



MODEL UNITED NATIONS OF MALMÖ



Research Report Guide *Model United Nations of Malmö 2023*

Dear Chairs,

In this guide you will find a detailed explanation of how to structure and write a Research Report, as well as general information regarding what is expected from you as a chair. We will also be providing you with a more developed guide to chairing, including the official MUNOM Rules of Procedure and the conference booklet where you will find more details regarding the logistics of the event.

We ask you to please understand that, as a chair, you take on a position of great responsibility and authority. You will be responsible for leading successful debates and offering support to your delegates, whilst maintaining high academic standards in the committee and ensuring an enjoyable atmosphere. We can't wait to see you in November!

Sincerely,

Executive Team of Model United Nations of Malmö 2023

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The General Assembly

1st Committee – Disarmament and international security

Topic 1: The question of lethal autonomous weapons systems

Topic 2: The question of nuclear disarmament and international security

2nd Committee – Economic and Financial Committee

Topic 1: Promoting access to renewable energy for poverty reduction and sustainable development in LEDCs

Topic 2: Encouraging structural reforms to reduce income inequality

3rd Committee – Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee

Topic 1: Reviewing the situation in China in regards to the Uyghur muslims

Topic 2: Supporting conflict-affected children and youth

The Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

Topic 1: Broadening the Scope of Women's Citizenship, Leadership, and Political Participation in Transition Countries

Topic 2: Reducing the Gender Gap in Social Protection

Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)

Topic 1: Water Security in Transnational Desert Climates

Topic 2: Mobilizing Financial Resources for Developing Countries for Sustainable Development

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Topic 1: Examining the Relationship between Legalization of Marijuana and Drug Related Crime

Topic 2: Decriminalization and International Drug Policy

Security Council

Topic 1: Protecting civilians in regions of war: The Yemeni crisis

Topic 2: Peaceful settlement of the Russo-Ukrainian War

Topic 3: Crisis Session (Unknown to the delegates)

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General Information on the RR

Deadline for the Research Report:

1st of October 2023 at 23:59 (GMT+2)

Each pair of chairs is expected to write one research report for every topic on the agenda for their committee or commission. Regardless of which chair writes the report for which topic, both chairs must have a detailed understanding of all their topics, and must be able to assist delegates in the process of resolution writing as well as debating, and be able to make a final decision on issues of relevance. Graphs, relevant images, and infographics can definitely be used in context.

Word count: 1000 – 1500 words

If you have any questions regarding the research report, please do not hesitate to contact us at any point in time and we will be happy to answer to you:

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Writing the Research Reports

Introduction

In the introduction of your research report make sure that you clarify anything that is unclear on the topic. Think of this as an extension of the topic that is included in MUNOM's agenda. The key components of the topic should be made clear to the delegates. If the topic is relatively broad, make sure that you decide which focus the debate will take so that the delegates know how to structure their research.

Definition of Key Terms

In this section, include every term or word which might not be clear. Do not hesitate to define words the meaning of which may appear obvious to you, as first-timers will be present at the conference. Define both words that you use in the report, but also anything that might come up during the debate. When you look up a definition try to rephrase it in a clear way rather than just copying it from a dictionary. The definitions are not limited to a single sentence, rather a brief explanation is encouraged. Always remember to reference every definition that you get inspiration from.

Background Information

This is your chance to provide the background to the topic, and should stand for the bulk of the research report. With this section, you will be providing delegates with all the information they will need to know to understand why the issue has arisen, how it has developed through the years, and why the issue is important to be debated. Provided this information, delegates should have the necessary overview on the topic to be able to develop potential solutions to the issue. If the topic is a specific event, such as a war, feel free to use a timeline to structure the key events. Other than that, the use of titles and subtitles is encouraged to structure and organise the information.

Stakeholders

Following the contextualisation of the topic you just provided, identify and define all identities and actors that have been involved or have any interest in any given decisions on the matter. Include different UN organisations, other Intergovernmental organisations, NGOs (or anything of that sort). When identifying a stakeholder, make sure to not only mention it, but also define their interest(s), motivation and ability to shape the matter at hand. Outline what actions each stakeholder has already taken and make sure to differentiate what is in their power and competences and at what level they will act - whether it is local, national, or international. Mentioning countries which are also involved in the issue is extremely important.

Relevant UN Treaties, Resolutions, and Reports

When including any of these, just include when they were written and a link to the full document..

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Previous Attempts to Solve the Issue

Once the issue has been fully defined and explored, you must analyse previous measures that have been taken to tackle it. These don't necessarily have to be United Nations measures, but can include other stakeholders. When mentioning an attempt, make sure to describe what it consisted of, who was responsible and involved, and where it took place. Most importantly, make sure to try to identify why exactly it failed and what can be done better next time to give the delegates a line of thought to come up with their own solutions.

Possible Solutions

Given everything that you contextualised in the previous sections, you should provide some ideas on possible ways to tackle the issues. This shouldn't be a very long section, but just highlight some general areas that the delegates should focus on when developing their own solutions.

Bibliography

All sources that you have used to write the report should be mentioned at the end of the report. Furthermore, include other resources that might be useful for the delegates to read.

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