



# The Doon School Model United Nations Conference 2024

## Delegate Handbook





# LETTER FROM THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

Dear Delegates,

As we prepare to embark on the journey of the 17th edition of The Doon School Model United Nations conference, it gives me immense pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to every one of you.

This year, we gather once again at Chandbagh, eager to delve into the intricate world of diplomacy and global affairs. After facing unprecedented challenges and uncertainties, we stand resilient, ready to engage in meaningful discourse and collaborative problem-solving.

DSMUN has always been a beacon of intellectual exchange and camaraderie, and this year will be no exception. Our committees have been meticulously crafted to address a diverse array of pressing issues, offering you the opportunity to dissect, deliberate, and devise innovative solutions.

In the spirit of inclusivity and diversity, we welcome delegates from all corners of the globe, each bringing their unique perspectives and experiences to the table. Your voices matter, and we are eager to hear your insights as we navigate through the conference.

As the Deputy Secretary-General for DSMUN'24, I am committed to ensuring that this year's conference surpasses all expectations, leaving an indelible mark on each delegate. Together, let us embrace the spirit of diplomacy, cooperation, and understanding, as we strive to build a brighter future for generations to come.

On behalf of the entire Secretariat, we eagerly anticipate your presence at Chandbagh, where we will embark on an unforgettable journey of discovery, dialogue, and friendship.

Warm Regards,  
Rohan Rasik Jalan  
Deputy Secretary-General  
Doon School Model United Nations Conference 2024





# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Delegates,

It is with great privilege and honour that I extend to you a heartfelt invitation to the 17th edition of the Doon School Model United Nations Conference. DSMUN 2024 promises to be an enriching and impactful experience, where we will delve into discussions over the complexities of a world grappling with division and devise the means to forge pathways towards unity and cooperation.

As we convene for this year's conference, our theme encapsulates the pressing requirement to address and tackle the challenges of a fractured global landscape while seeking common ground and fostering unity. Each agenda invites all of you to delve into issues that transcend any specific borders and demand collective action. From the rise of coup d'états and the proliferation of Private Military and Security Companies (PMSCs) to the ongoing conflict in Syria and the utilisation of chemical weaponry, we will challenge the realities of the discord that plagues our world today. Furthermore, we will address critical issues such as the review of the Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019, terrorism in Africa with a focus on the Al Shabaab insurgency, and the financial implications of combating climate change amidst the global energy transition. In addition to contemporary challenges, we will delve into historical events such as the Crimean War, the fall of the United Nations, and the Manhattan Project, examining their relevance in shaping our collective future.

Looking towards the future, we will also deliberate on the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics and review the sovereignty of the Wrangel Islands while delineating maritime boundaries in the Barents Sea region, envisioning a world where cooperation triumphs over division. As delegates representing



various nations and perspectives, your insights and contributions are invaluable in charting a path towards a more united and harmonious world. Let us embody the spirit of collaboration as we engage in dialogue, seek compromise, and work towards building bridges.

I encourage you to approach each agenda with an open mind, a spirit of cooperation, and a commitment to finding innovative and sustainable solutions that reflect the resolutions of a united world.

To conclude, I extend my best wishes to each and every one of you for a fruitful and enlightening experience at DSMUN 2024.

Warm Regards,  
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## **Special Political and Decolonisation Committee**



# POSITION PAPER GUIDELINES AND DEADLINES

Any delegate who misses the deadline will be subject to a negative evaluation of their position paper by the Executive Board of their respective committee. The Executive Board will mark the position papers of their respective committees. Position papers containing instances of plagiarism will be penalised. IPC delegates don't need to present a position paper. The deadline for the submission of the position paper is on the 10th of August. All requests for extensions of the position paper submission deadline must be made in writing to respective Chairpersons including a suitable justification. Deadline extensions shall only be permitted at the discretion of the Executive Board.

