position on the debate.

Study Guides

The study guide is a comprehensive document prepared by the Executive Board of each committee that outlines the scope of the topic area. Delegates are expected to familiarize themselves with it and thoroughly understand their respective guides. Study Guides are considered a starting point for preparation, and additional research is required. Study Guides are available on our website.

Position Papers

Delegates must prepare a Position Paper before the conference summarizing their country's stance on the agenda. These papers must be submitted to their respective executive boards, via the committee email address, by July 30th 11:59pm. A sample position paper has been included on page 24 of this handbook.

Crisis Papers

Delegates in OTI and THOR must submit a Crisis Paper summarizing their portfolio's secret personal goals and the strategies they intend to use to achieve them during committee. It differs from the Position Paper by focusing on private objectives rather than public positions. This paper must be submitted to their respective executive boards via the committee email address by August 4th, 11:59pm. A samples crisis paper has been included on page 35 of this handbook.

Language

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

Statement by the Secretariat

At any point in time, a member of the Secretariat may make an oral or written statement or announcement to the committee or conference as a whole, regarding an update on their agenda, a matter of controversy, instructions, reminders, etc. Delegates must note that such a statement is non-negotiable.

General Powers of the Committee Staff

The Director will declare the opening and closing of each session and may propose the adoption or modification of any procedural motion at his or her discretion. During debate, the committee staff has absolute control over committee proceedings and procedures. The Moderator will direct the flow of formal debate, accord the right to speak, put questions before the committee, announce decisions, rule on points and motions and enforce the observance of these rules. The other members of committee staff may advise individual delegates or the committee on the possible course of the debate, review paperwork, answer inquiries and respond to chits to the Executive Board, etc. The Committee Staff is responsible to the Secretariat at all times.

General Powers of the Press

The Press is free to publish any material that lies within the scope of this conference. They must refrain from the publication of offensive and/ or derogatory material, especially if targeted towards a person(s). The Press may enter and observe committee proceedings provided the

committee has no significant objections to their presence and they are not included in formal voting procedure.

Appeal

Delegates are free to appeal against a decision made by the Executive Board. However, it is the Director's prerogative to accept or reject any appeals. Should the appeal not be related to immediate committee proceedings but the committee as a whole, the delegates may appeal to the Secretary-General.
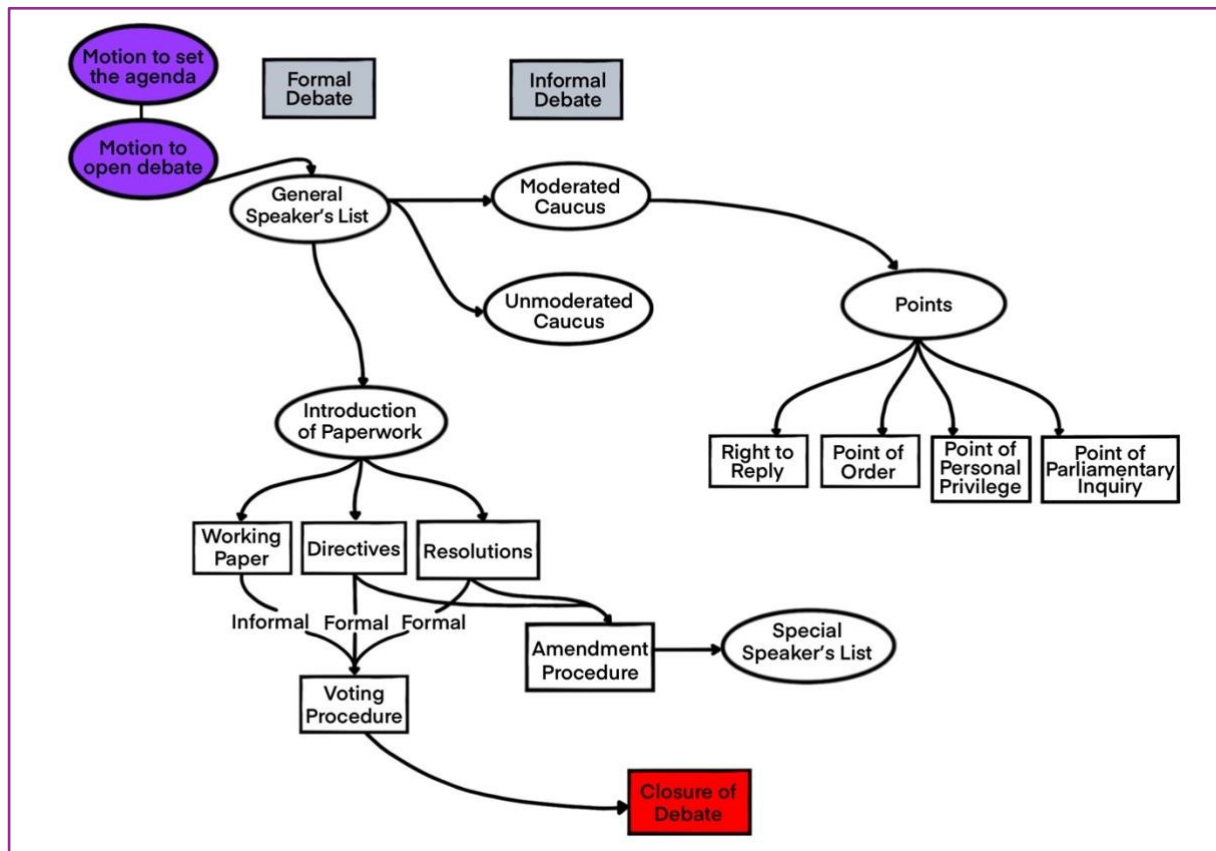
Appeals of this nature must be approved by the faculty advisor or the Head Delegate of the delegation concerned. All appeals must be emailed to the Executive Board/ Secretary-General with a 200-word explanation as to their cause.

