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Diplomacy In a Divided World

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WELCOME TO MEDIMUN

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the **20th Annual Session** of the Mediterranean Model United Nations (MEDIMUN) taking place on the 7th to the 9th of February 2024 in Nicosia.

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's MEDIMUN! In this prospectus, we hope you find everything you need so as to familiarise yourselves with all that the MEDIMUN experience entails.

In light of evolving social constructs, everchanging political dynamics, arising conflicts and the transformative impact of technology on institutions, this year's MEDIMUN theme of 'Adapting to today's tomorrow: Diplomacy in a divided world' proves paramount. As we observe changes in ways of international collaboration and the reinvention of contemporary norms, we aim for participants to embrace a theme that not only acknowledges but actively facilitates these ongoing developments, reestablishing diplomacy, while amplifying the silent voices of nations worldwide.

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Background Info

MEDIMUN

MEDIMUN is a United Nations simulation for teenagers aged 15-19. Students assume the role of delegates, representatives of a UN Member State which has been assigned to them and discuss, construct, and debate resolutions after extensive research into their allocated country's policies. These resolutions or documents detailing their suggestions and solutions to world issues provide the basis for multifaceted debate and constructive discussions on varied topic areas. MEDIMUN is an accredited THIMUN conference, which approves similar conferences held around the globe, in which young people have the opportunity to gain knowledge not only of individual countries, but also of the function of the United Nations through a hands-on experience. Directors, usually teachers, are responsible for the training of delegates and leading the delegation of students with reference to the 'Parliamentary Procedure' of the UN which helps to ensure that debate takes place in a formal setting. MEDIMUN is the largest and oldest MUN conference in Cyprus and is run on a not-for-profit basis by volunteers.



THE CITY OF NICOSIA

Nicosia is the capital of Cyprus and the island's economic and cultural centre. Relatively small, Nicosia boasts a medieval walled city, countless historical and religious monuments and an increasingly diverse population. The size of the city also deems it very safe as well as easy to navigate on foot, while also offering a uniquely multi-cultural setting for the MUN conference. Visitors can wander the meandering Venetian streets and pedestrianised areas which are filled with tiny shops and cafes. Multiple museums showcase every aspect of Cyprus' varied history, from antiquity to the British colonial period.



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MEDIMUN Experience

Established in 2006, MEDIMUN is the pioneering Model United Nations conference in Cyprus, offering a weekend filled with high-standard debate sessions in a professional environment. Participants engage in profound discussions and networking in a multicultural setting, mastering complex global issues. Accredited by the THIMUN foundation, MEDIMUN embodies diversity and unity, leveraging Cyprus' unique position at the crossroads of three continents.



TWENTY YEARS OF MEDIMUN HISTORY

Over 20 years of legacy

400+ student delegates from Cyprus and worldwide annually

A dedicated student-led organising team of approximately 100 individuals

Why Participate



BEING A DELEGATE - A UN SIMULATION

The MEDIMUN conference follows a United Nations-style framework, with delegates adhering to designated debate procedures, formal terms, and voting practices.

PREPARATION

A morning workshop on Saturday, November 18th, will acquaint participants with essential rules and conference structure. Refer to the Delegates' Handbook on our website under "Resources" for in-depth information. Please read it before attending the Workshop.

Following the Workshop, delegates research their committee-assigned issues and the policies of their represented countries, adopting a genuine UN diplomat's stance.

RESOLUTION WRITING

Delegates draft resolutions after in-depth issue research. During the conference, they refine their ideas through discussions and merge aspects of different resolutions into one. The Student Officer Team offers guidance, and the Approval Panel approves merged resolutions. Approved resolutions undergo debate and voting.

Participation in MEDIMUN offers numerous benefits

- Intensive research to acquire specialised knowledge.
- Enhanced English language skills due to precision and formality in official documents.
- Fosters unity, tolerance, and respect for diversity.
- Realistic insight into international relations, politics, and economics.
- Valuable addition to university applications.
- Opportunities to build friendships with diverse peers.
- Hones public-speaking skills and teamwork.



The Secretariat

Meet the creators of Session XX



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MEDIBOOK

Debating Redefined



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This year marks the launch of our brand-new app, the MediBook App. This app has been in development for the past two years and promises to be a game-changer for all participants. It will enable seamless communication, voting, certificate access, and much more.

Full Availability in the New Year

Starting from the beginning of the new year, the MediBook App will be fully accessible, offering a wide range of features and functionalities to enhance your MEDIMUN experience.