## GUIDELINES FOR POSITION PAPER

**A position paper should be formatted as follows:**

1. The present tense must be used while writing a position paper.
2. The position paper must be written from the viewpoint of the nation or the particular individual the delegate is representing, not from their own.
3. The font should be Times New Roman, the spacing between lines should be 1.15, and the size should be 12.
4. The wording ought to be clear and uncomplicated. Employing tough language will not improve the paper's quality; rather, it will make it more challenging to understand. Short, concise sentences are preferred.
5. The recommended length of a position paper should be between one and two pages.
6. The paper should be organised into concise paragraphs and, wherever possible, bullet points should be included.
7. Citations for factual information such as figures, quotes, and facts should be provided.
8. All delegates should thoroughly research the subject at hand. It is ideal to start with the background information provided by the relevant committees. All delegates should also seek other trustworthy sources of information in addition to the background guide as part of their research rather than solely relying on it. When conducting research, shaky sources like Wikipedia should be avoided.



9. Delegates should consider including statements about the topic from renowned world leaders.

10. While creating the official document, delegates are recommended to use the nation's official seal or Coat of Arms as a watermark or signature.

## GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURE

**Language:** English will be the conference's official language and working language, except for our bilingual committee (Lok Sabha), where participants may also speak Hindi.

**Delegations:** Each portfolio must have a single delegate to represent it in each committee, except for double-delegation committees. In a committee, double delegations are only permitted to cast one vote. Accredited observers' representatives will be permitted to vote on procedural issues but not on substantive motions.

**Statements by the Secretariat:** The committee may hear written or oral remarks from a member of the Secretariat that he designates at any time.

**Conduct:** Throughout the committee session, all delegates are expected to conduct themselves politely and respectfully. Respect must be shown towards the Executive Board and their fellow delegates. A delegate may be called to order by the Chairperson if they do not comply.

**Electronic Devices:** Delegates are not allowed to use any internet tools or perform any information searches during committee sessions without the Chairperson's permission.

**Quorum:** When at least one-fourth of the committee's voting members are present in the committee chamber, the Executive Board may proclaim a committee open and authorize discussion to continue. Any substantial move, however, will need a majority of the members to pass. The Executive Board shall presume the presence of one-fourth of the voting members unless a Point of Order establishes otherwise, so a roll call will not be required to determine a quorum.

**Appeals:** If a delegate disagrees with a decision made by the committee's Executive Board, he or she may file an appeal right away. If the delegate still does not seem satisfied after hearing the Executive Board's justification, the committee may proceed to the voting process. If two-thirds of the committee does not vote to overturn the Director's decision, it will stand. Whether or not the appeal is successful, the Executive Board retains the ultimate discretion in all decisions.

**General Authority of the Committee Staff:** The Executive Board will be in charge of calling each meeting to order, as well as proposing the adoption of any procedural motion that does not encounter considerable opposition. The Executive Board will have full control over the meeting's procedures, subject to the aforementioned regulations. As a result, it will supervise the talks, grant the right to speak, allow questions, make announcements, rule on points of order, and ensure that these rules are





followed. The Chairperson may temporarily delegate his responsibilities to another Executive Board member who may also control the direction of the discussion. The Secretary-General shall be held responsible for the Executive Board.

***Involvement of Non-Members:*** The Executive Board members may, at their discretion, allow a speaker, guest, or observer who is not a committee member to address the group.

***Involvement of IPC Delegates:*** The Executive Board members, may at their discretion, allow an IPC delegate to interview and ask questions to a fellow delegate in their committee.

***Punctuality:*** Delegates are required to be on time for all committee sessions. If a delegate fails to arrive on time for the committee session, then, at the discretion of the Executive Board, the delegate will be marked absent for the committee session.

## **RULES GOVERNING DEBATE**

**1. Agenda:** The committee's first item of business is to vote on the agenda for its meeting. There is just one assigned agenda across all DSMUN committees, thus it will inevitably be adopted.

**2. General Speaker's List (GSL):** The Chairperson will introduce the debate with a General Speaker's List once the agenda has been established. Delegations may speak generally about the subject or may choose to discuss any working paper or current draft resolution that is on the floor during this continuous flow of discussion. Only at the Executive Board's discretion will the General Speaker's List be interrupted for any procedural motions, Moderated or Unmoderated Caucuses, or the introduction of draft resolutions. Only after it has been presented to the committee may a working paper be referred to as a draft resolution.