Quorum

Quorum for each committee will be assumed to be present and roll call may or may not be taken at the discretion of the Director.

Committee Proceedings

Once the agenda has been set, debate begins with the introduction of the General Speakers' List. Delegates must raise their placards if they wish to be recognized for the Speakers' List and may send their allocation to the Executive Board, by chit, in case they were not recognized and wish to be added to the list. In the Speakers' List, each speaker presents their policy and views on the matter before the committee for a minute or a minute and thirty seconds, whichever is decided upon by the Executive Board.

Flow of debate in committee

Setting the Agenda

At CMUN, the agenda is limited to the single topic area outlined in each committee's study guide. Thus, voting to set the agenda is a mere formality. As soon as committee begins, a motion to set the agenda for the topic area must be raised. Please note that at CMUN, the Secretary General has the final authority on which topics may be voted on to be introduced in committee.

Debate

Debate may be carried out through:

1. General Speakers' List
2. Special Speakers' List
3. Moderated Caucus
4. Unmoderated Caucus

General Speakers' List

The General Speakers' List is open throughout the course of committee for general debate and discussion of the topic area. Motions to open any other medium of debate will not close the General Speakers' List but will only overlap it. Hence, if a country is in the queue to speak on the List and another medium of debate is opened, the country will remain in that position and get to make a speech if and when the General Speakers' List is reverted to. Delegates are recognised for the General Speakers' List on a first come first serve basis provided that the delegate is not already on the list. Anything within the scope of the topic area may be discussed. The General Speakers' List may never be closed.

Special Speakers' List

The Special Speakers' List is almost like the General Speakers' List, except that it must be motioned for. This list is opened for a specific time period to discuss a particular topic within the topic area. While motioning to open it, the purpose and time limit must be specified. Speakers may only discuss the issue that the Special Speakers' List was opened to discuss. After a delegate finishes his/her speech, he has the option of yielding his/her time. If a delegate chooses not to yield, up to two thirty-second comments pertaining to that speech may be made if time permits.

Yields

When a speaker delivers a noncontroversial speech, two comments are in order. If, however, the content of your speech needs further explanation or is highly controversial, it is recommended that you utilise yields. At the end of your speech, inform the Moderator that you will be yielding your time. You may yield your time:

1. To questions,
2. To the Chair/Director,
3. To another delegate.

If a speaker yields their time to questions, they may be asked and answered in accordance with the time the speaker has remaining and the discretion of the Director. If time is yielded directly to the Chair/Director, that time is saved, and the List moves on to the next speaker. Time may also be yielded to another delegate in committee if the current speaker so desires, who then gets to speak for the remaining amount of time.

Moderated Caucus

The purpose of a moderated caucus is to facilitate substantive debate at critical junctures in the discussion. These motions are raised with a defined topic, total time and per speaker time, and their approval rests entirely in the hands of the Executive Board and is not subject to appeal. During a moderated caucus, the Director will suspend the Speakers List, and delegates will be

recognised to speak. Moderated Caucuses are concise and discuss specific subtopics within the committee's agenda.

Note: Delegates are not allowed to raise caucuses or points that vary vastly from their topics though slight digressions are allowed to facilitate debate.

Unmoderated Caucus

This is essentially an informal discussion amongst delegates and has no procedural rules. Delegates generally use it to lobby with each other and formulate paperwork. It must be motioned for with a specific time but may be passed only at the Executive Board's discretion.

Suspension or Adjournment of Session

When the floor is open, a delegate may move to suspend or adjourn the meeting. If such a motion is in order, it requires a majority to pass. A motion to adjourn the meeting shall only be in order once three-quarters of the time allotted for the last meeting of the committee has lapsed. This motion will pass at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Postponement or Resumption of Debate

When the floor is open, a delegate may move to postpone debate on a particular resolution or amendment currently on the floor. This motion requires a two-thirds majority vote in order to be accepted and at CMUN, it may only be introduced once two-thirds of the time allotted for the current committee session has elapsed.

Reconsideration

A motion to reconsider is in order when an amendment or resolution has been adopted or rejected and must be raised by a member who voted with the majority. The Moderator will recognize two speakers against this motion, after which it is put to an immediate vote. A two thirds majority of the members present and voting in committee is required for reconsideration.

Closure of Debate

When the floor is open, a delegate may move to close debate on a substantive or procedural matter under discussion. When the closure of debate is motioned for, the Moderator will recognize two speakers against the motion. No speakers in favour of the motion shall be heard. If the committee is in favour of closure, the Moderator will declare the closure of debate, and the resolution or amendment being debated will be put to an immediate vote.

Right to Reply

A delegate whose personal or national integrity has been affronted by that of another delegate, within the scope of formal debate, may request the Right to Reply. If it is in order, the Executive Board will grant the delegate time to reply. If approved by the Secretariat, the offender may be severely reprimanded and possibly excluded from further committee proceedings.

Note: This is not applicable to statements made against the delegate's allocated country/portfolio; hence delegates are requested to employ the Right to Reply with the utmost caution.

Points

1. Point of Personal Privilege

Whenever a delegate experiences extreme discomfort, which impairs them from partaking in committee proceedings, they may rise to a Point of Personal Privilege, so that the discomfort may be mitigated. It is the only point which may interrupt a speaker and thus must be used with the utmost discretion. At CMUN 2025, delegates may raise Points of Personal Privilege by lifting their placards.