Limited Version During the Workshop

As a special sneak peek, a limited version of the app will be available during the workshop, giving participants a glimpse of its capabilities. Get ready to explore the future of MEDIMUN communication and engagement with the MediBook App!

The Workshop

To support participants in their preparations, a workshop is provisionally scheduled for Saturday morning, November 16th, 2024, at The English School in Nicosia, Cyprus.

During this workshop, participants will benefit from the expertise of experienced MUN Directors, the Student Officer Team, and the dedicated MEDIMUN organising staff at The English School. Their aim is to ensure that everyone is well-prepared for the upcoming conference.

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Workshop Information

Key Workshop Details

Date: **Saturday, 16th November , 2024**

Location: The English School, Nicosia

Time: The workshop will commence at 9:00 AM and conclude before 1:00 PM.

At the workshop, attendees can expect presentations and guidance on various essential topics, including

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Researching a Country

- Researching an Issue
- Resolution Writing
- Lobbying and Merging
- The Debating Process
- Effective Speech Delivery

This comprehensive workshop aims to provide all participants with a deeper understanding of the conference procedures. It also offers an excellent opportunity for interaction with members of other delegations and MEDIMUN organisers.

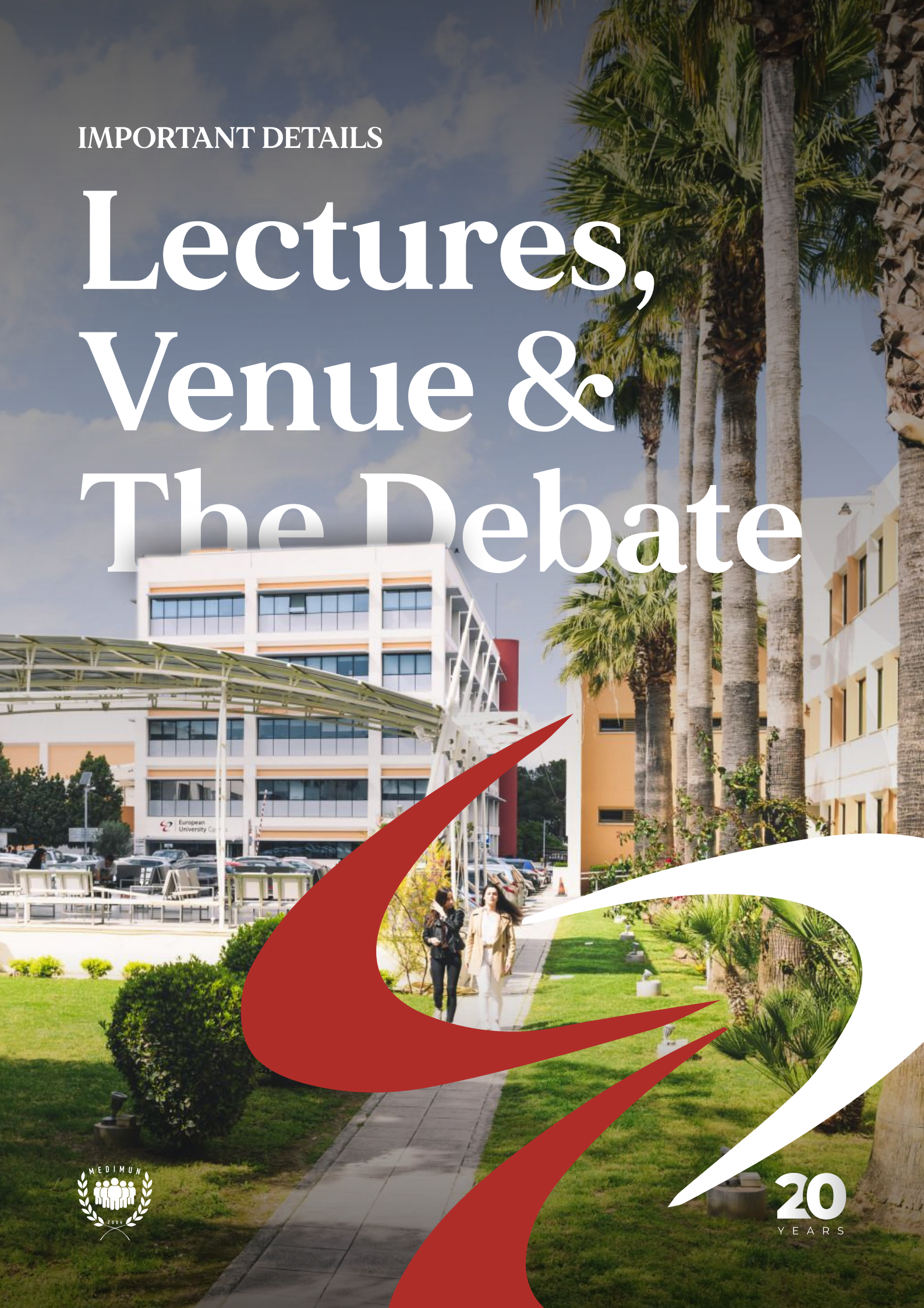
Additionally, delegates will be assigned position papers, which must be submitted by **December 18th, 2024**. This assignment will help participants develop a holistic view of their country's policy, further enhancing their readiness for the conference.