**3. Moderated Caucus:** A Moderated Caucus is used to enable debate on particular subjects that might be of interest to the committee as a whole. A delegate may suggest a Moderated Caucus while the floor is open to motions before the end of the discussion. The delegate making the motion must specify a succinct discussion topic, the number of speakers, and the allotted time. Speaking time, which is the allocated amount of time for each delegate to address the proposed resolution, shall not exceed the limits set by the Executive Board. Total time, which must not exceed 30 minutes, is the overall amount of time provided for discussion of the specified topic. No matter how long a speech is, it will be considered to fill up the entire allotted time for the speaker. Once all proposed motions have been reviewed by the Executive Board, a committee may present numerous motions for Moderated Caucuses at once. The committee will vote on each motion in the order of disruption, and it will need a simple majority to pass. A Moderated Caucus shall end when there are no more delegates who wish to speak on the subject at hand, regardless of the remaining time.

**4. Provisional Speakers List:** A Provisional Speakers List is used to encourage discussion on particular subjects that might be of interest to the committee as a whole. The delegate making the



motion must specify a succinct topic of discussion along with the total time that each speaker can speak. The customary Moderated Caucus may be substituted by a Temporary Speakers List. After each delegate's address during a Provisional Speakers List, there will be time set aside for Points of Information. According to the remaining time and the Chairperson's discretion, the number of POIs that may be asked will vary. Two POIs are the most that can be requested from each delegate.

Once all motions have been considered by the Executive Board, a committee may submit numerous motions for the Provisional Speaker's List at once. The committee will vote on each motion in the order of disruption, and it will need a simple majority to pass. The Provisional Speaker's List shall end when there are no more delegates who wish to speak on the subject, regardless of the amount of remaining time.

**5. Unmoderated Caucus:** The objective of an Unmoderated Caucus is to stimulate discussion through the use of an unstructured debate that may be of interest to the committee as a whole. Delegates are not needed to speak in a formal manner or with the Chairperson's approval when participating in an Unmoderated Caucus. Before the conclusion of the debate, when the floor is open to motions, a delegate may propose an Unmoderated Caucus. The motion's proposer needs to specify the entire amount of time. A simple majority would be needed to approve the motion. The Chairperson may declare the motion to be dilatory; this judgment is final and cannot be appealed. If they believe there is no longer any worthwhile discussion, they may also quickly adjourn an Unmoderated Caucus.

**6. Points:** A delegate may raise the following points.

- **Point of Parliamentary Inquiry:** A delegate may make a Point of Parliamentary Inquiry while the floor is open to ask the Executive Board questions about the Rules of Procedure. To avoid interfering with the speaker's train of thought and speech, a point of Parliamentary Inquiry may not be raised during another delegate's address. Delegates should submit written queries to the Executive Board if they have specific concerns.
- **Point of Personal Privilege:** If a delegate has any discomfort that could impair their performance during the conference, they may raise a Point of Personal Privilege. Delegates are encouraged to address any Issues of Personal Privilege to the Executive Board by chat to avoid disrupting the committee and ensure a smooth flow of discussion.
- **Point of Order:** A delegate may raise a Point of Order at any moment during the debate to draw attention to any instances of improper use of parliamentary procedure and to call attention to information that has been stated by another factually inaccurate delegate. If the Executive Board believes that a point is invalid, they may declare it out of order. The Chairperson's actions cannot be challenged. A delegate's speech may only be interrupted with a Point of Order if it doesn't adhere to appropriate parliamentary procedure.
- **Point of Information:** During a Moderated Caucus, a delegate may only bring up a Point of Information after the delegate has finished speaking. The Executive Board has the final say on how many Points of Information each speech may contain. A Point of Information is required to be a succinct, direct query on the subject of the delegate's speech. Before responding to the Point of



Information, the delegate who is asking the question must get the Chairperson's approval. A delegate may request a right to follow up from the Chairperson if they are not happy with the response they received from a Point of Information. The decision of the Chairperson cannot be challenged.

**8. Sending Chits:** Any chits that the delegates wish to send should be handed to the Chitboys. Delegates are requested to explicitly inform the Chitboys that the chit is to be sent via the Executive Board and note the same on the top of the chit if they wish to get them marked.