2. Point of Order

During the discussion of any matter, if a delegate feels that there is a factual inaccuracy in the speech of another delegate or that they have been misquoted by another delegate, so much so that it affects committee proceedings, then they may make a Point of Order. The delegate raising it must quote the statement that they believe is inaccurate while also providing a source to support their claim. This point may be raised to the Executive Board by raising one's placard; if it is valid, it will be read out in committee. Good Points of Order will be duly noted.

3. Point of Parliamentary Inquiry

When the floor is open, a delegate may rise to a Point of Parliamentary Inquiry to ask a question regarding the rules of procedure. This may never interrupt a speaker.

Question and Answer Sessions

Upon the introduction of a Draft Resolution/Draft Directive, the authors and co-authors of the paper can be asked to come up and answer as many questions as they can, within the time period specified by the committee. The Moderator will decide which delegates may ask questions to the authors and co-authors. Only 1 delegate may answer a particular question.

Precedence of Motions

Motions at CMUN will be voted upon in order of disruption, and not in order of introduction. Moderated caucuses with a greater total time period are deemed more disruptive than a

moderated caucus with a lesser total time period. The following is a list of motions, in descending order of disruption:

1.   Motion to Open/Adjourn/Close Debate

2.   Point of Personal Privilege

3.   Point of Parliamentary Inquiry

4.   Right to Reply

5.   Introduction of a Resolution/Directive

6.   Introduction of an Amendment to a Resolution/Directive

7.   Introduction of a Working Paper

8.   Motion to move into Formal Voting Procedure

9.   Motion to open a Special Speakers List

10.   Extension of an Unmoderated Caucus

11.   Extension of a Moderated Caucus

12.   Introduction of a Moderated Caucus

13.   Introduction of a Question & Answer Session

Working Papers

Delegates may propose working papers for committee consideration. Working Papers are intended to aid the committee in its discussion and formulation of resolution clauses and need not be written in resolution format, though it is advisable and more effective to do so. Working papers act as a precursor to the process of resolution writing, being concise versions of resolutions themselves. They do not follow a particular format and require no signatories to be presented before committee but should aim to cover all subtopics of the agenda discussed hitherto since they act as a framework for the resolution. All they require to be presented in committee is approval from the Director.

Resolutions

CMUN has a single resolution policy, which means that once a particular resolution has been passed, all others will automatically fail. A draft resolution may be introduced when it has the required number of signatories as well as the approval of the Director. The primary sponsors

and secondary sponsors of a resolution are known as authors and co-authors, respectively. The number of authors and co-authors of a resolution in a committee is decided by the Director.

It is important to note that being a signatory to a resolution in no way implies support for the resolution; it simply expresses the wish to discuss that draft resolution before committee.

Introducing Resolutions

Introducing a resolution in committee begins with reading out its operative clauses following which committee may begin discussing the resolution. The minimum number of signatories required is usually 1/5th of the total committee strength. This is at the discretion of the Director.

Emendments

Emendments are changes or corrections to be made in the resolution regarding syntax or grammatical errors, and this process of emending must take place before the resolution is voted upon. Delegates must submit them in written form, with reference to the original clause and the correction to be made in resolution format.

Amendments

An amendment is a change to be made to a resolution clause in its content or its deletion altogether. It requires the same number of signatures to pass as the number of signatories of the resolution, as well as the Director's approval. They, too, must be submitted via chit, with both the original clause as well as the changes to be made.

Amendments to amendments are out of order, but an amended clause may be further amended. There are no official sponsors for amendments. An approved amendment may be introduced when the floor is open. The General Speakers' List will be suspended, and a Special Speakers' List will be open for debate on each amendment.

1. At this point, the Moderator will take any further motions to divide the questions so that the resolution clauses can be voted upon independently. If an objection is made to a motion to divide the question, this motion will be debated by two speakers for and against, followed by an immediate vote on that motion.
2. If the motion receives a simple majority required for passage, the resolution shall be divided accordingly, and a separate vote shall be taken on each clause to determine whether or not it is included in the final draft. If all the operative parts of the proposal are rejected, the subsequent resolution or amendment will be considered rejected as a whole. All amendments must be presented in resolution format.

Resolution Writing

Before being formally introduced to the committee, a resolution is referred to as a Draft Resolution. Remember, a final resolution has to present a well thought out, feasible solution that will solve the crisis at hand. At CMUN, we work on the principle of one final resolution, so the draft resolution has to be extensive enough to cover the entire topic area.

Resolution Format

The title should be centred and can be creative or as simple as "Draft Resolution 1.0". Other headings include the Committee and Topic Area, both of which should be left aligned and presented below the title.

1. The resolution begins with your committee's name (refer to sample resolution on page 26).
2. The next section consists of pre-ambulatory clauses that describe the problem being addressed. Pre-ambulatory clauses are essential to promote the idea of greater security. Thus, an important action would be the reconstruction of societies where conflicts have abated. Pre-ambulatory clauses should include references to past actions taken, the history of the problem, and should offer support for the purpose of the resolution. Each clause should begin with an italicized phrase and end with a comma.
3. Operative clauses are numbered and dictate action to be taken by the committee. Each operative clause is followed by a semicolon, except for the last which ends with a full stop. It is important to note that the full stop marks the end of the resolution and any clause after it will not be considered.

Voting

Each country has one vote. A vote can be a "Yes", "No", "Yes with Rights", "No with Rights", "Abstain" or "Pass". Should a member not be present and voting during a substantive vote, their vote will be equivalent to abstention. All votes on substantive issues will be conducted by roll call. No outside observers may be present during a vote, and the Director shall ensure that the room is sealed before proceeding with the vote. Voting may be interrupted only by a point of Personal Privilege. During a Roll Call Vote, the Moderator will assume control of the committee.