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IMPORTANT DETAILS

Lectures, Venue & The Debate



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Lectures

MEDIMUN is truly a one-of-a-kind experience for students, offering them a unique opportunity to broaden their horizons and deepen their understanding of current affairs, complex issues, and significant global conflicts.

During the conference, you can look forward to informative lectures delivered by experts. These lectures will cover topics relevant to each committee, allowing delegates to engage in discussions, ask questions, and gain deeper insights. Our past lecturers have come from diverse backgrounds, including academia, journalism, politics, and science. They have consistently inspired and motivated students, encouraging them to shape their perspectives on pressing global issues.

Venue

The European University of Cyprus serves as our conference venue, providing well-equipped meeting rooms that create a professional environment for delegates to work in. Please note that we do not provide accommodation for schools, whether they are located within or outside of Nicosia. But you can find accommodation suggestions in our website.

Debate

MEDIMUN offers participants a valuable opportunity to hone their public speaking and persuasive skills through spirited debates. With a diverse range of committees, including the four General Assembly Committees, the Historical Security Council, the Security Council, and the Commission on the Status of Women, we cover a wide spectrum of themes and topics. This ensures that every participant's interests are catered to, sparking excitement and passion for lively debates.



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The Agenda

A comprehensive list of the topics and issues to be debated at MEDIMUN's 20th annual session

To participate in special committees, such as the Security Council, Historical Security Council, International Court of Justice, schools can enroll for a maximum of 2 additional delegate spaces, and the students will be accordingly allocated to the mentioned three committees. Previous Model United Nations (MUN) experience is necessary for these committees, as they involve complex diplomatic discussions and procedures.



COMMITTEES

General Assembly 1 (GA1)

Disarmament and International Security

GA1 tries to establish international peace and security through reducing the possibility of armed conflict.

Topic One

The question of devising transformative approaches in tackling the spread of illicit small arms and light weapons (SALW's)

Topic Three

The question of ensuring compliance and strengthening mechanisms surrounding the use of chemical and biological weapons

Topic Two

The question of safeguarding space and satellite security



COMMITTEES

General Assembly 2 (GA2)

Environmental, Financial and Economic Development

GA1 tries to establish international peace and security through reducing the possibility of armed conflict.

Topic One

The question of illicit drug trade destabilising the global economy

Topic Two

The question of enhancing the benefits of globalisation on developing nations

Topic Three

The question of strengthening international cooperation in response to natural disasters



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COMMITTEES

General Assembly 3 (GA3)

Social, Humanitarian and Cultural

GA3 deals with social issues and all areas of human rights, ultimately aiming to improve living standards for all the world's people.

Topic One

The question of the impact of Artificial Intelligence technology on the creative industry and cultural identity

Topic Two

The question of providing safe and humane conditions for refugees

Topic Three

The question of the protection of cultural heritage in times of war



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COMMITTEES

General Assembly 4 (GA4)

Legal Committee

GA4 will stimulate the interest of future lawyers, as it looks at legislation at the national, regional and global level, with the aim of detecting gaps or weaknesses.

Topic One

The question of revising and enhancing data protection and privacy laws in regards to minors

Topic Two

The question of developing effective measures to enhance the protection and security of diplomatic representatives

Topic Three

The question of working towards the elimination of crimes against women and girls committed in the name of honour



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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Historical Security Council (HSC)

In an attempt to highlight the importance of learning from the past and avoiding all those errors which have cost the world dearly, MEDIMUN includes the Historical Security Council (HSC) in its committees. The HSC is essentially a simulation of the Security Council, but instead of discussing current topics of the world agenda, it revisits old problems and considers all the aspects related to them as if they were happening now.

The HSC discussions are based on historical facts; yet participants will be required to formulate their own solutions to the topics on the agenda without considering the eventual outcome as this actually happened.

