



INOMUN 2017

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Getting ready to be a top delegate in a few easy steps

- I. First and foremost **DO NOT PANIC**, bear in mind that half the delegates on average will be attending their first MUN conference, that the organizers (admins, chairs, social events) are there to help/inform you and make you feel at ease.
- II. The first step of your preparation is to **RESEARCH YOUR COUNTRY** (capital, population, languages, GDP, history and culture, economy)
- III. The next (very important) step is to **READ THE RESEARCH REPORTS (RR)** concerning your committee **AND** the RR for the General Assembly (**GA**) and the others if you are curious! You can find them on the website in "Programme and Committees".
- IV. Make sure you have understood the issue tackled by your committee and carried out some of your own research to get a **good overview** of the subject.
- V. Find out **your country's point of view** on the issue of your committee. How is your country involved? What kind of agreement or proposal would benefit the country? Are there any laws concerned and are they respected? Finally what is the policy of the government in place? (remember to refer back to the **RRs**).
- VI. Keep in mind you **do not speak your personal opinion**; you have to try to respect the policy of your country.
- VII. Try to **think in advance of the clause(s)** you could write which would benefit your country
- VIII. Try to find out what **other countries share your country's opinion** in order to ask them to co-submit your clause(s), or co-submit theirs. In a word, define your allies and enemies. (Be careful: "*allies*" and "*enemies*" are shortcuts to mention the countries who do/don't share the interest of your own country. You will NOT punch another delegate because s/he voted against your clause)
- IX. Try and imagine what you could say or ask in order to **find out what vocabulary you will need during the conference**, (if you don't know how to say something in English look it up). For example don't show up in a committee that will discuss trafficking issues without knowing who and what "trafficking" involves.
- X. Of course you might realise as you are participating that **you need precise vocabulary** you had not thought of, but DON'T PANIC. Most of the delegates are nice, civilized people, you can always DISCREETLY ask them. Or you can send a note to the Chairs, or ask them during the break.
- XI. If during debates you realize you're afraid to talk and/or don't know how to do it properly, remember **the Chairs are there to help you**. Ask for their help/advice during the break. This does not extend to asking for their phone numbers if they're cute. NON-harassment of the Chairs will be greatly appreciated.

NB : the “ask your chair” part does not apply in the GA for obvious logistics reasons.

XII. **NOBODY will make fun of you!** As above stated, except some dangerous serial killers (the press team) most people are benevolent and good and won't judge you.

XIII. **FINALLY** if you get bored, remember that debates can only be made interesting by the delegates themselves (meaning YOU) the best way to have fun is to **really take part** in the conference.

XIV. **PS:** think of smart outfits you could wear in INOMUN to look the part of a real delegate. (See the INOMUN facebook page for **the dress code**)

Remember to TAKE ID CARDS or PASSPORT with you each day. Without valid identity document you won't be allowed inside the “Hotel de Région” and therefore WON'T be able to take part in INOMUN. (Would be a pity, let's face it!)

If you have never taken part in a MUN conference or assisted to a MUN session, this is for you:

What is MUN ?

MUN stands for Model United Nations. The point is to re-create at a small scale a UN debate over an important international issue.

Ex: *"Narrowing the gaps between the female and male status in Sub-Saharan Africa and ultimately develop Africa's economic integration and achieve economic and social stability."*

This was the INOMUN 2nd edition's issue for the UNDP committee. Delegates debate over this issue and they write a Resolution together in order to bring solutions to the problem tackled.

Students take the place of delegates and represent a country. During the debates they are supposed to speak and give an opinion according to the policy of the country they represent. (For example a delegate of UK can't write a clause in favor of child labor).

MUN exists as weekly clubs in high schools or as conferences all around the world.

What is INOMUN ?

INOMUN stands for International North Model United Nations. It is a three day MUN conference organized by pupils from *Lycee International Wallon* and *Lycee International Montebello* and supervised by their teachers.

The two first days delegates will be in the committees and will discuss an issue in groups of 15 to 21 delegates per committee. In the committees each pupil is the only delegate of his country and takes decisions on his own (according to his country's policy).

The third day all the delegates will gather in General Assembly, where they will discuss another issue. They will be between 3 or 5 representing the same country and will have to decide together what they write/say/vote.

*** The Basic rules/vocabulary of debating – read this and then watch our video. ***

Vocabulary

→ The Resolution

The Resolution is composed of all the clauses voted by the delegate during the debates.

→ Clauses

They are written by the delegates of a country; when a delegate writes and give a clause to his Chairs we say he "*submits*" a clause.

If a country totally agrees with the clause he can "*co-submit*" it, meaning he is ready to defend the clause and isn't supposed to speak against the clause (though there is no formal interdiction). If a country wishes to debate the clause but doesn't totally agree he can "*sign*" it.

In a committee several clauses are purposed, the more co-submitter and signatories you have, the quicker your clause is going to be debated.

Ex: *Submitter: Ukraine*
Co-submitter: UK, USA, Germany,
Signatories: France, Poland, Romania, Hungary

" Urges all the MEDCs trading with Russia to stop any form of commercial exchanges until the end of the occupation of the Ukraine by Russian military forces. "

(NB : Russia would neither co-submit or even sign such a clause, and would certainly take the floor to speak against it).

→ Amendments

Amendments are modification brought to a clause by a country which is in favor of the global idea of the clause but wants to modify it. The delegate then write the modification he would like to make pass it to the chairs and take the floor to defend it.

→ Take the floor

To *take the floor* is to **stand in front of all the delegates** to speak in favor or against a clause/amendments.

→ “Order in the house”

When a Chair asks for order when the noise is disturbing the debates and the Chair asks for calm. If a delegate wishes to say something to another delegate or hasn't finished a clause during the lobbying and wishes to get signatories, he writes his message on a piece of paper (a “*note*”) and call the admin who will give the note to the addressee.

Procedures of debating

- **Delegates speak in the third person.**
- **They use NO PERSONAL PRONOUNS during the debates not I or YO**

Delegates don't give their own opinion and speaking without personal pronoun is also one of the ways to avoid conflict between delegates.

Ex: “*The delegate of Lebanon wonders how the delegate of Germany....*”

A rather formal English is also quite necessary, no need of real elaborate sentences but no insults and avoid “*ain't / gonna / dudes/ etc..*”

I. Lobbying

It is the time at the beginning of the each committee delegates have to write their clause, try to get other delegates to sign their clause or co-submit it and co-submit and sign other delegates clause.

II. Points of informations

When a delegate has taken the floor delegate can make “*points of information*”. They must be under the form of a question and wait until the Chair invites them to speak. In general delegates don't speak aloud or at all until they are invited to.

That was a quick overview of the basic procedures of MUN you HAVE to know to debate, for more see below (all that is not above cited isn't necessary to survive but being aware of the existence of certain point or motion might help)

- > Here is a website about MUN for more information.

<http://www.unausa.org/global-classrooms-model-un/how-to-participate/model-un-preparation/rules-of-procedure>

- > Here are the detail of all the UN procedures (they are activities, go at the end for the answer and the explanations themselves)

http://www.unausa.org/images/content/GC_Model_UN/Model_UN_Prep/Activity_5_-_Model_UN_Vocabulary.pdf

http://www.unausa.org/images/content/GC_Model_UN/Model_UN_Prep/Activity_6_-_Points_and_Motions.pdf

http://www.unausa.org/images/content/GC_Model_UN/Model_UN_Prep/Activity_7_-_Model_UN_Procedures.pdf