1. During the first round of voting, delegates may vote for their member nations in alphabetical order, choosing to vote a "Yes", "No", "Yes with Rights", No with Rights", "Abstain" or "Pass". A delegate from a member nation who chooses to vote "Yes with Rights" or "No with Rights", may request the right to explain their vote.
2. A member nation that passes in the first round must vote during the second round. The right to explain that member nation's vote is suspended in this second round. Member nations

who requested the right to explain their votes may do so, with approval and a time limit set by the Director.

3. A third round will ensue in which members may change their votes by expressing this desire, in writing to the Moderator.

4. After allowing a pause in committee session for those who wish to change their votes, the Moderator will tabulate and announce the final result, following which the doors of the committee room will reopen. The Executive Board will shortly release the official result of the vote.

Please find below a list of sample pre-ambulatory and operative phrases for ease of reference:

Preambulatory Phrases		Operative Clauses	
Affirming	Guided by	Accepts	Has resolved
Alarmed by	Having adopted	Affirms	Notes
Approving	Having considered	Approves	Proclaims
Aware of	Having considered further	Authorizes	Reaffirms
Bearing in mind	Having devoted attention	Calls for	Recommends
Believing	Having examined	Calls upon	Regrets
Cognizant of	Having heard	Condemns (SC only)	Reminds
Confident	Having received	Confirms	Requests
Contemplating	Having studied	Congratulates	Resolves
Convinced	Keeping in mind	Considers	Solemnly affirms
Declaring	Noting further	Declares accordingly	Strongly condemns
Deeply concerned	Noting with approval	Demands (SC only)	Supports
Deeply conscious	Noting with deep concern	Deplores	Takes note of
Deeply convinced	Noting with regret	Designates	Trusts
Deeply disturbed	Noting with satisfaction	Draws attention	Urges
Deeply regretting	Observing	Emphasizes	Welcomes
Desiring	Reaffirming	Encourages	
Emphasizing	Realizing	Endorses	
Expecting	Recalling	Expresses its appreciation	
Expressing its appreciation	Recognizing	Expresses its hope	
Expressing its satisfaction	Referring	Further invites	
Fulfilling	Seeking	Further proclaims	
Fully alarmed	Taking into account	Further recommends	
Fully aware	Taking note	Further reminds	
Fully believing	Viewing with appreciation	Further requests	
	Welcoming	Further resolves	

Plagiarism Policy

Delegates must understand that they are responsible for ensuring that all submitted documents are their original works. Any reported or observed plagiarism on the part of the delegate shall make them liable for disciplinary action. Delegates are given to understand that their Executive Board members shall determine whether the instance qualifies as plagiarism in conformity with the plagiarism policy at CMUN. The Secretary-General's decision on the matter shall be final and binding, resulting in the immediate disqualification of the delegate from individual awards in committee. Should the delegate be representing a school at the conference, their delegation award may be compromised as well.

Malpractices that may result in a delegate gaining an unfair advantage in assessment components for their paperwork will attract severe consequences. No form of plagiarism will be tolerated at CMUN, including but not limited to the following:

1. **Complete plagiarism:** Taking credit for a piece of paperwork not authored by the delegate claiming to have written it. It is commensurate to intellectual theft.

2. **Imprecise authorship:** Unsubstantiated allotment of credit to a delegate or source that proves not to be the authentic point of reference.

3. **Verbal plagiarism:** Presentation of another delegate's subject matter in Committee without providing the necessary recognition.

4. **Paraphrasing of outsourced ideas:** Modification of ideas of another delegate or an external source without accurate attribution. This is also applicable to the coalescence of information obtained from multiple sources lacking specific citations.

5. **Replication of statements or clauses:** Verbatim copying of statements from published resources or rewriting of clauses from previous UN resolutions.

6. **Self-plagiarism:** Previously drafted paperwork of any kind by the delegate or their school cannot be reused at CMUN. This also pertains to the reproduction of all paperwork previously passed by the Committee during the conference as operative clauses in a resolution.

7. **Misleading citations and fabrication of data:** Creation and subsequent usage of falsified data which has been wrongly attributed to a source.

8. **Accidental similarities:** Unintentional plagiarism on behalf of the delegate owing to lack of research and prior knowledge.

9. **Plagiarism from Artificial Intelligence:** We firmly believe that the use of AI violates the principles of fairness, originality, and critical thinking that are integral to CMUN. Hence, we have implemented a strict no-tolerance policy towards plagiarism from artificial intelligence tools, such as ChatGPT, Bing's AI chatbot, and others. We understand that detecting AI usage can be challenging, and therefore rely on the cooperation and support of all delegates in upholding this policy to ensure the success and integrity of CMUN as a conference. Any delegate found using AI will face serious consequences, including the possibility of being disqualified from receiving awards.

Note: In the special case of historic committees, delegates must not emulate the exact actions or legislation that may have previously led to the resolution of the conflict. It is expected that all Position Papers submitted will contain 'Works Cited' in MLA 8 format since they will be run through multiple plagiarism checkers during the vetting process. Delegates aware of plagiarism taking place in Committee, who choose not to inform an authority, may also be reprimanded. Executive Board members are to be consulted on any discrepancies that arise regarding authorship or verbal plagiarism. Their decision on the matter shall not be subject to questioning by the delegate.