This committee will most strongly appeal to creative delegates with a particular interest in world history. Previous MUN Experience is necessary for this committee.

Topic One:

The Cuban Missile crisis 1962

Topic Two:

The Sino-Indian war 1962



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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Security Council (SC)

The Security Council is the most powerful element of the United Nations. Its purpose is to maintain international peace and security in accordance with the principles of the UN, investigating any disputes that could lead to international conflict. With the existence of a threat to peace, the Council could take military action against an aggressor, or call for the Member States to apply measures which do not involve force, such as economic sanctions. The Council also formulates plans for the establishment of a system to regulate armaments.

Previous MUN Experience is necessary for this committee.

Topic One

The situation in Myanmar

Topic Two

The situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo



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NEW THIS YEAR

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

International Court of Justice (ICJ)

The International Court of Justice has been reintroduced this year as one of our special committees, whose function is to review and resolve disputes between states in line with international law. The committee's judges aim to reach a verdict through a final deliberation where evidence presented to the court by relevant parties is discussed.

This committee will most strongly appeal to delegates with a particular interest in international law, current affairs and legal procedure.

Previous MUN Experience is necessary for this committee.

Topic

Legal implications of Catalonia's independence bid from Spain.



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Expectations

To ensure a professional and high-standard conference, all participants are expected to meet the following criteria

- Proficiency in English: Delegates should possess a strong command of the English language, necessary for formal resolution writing and effective debating.
- Interest in International Affairs: Participants should demonstrate a keen interest in and knowledge of global issues and international affairs.
- Research Skills: The ability and enthusiasm to conduct in-depth research on assigned topics are crucial for effective participation.
- Age Range: Delegates should be between 15 and 19 years of age.

Delegate Selection Procedures

MUN Directors are responsible for conducting delegate selection procedures. These procedures may include interviews or essays to ensure that delegates possess the qualities listed above.

Preparing Delegates for Success:

MUN Directors are encouraged to take proactive steps in preparing their delegates for the conference

- Leverage Experienced Students: Incorporate experienced MUN students to mentor and support first-time delegates, helping them navigate the MUN experience effectively.
- Utilize Provided Resources: Make use of the materials and resources provided by MEDIMUN to educate delegates about Model United Nations (MUN) procedures and expectations.
- Detailed Conference Information: Provide detailed information about the conference, including insights from previous Annual Sessions, to help delegates understand the context and objectives.
- Assist with Research: Support participants in their resolution drafting and research on MUN and UN-related topics.
- Group Country Presentations: Schedule group presentations where delegates can share insights about their assigned countries to enhance their understanding of international perspectives.



THE PROGRAMME

7th of February

08:00 - Registration and delegation photos of schools

09:00 - Start of conference. Lobbying and resolution drafting. Special committees in session 11:30

12:30 - Formal opening of the conference

16:30 - Lobbying and resolution drafting. Special committees in session

18:00 - Day ends

8th of February

08:30 - Arrival at conference and conference photo

09:00 - GAs and Special committees in session

18:00 - Day ends

9th of February

09:00 - Plenary Session Starts

11:30 - Plenary Session Ends

12:00 - Closing Ceremony

13:00 - The End

The Programme is subject to change



APPENDIX

DELEGATIONS

Afghanistan	Cuba	Kazakhstan	Singapore
Albania	Denmark	Kuwait	Slovenia (SC)
Algeria (SC)	Democratic-People's Republic of Korea	Lebanon	Somalia
Angola		Liberia	South Korea (SC)
Argentina	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Madagascar	South Africa
Armenia	Ecuador (SC)	Malaysia	Spain
Australia	Estonia	Malta (SC)	Sweden
Austria	Ethiopia	Mexico	Switzerland (SC)
Azerbaijan	France (SC)	Mozambique (SC)	Thailand
Bahrain	Gabon	Myanmar	The Netherlands
Bangladesh	Georgia	Nicaragua	Tunisia
Belgium	Germany	Niger	Uruguay
Brazil	Guyana (SC)	Nigeria	United Arab Emirates
Bolivia	Hungary	Norway	United Kingdom (SC)
Bulgaria	India	Pakistan-Islamic	United States (SC)
Cambodia	Indonesia	Panama	Ukraine
Cameroon	Iran	Paraguay	Venezuela
Canada	Ireland	Russian Federation (SC)	Vietnam
Chad	Japan (SC)	Saudi Arabia	Zimbabwe
Chile	Jordan	Sierra Leone (SC)	
China (SC)	Kenya		

SC: Security Council



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