## RULES GOVERNING SPEECHES

**1. General Speakers List:** For the agenda being debated, the committee will have a General Speakers List (GSL). By raising hands, a delegate may ask the Executive Board to include their name on the list. If a delegate wants to have their name taken off the list, a similar procedure will be followed.

**2. Speaking Time:** Whenever points or motions are appropriate during a formal debate, delegates may move to establish a speaking time for the GSL. A simple majority is required to approve this measure.

**3. Speeches:** Before speaking in front of the committee, delegates must get the Chairperson's approval. Yet, the speaker may be brought to order if the topic of the address seems offensive or unrelated. Delegates automatically forfeit their time and the discussion will continue if they are not present during the committee session.

**4. Yields:** If a particular delegate still has time in their speech, they may choose to yield it to the Chairperson, another delegate, or questions after completing.

- **Yield to another delegate:** Any time that is left over may be granted to a different delegate, who may then choose to use it for their speech.
- **Yield to Points of Information:** The Chairperson will select other delegates to ask questions, one at a time. Only at the Committee Director's discretion will follow-up questions be accepted. The speaker's time will not be reduced for the time it takes to pose the question. Members are permitted to yield time to questions only during the Provisional Speakers List and not during a Moderated Caucus.
- **Yield to the Executive Board:** In a yield to another delegate, the speaker gives up their remaining time to another delegate of his or her choosing. However, the delegate receiving the yield may not further yield time.

**5. Right to Reply:** A delegate may ask for a Right to Reply if they believe that another delegate has questioned their national integrity. If approved, the reply will take the form of a speech, the length of which shall be approved at the Chairperson's discretion. In this case, the Chairperson's decision is final and binding.





# RULES GOVERNING DOCUMENTATION

**1. Working Papers:** A working paper is an unofficial document that contains thoughts about the resolutions of one or more committee members. They are meant to support the committee's debate and aid in the development of potential resolutions. Since these are not official documents, appropriate formatting is not necessary. Working documents are not signed.

**2. Resolution:** A delegate may sign more than one resolution at a time, and doing so does not imply support for or agreement with the resolution. There are no sponsors for a resolution, and delegates cannot challenge the Executive Board's refusal to approve a resolution. Unless otherwise specified in the rules of a particular committee, all resolutions must be approved by a simple majority to pass. There may be more than one resolution on the table at once, but only one resolution may be approved for any subject.

**3. Introducing Resolutions:** A delegate may make a move to present a resolution once it has been accepted by the Chairperson and adopted by the entire committee. This needs to be approved by the Executive Board, and then the draft resolution's writers will be asked to present it to the committee. The Chairperson may take into consideration non-substantive clarifications, such as typographical, punctuation, and spelling issues after the draft resolution has been introduced and distributed. Until the discussion is adjourned or a resolution on the subject has been reached, a resolution will stay on the floor.

**4. Amendments:** Any resolution that has been proposed may be amended by any delegate. A change requires both the author's consent and a simple majority of the committee's members. The Chairperson may, at his or her discretion, change the minimum number of signatories and authors/co-authors needed. A delegate is not permitted to add modifications to amendments, however, an amendment may be changed further. There are no designated sponsors for amendments, and the committee must vote to approve each one with a simple majority.



# PRECEDENCE OF MOTION

**Precedence:** The following order of preference will be followed when evaluating motions. Points and motions lower on this list are out of sequence if one is on the floor.

## **Parliamentary Point:**

### **1. Points in order only when the floor is open:**

- i. Points of Parliamentary Inquiry

### **2. Points in order after speech:**

- i. Point of Information
- ii. Points of Personal Privilege
- iii. Points of Order

## **Procedural motions that are not debatable:**

- i. Adjournment of the Meeting
- ii. Suspension of the Meeting
- iii. Unmoderated Caucus
- iv. Moderated Caucus
- v. Motion to change the speaking time
- vi. Introduction of a draft resolution
- vii. Introduction of an amendment

## **Procedural motions that apply to a resolution or amendment under consideration:**

- i. Closure of Debate
- ii. Postponement of Debate
- iii. Division of the Question
- iv. Reordering Resolutions
- v. Substantive motions
- vi. Amendments
- vii. Resolution



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