Sample Paperwork

Sample Position Paper

Committee: Futuristic General Assembly (FGA), 2052
Topic: Preparing for the Next Pandemic
Country: The Republic of Angola
School: The Cathedral and John Connon School, Mumbai
Delegate Name: Aaditya Agarwal

Statement of the Problem:

As a developing country, The Republic of Angola stands to be a strong advocate for worldwide pandemic preparedness. The potential spread of infection as a by-product of biowarfare in 2052 is something that Angola believes to be a matter of pressing importance which should be under the purview of the BWC. However, the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) has slowly but steadily become ineffective in its working, ever since 2016 as it faces dire problems in funding as well as no communication and consultation between the delegates, which should be fixed in the FGA's deliberations. (1)

Other important points of discussion include: emerging or re-emerging diseases classified by the World Health Organisation (WHO) such as Yersinia pestis (2), in addition to Antibiotic resistant Tuberculosis (TB) in Bangladesh and Cholera outbreaks in Europe.

Finally, the three most pressing issues are Vaccine Inequity, Socio-cultural led Vaccine hesitancy and Antibiotic resistance. Socio-cultural influences can be split in two; misinformation and cultural beliefs. Societal stigma can cause vaccine hesitancy, as seen the post analysis which involved thousands of posts being collected, which yielded that posts that promulgated pessimistic views, and sometimes even conspired against vaccines, were found to be more engaged than ones that promote vaccines.(9)

As Vaccine supply continues to be a product of the biggest country's policies and their allies, African regions, including Angola, fare the worst. These regions rely on international manufactures for vaccines 90%, and force them to pay as much or even more than high-income countries, a problem which direly needs to be solved.(10,4) Lastly, Antibiotic resistance deals with drugs for infectious diseases turning ineffective due to improper regulation at a healthcare level and improper consumption at a patient level. (3,11) With millions dying just in the US, despite the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) putting billions of dollars annually, This is concern enough for Angola, and we believe that this pertinent problem takes utmost importance to be solved. (12)

Foreign Policy:

Angola believes the health and wellbeing of the citizens (universally) takes utmost importance over economic considerations and thus takes a firm stance of pandemic policy leaning towards helping devastated regions in consultation with epidemiologists, in contrast to economists. Additionally, we would call for efficient action in the field of Vaccines Inequity with special focus on 'bridging the gap' as emphasised by Angola's Health Ministry. (i.e. achieving equity between developing countries and developed countries) as enumerated below. The protection of the vulnerable in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is also something Angola would like to see happen, as it sees increased fatality in the vulnerable populations due to another pertinent problem, misinformation. Angola's policy and involvement in health-related misinformation and combatting it is extremely robust. Widespread Vaccine Hesitancy in Angola during the COVID Pandemic was efficiently combatted by setting up a Rumour Management Lab named 'Factos Saude' to track, research, and debunk health all health related rumours in the case of pandemics. This led to high vaccination rates and real combatting of misinformation with respect to infectious diseases, a field in which Angola plans to lead by example.(5) The Republic of Angola looks forward to efficient collaboration and constructive solutions during conference, and promises to be a qualitative contributor.

Potential Solutions:

With reference to Vaccine Inequity, Angola would call for developed countries to use their power judicially, that is, to distribute vaccines to developing countries, as dealing with pandemics can never be a national task, it is inherently worldwide and is supposed to be dealt with worldwide. This could be done by working with international organisations such as the Bretton Wood's Institutions by utilising grants and other concessions. These can be given in many ways, by either incentivising the stronger world powers to see distributing vaccines as gaining soft power in new regions, or simply stimulating the world economy.

Furthermore, the widespread COVAX machinery and factories set up, co-led by the WHO and GAVI, can prove to be effective in the worldwide production of vaccines and assuring its equity. Secondly, a salient solution be to solve the problem of vaccine hesitancy due to misinformation would be the establishment of a misinformation portal. This would look like a worldwide version of the fact-checking program 'Factos Saude' which increased vaccine rates (6) significantly in Angola. The Surveillance, Research and Debunking (SuRD) portal would essentially compile the fact sheets published by the WHO (7) and using current technology, feed the information into an interactive bot, which would be able to fact-check inquiries efficiently.

Lastly, to combat the growing threat of antibiotic resistance, a public awareness program on antibiotic resistance (UNPAPAR) must be launched at 3 levels. Policy makers would be asked to ensure better surveillance of antibiotic resistance diseases, measures to regulate the prescription antibiotics. (8) Health professionals would be reminded and potentially monitored to only prescribe antibiotics only when required.

Sample Resolution

Committee: Organisation of Islamic Conferences
Topic: Islamophobia
Author: Niger
Co-Author: The United States
Signatories: Colombia, United Kingdom, South Africa, Portugal, Republic of Korea, and Spain

Deeply concerned by the rise of Islamophobia globally, including hate crimes, discriminatory laws, and social exclusion targeting Muslim communities,

Emphasizing the importance of intercultural and interfaith dialogue in promoting mutual respect and understanding,

Recognizing the findings of the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, which highlight systemic discrimination against Muslims in various regions,

Alarmed by the increasing use of social media platforms to spread anti-Muslim rhetoric and misinformation,

1) Calls for the establishment of <u>ISLAM-CARE</u> (Islamic Social Liaison Against Misinformation, Combatting Anti-Muslim Rhetoric through Engagement) in line with the 14th Report Against Islamophobia released by the Council of Foreign Ministers:

   a. Misinformation and Anti-Muslim Rhetoric would be combatted in nations around the world with increased education from the grassroot level-up by first, educating the working population:

      i. In NOMs, the education of the working population that forms the bulk of the masses would be organised by the national governments in conjunction with Islamic Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), along with willing OIC Member States to provide an authentic source of information for the people,

      ii. The Fight Against Misinformation among the Common Man would include removing stereotypes and essentialised ideals of Muslims, as present in the respective country's society, with a focus on making all those aware about the principles of love, passion, and co-operation on which Islam, not unlike other religions, is built upon,

      iii. Interfaith dialogues by pairing local Mosques with a Synagogue, Church, Gurudwara or Mandir (Hindu Temple) could be organised to increase interfaith co-operation both toward the Muslims and among the Muslims for other

communities by the implementation of exchange groups to build on the principles of respecting other religions and their practices,

    iv. Reports, as compiled by the UN Special Rapporteurs on matters of Religious Freedom, AntiHate Speech, and Anti-Stereotyping would be circulated, empowering them with the highest quality multinational information on pressing societal matters,

b. At the second tier, working with Social Media companies and Reporting Agencies to:

    i. Prevent the characterisation of Muslims as *others* in society, as misfits or as outcasts by giving disproportionate coverage to those Muslims who failed to integrate into society or turned into unruly elements, causing the neglection all those who came before them,

    ii. Ensuring the effective and swift removal of Anti-Islamic content on popular Social Media platforms with subsequent 'ban warnings' with the use of analysis into patterned systematic attacks against the Islamic faith, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in indicating misinformation to the viewers in the case the media is not deemed serious enough for its removal,

    iii. Re-iterate the grave offence and serious repercussions of portraying Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in human form, or defaming other any elements of Islam, including but not limited to, Mosques, Hijab, and Halal meat,

c. At the third tier, work with Government Agencies to ensure equity to the Muslim population by undertaking the following actions:

    i. Reducing dependency on predictive policing, both due to its wastage of resources evidenced by low yield rate of arrests, and because of its inherent bias against members of the Islamic Community, among others,

    ii. In line with The Carter Foundation's Suggestion, to embody the spirit of **Working with Communities, not on them,** which means including Muslim members in the decision-making process related to matters of Islamic faith, and not passing legislation without the counsel of a scholar on the faith,

    iii. Reforming the curriculum in countries where the education, especially in subjects such as history, indicates the Muslims as invaders or plunderers, not belonging to the region which causes them to be outcasted,

    iv. Training government officials to not engage either in subconscious or deliberate discrimination against the Muslim population which puts them at an advantage in matters of job opportunities, education opportunities, and legal and health security

d. Government organised discussion groups incorporating diverse elements of society from Government workers to independent researchers and Islamic scholars, to those in whom stereotypes need to be combatted- and such a platform would act as the penultimate by product of all 3 tiers of ISLAMCARE.

2) Recommends the establishment of <u>I-CARE</u> (Islamophobia Counteraction and Response Effort) for emergency response on matters of Islamophobia:

    a. Misinformation and Anti-Muslim Rhetoric would be combatted in nations around the world with increased education from the grassroot level-up by first, educating the working population:

    b. All funding for resources (labour and capital) would be drawn directly from COMSTECH and its Standing Committee would act as the executive body for overseeing the functioning of <u>I-CARE,</u>

    c. <u>I-CARE</u> would entail the setting up of an emergency hotline and online report portal:

        i. It would work with local NGOs and CSOs to set up and recruit the necessary workers for national hotlines, in accordance with government and telecommunication regulations,

        ii. On calling the helpline, it would be directed to the I-CARE team allotted for that nationality to provide for specialisation in the taskforce so that crises can be dealt with effectively,

        iii. Each country would have its own Islamophobia helpline, such as the US could have 1-800- ISLAMPHO (1-800-475-2674),

        iv. In case calling is not an option, or not preferred by an individual, a website under I-CARE OIC (I-CARE.OIC-OCI.com) would also be set up to report instances of Islamophobia for relevant processing by giving details such as name of the individual, country of origin, nature of offence, time and place of offence, and desired path to take (legal action or gathering awareness etc.)

    d. I-CARE would have three pillars: Judicial, Executive, and Emergency Response,

    e. The Judicial pillar, I-CARE (J) would act in the following way:

        i. Monitoring legislation in all countries notorious for Islamophobia as indicated by the 14th Report on Islamophobia of the OIC,

        ii. Alerting relevant member nations, taking into consideration alliances and regional geopolitics, to act in the form of diplomatic pressure to subvert potentially Islamophobic bills in Non-OIC Member States,

        iii. In the off chance Islamophobic legislation was to arise within Member States itself, I-CARE(J) would swiftly alert the respective country of the same, along with the relevant parts to alter,

        iv. After functioning and gaining prominence as a true defender of the Islamophobic faith, ICARE would also set up recommendatory envoys to Non-OIC Secular Member Nations on their request to help them defend the interests of the Islamic Faith to maintain their Secular Character,

        v. I-CARE (J) would also provide legal assistance to victims of Islamophobia in their pursuit to justice by helping them navigate their respective national legal

systems, find out and file for the offence committed and provide representation if required,

f. The Emergency Response pillar, I-CARE (ER) and Executive Pillar, I-CARE (E) would work in collaboration and be charged with the following action:

    i. On experiencing any Islamophobic behaviour, citizens would be encouraged to contact the I- CARE ER, where they would receive emotional support,

    ii. The I-CARE Executive Branch would be charged with alerting the local police on the ground of the gross injustice being committed against its citizens, if its police are known to be fair,

    iii. The I-CARE Executive Branch would be charged with alerting the local police on the ground of the gross injustice being committed against its citizens, if its police are known to be fair,

    iv. If it is found that the country has a prejudice against the Muslim population, I-CARE (J) would step in by suggesting the utilisation of diplomatic pressure by OIC Members on the international Forum against the nation which practices said prejudice,

g. I-CARE would also have a Public Relations and Media team, which would work to reduce the negative stereotypes relating to Muslims internationally:

    i. I-CARE would report instances of Islamophobia to speak out against local societies and nationalities which entertained the discrimination against people of the Muslim Faith and gain awareness of the same,

    ii. I-CARE would highlight common stereotypes and expose the true origin for them, along with explaining why they do not hold true for all Muslims along with relevant examples,

    iii. It would engage with other prominent social media accounts, Media channels, and journalists to promote an accurate portrayal of Islam and Muslims;

3) Endorses the establishment of the Surveillance, Research and Debunking Portal (SuRD) in conjunction with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)'s Islamic Conference of Information Ministers:

a. The SuRD would compile all fact sheets that are published on popular media platforms which talk about important Muslim festivals, commonalities between the Islamic faith and other prominent religions, and instances of Islamophobia which are worthy of condemnation, such as those published by BRIDGE (A Georgetown University Initiative):

    i. These reports would be compiled and processed into an interactive Chatbot named **SuRD** which would intimate its users with new updates regularly,

      ii.   This chat-bot would work similar to the likes of the WHO bot that was prevalent on media platforms like WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger during the COVID-19 Pandemic,

b. The bot would also work as a fact-checker to confirm inquiries posed by users with its database on prevalent disputes, instances of Islamophobia and potential actual instances of Islamic Extremism:

      i.   This would work on the framework of the ChatGPT chatbot launched by Open AI which can recreate human speech and can answer a vast range of questions,

      ii.   It would use Open AI's GPT-4.0 language model and use its key methods of reinforcement and supervision,

      iii.   The company 'Open AI' would be offered a deal backed by the OIC to share their software only for this chat-bot SuRD, in exchange for a monetary return deemed appropriate after further deliberation between contributing member nations,

      iv.   Furthermore, all other initiatives on a more local level could merge under SuRD to gain prominence internationally and become more active, while also being accessible regionally,

c. Secondly, all misinformation that would trend on social media platforms would be flagged by SuRD on their website and through their chatbot:

      i.   This includes but is not limited to WhatsApp Forwards, Instagram and Facebook Posts and the Trending Tweets both regionally and internationally,

      ii.   We would work in conjunction with the aforementioned social media giants to officially flag all posts deemed misinformation by SuRD and its database (after being cross-checked) on their media platform with the following sentiment "This post has been deemed misinformative and potentially Islamophobic by the Surveillance Research and Debunking Platform (SuRD) in conjunction with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)"

      iii.   Such posts should also be disengaged, in the form of SuRD flagged tweets from top 10 trending, or restricting the number of times a post can be forwarded on WhatsApp, and shared on other messaging apps if flagged by SuRD in such a manner,

d. SuRD would also educate its users to use a basic 3-fold mechanism to stop the spread of misinformation at the grassroot level:

      i.   Check the source of the article: Ask where someone found their news from, whether it is speculation or is their source authentic,

      ii.   Avoid reading headlines and moving on: Make users aware that headlines are designed in a way to pull you in, and make you hear what you want to read, such as the Islamic tendency to not fit in society, but reading the full article might provide clarity on the same,

Sample Communique

FROM: The Delegates of the Kingdom of Laos

TO: Minister of Communication of Laos

This message is to be transmitted in a secret, untraceable, low army radio frequency.

<u>This message is highly classified, and for your eyes only. Memorize the contents of this letter and incinerate it as soon as you read it. Any person who chooses to proceed reading, do so at your own risk and face prosecution on grounds of treason, for which the penalty is death.</u>

You must increase the security of our communication lines, including but not limited to radio transmissions, telegraph, postal and telephone communications, effective immediately.

This must be done by employing men proficient in the science of Radio Frequency (RF) Data Communication. These men must sign non-disclosure agreements punishable by; if violated, life imprisonment for treason, or death to ensure that the location of the installed equipment is not revealed. No information other than the locations must be provided to the men.

The identities of these men must not be revealed to one another. The men will refer to each other according to codenames assigned by you. There are to be two such groups of men, collectively called, 'F-44' and 'F-45' respectively. The flag of North Vietnam must be stitched onto the sleeves of the workers. A cyanide capsule is to be placed within the mouth cavity of each worker in the form of a loosely placed false tooth, which can be easily extracted and consumed by the worker.

The establishment of the equipment and hardware necessary must be placed at co-ordinates 19° 53' 21.3756" N, 102° 8' 0.4308" E by F-44 and at co-ordinates 17° 58' 29.4780" N and 102° 37' 51.1212" E.by F-45. The establishment of the equipment and hardware must also be placed by the teams at each of the RAVEN centres around the world, the coordinates of which are mentioned in the letter regarding their establishment.

The groups must carry out the following operations:

1. Establish a Faraday Cage with a range between the co-ordinates of the aforementioned 2 locations. The Faraday Cage must be made of fine-mesh copper screening and situated under visible ground, but directly connected to earth's ground for optimal performance and security.

2. Place Wireless intrusion prevention systems (WIPS) which constantly monitor the radio spectrum and make signal jammers visible and obsolete.

3. All radio hardwares are to be equipped with short wave antennae that use microwave radio relay communication using high frequencies.

4. Set up a machine programmed with a coded algorithm, to monitor and switch the encryption key of the Lao radios on a daily basis, to prevent interception.

5. Telephone communication lines are to be encrypted.

6. Telegraph data transmission security must be increased. A machine, named 'Anigmy', with the coded algorithm that generates a polyalphabetic substitution cipher, with a period before repetition of the substitution alphabet that is much longer than any message, or set of messages, sent with the same key, wherein each letter can be enciphered to itself, shall be programmed and utilised as primary means of communication.

7. Letters exchanged by post to all Soviet officials, irrespective of rank, are to be burned immediately once received and read.

The identity of the men as well as the encryption key must be available at all times to only you, Phoui Sananikone, and myself.

The groups F-44 and F-45 are to be inducted as specialised units of RAVEN and information regarding their existence shall be made available to those only on a need-to- know basis.

You have a chance to have your name carved in the glorious pillars of history. You have a chance to be remembered as a great commander. You must make haste.

The future of the Kingdom of Laos lays at hand.

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Sample Crisis Paper

Committee: Conclave of the Pirate Lords, 1641
Allocation: Anne Dieu Le Veut
School: Cathedral and John Connon School, Mumbai
Delegate Name: Aaditya Agarwal
Topic Area: Establishment of a Nation-State in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean, under the command of the Pirate Lords

"All the Worlds a Stage, and all the Men and Women merely Players." – William Shakespeare

In Mr Shakespeare's words that resound even after his recent death, we all have our part to play in this stage, called the world. In this committee, I would like to rule that stage, be the Director, Producer and all the Actors at once. In short, my own goal for the Conclave of the Pirate Lords is to become the most important and affluent Pirate not only in the committee but also to be known anywhere on the High Seas. This need not be a quantitative definition of importance, as everyone knows I have never fancied the riches and the shining trinkets for myself. I aspire for power, for fame among the Pirates, for influence among the national courts and parliaments.

It's not that I love Caesar less, it's that I love Rome more – Brutus.

Like Brutus, its not that I do not value riches, that defines a Pirate – it just means that I realise the true importance of pure power. I wish for my crew to feel an immense sense of pride to serve me, and for shivers to pass down other Pirates' spines when they hear my name. I know this task, of playing God-Pirate will not be easy, but neither was getting this far. Nothing can be harder than escaping a small house-cum-hut tucked away in Brittany, France, where if the city wasn't depressing enough – your father beating your mother as you hid away as a small girl at the tender age of 7, that definitely was. I will only rest after I attain the position of Leader, the Head of Government, of the New Pirate Nation-State being established under the Conclave of the Pirate Lords. At a time when every Pirate only wishes to earn for themselves and further, their own personal agenda, embodying the stereotypical pirate sentiment, my goal is to be the one who pulls the strings, the puppet master – orchestrating something that no one can fully see what it is, until the entire picture comes into sight. The adoption of a Praxagorical Economy, and the Democratic Republic, a Bicameral and Parliamentary form of government with a Federal organisation of states will only aid me in this pursuit, as will become evident. My covert collaboration with Anne of Austria, Queen of France is one which is to take me a long way, and has taken me a long way already. This collaboration has given me valuable insight into the power of knowing people in high places, Thus, as the Leader, and also in my personal capacity as a pirate with an identity distinct from the rest, a secondary aim in the committee is also to strengthen my reach across the seas and into national governments, and into other Pirate Lords'

ships too. I will achieve my plan with the execution of many actions, and by communicating with an array of individuals outside of the Conclave. This includes but is not limited to:

1) **Acquiring Leadership:** My first plan of action centred around securing leadership for myself in the government of the New Pirate Nation-State consists of biological warfare, treachery and high levels of deception. The entirety of the Conclave's Lords would suffer from Arsenic Poisoning as the water source of the Ship would be poisoned. Subsequently, an Opposition Pirate Group would take credit for this attack, and cite the inability for the conference to decide on a leader as the idea over this attack. Thus, under this directive, every Pirate Lord would be required to cast an anonymous vote to nominate a leader within the Conclave, and to the government. However, both these opposition Pirates and this votechecker would be a ploy by me, and the results would be rigged in my favour. At the end of this plan, I would be firmly instated as the popular choice for leader of the Pirate Nation's government, and a decisive authority among the Conclave – and thus, globally for all pirates.

2) **Mole Concept:** I have been vocal about my policy against hiring slaves onto Pirate Ships due to the inefficiencies they run, however, I will make them run the biggest inefficiency possible, and by the end of it every Pirate Lord would be wishing they'd have agreed with me. This plan involves sending in slaves to every Pirate Lord's ship as a 'failed attempt at breaking in', but in reality, their plan was to get caught and be used as slaves in the ship. Leveraging the support I have gathered among the black masses who are being oppressed on other Pirate Ships, I will award them fair pay, and in return, they will act as espionage agents on every other Pirate Lord's Ship – helping me gather information on my competition and subsequently using that to quell any viable leaders in the Conclave. A comprehensive communication system will be set up before they join the crew.

3) **Incest in the Royal Court:** I also plan to utilise my relationship with Anne of Austria, presently Queen of France to establish myself as the leader of the Pirate Lords in the eyes of both the French and the Spanish. This would be achieved as on a State Visit to her birthplace of Spain, she would adulterate his drink with a power Aphrodisiac, that of Damiana, in extremely high contents. This would result in him wishing to bed the next girl he sees, and since it would only be Anne present being a private dinner, it would mean that he would copulate with the Queen of France, who happens to be his sister from the same parents, and also the Queen of the country he is at war with. Then, Anne can use this information to leverage him to give up parts of the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico, in addition with recognising me (Anne Dieu Le Veut) as the new owner of those lands.

4) **Gaining Popular Support:** Lastly, apart from gathering support within the Conclave and from other nations – it is important for the inhabitants of the Caribbean islands to support me and my endeavours, and I will achieve this by making them understand the question of Why? Why should they endorse a Pirate Nation-State in the region, and why should I be the one to lead this country? This would be done in three phases: Meetings with the Brethren of the Coast to gain influence in Tortuga and parts of Port Royal, Spreading of Posters across the island of Cuba (Capital- Havana), and Public Campaigns being held by my Crew of the Tempest's Fury. By the end of this, the people of the Caribbean would have a holistic answer to all the important why questions, and with this, I would successfully gain their support.

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