



MODEL UNITED NATIONS OF MALMÖ

Research Report Guide

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Introduction

Dear chairs,

First of all, it is our absolute pleasure to welcome you to the Chairs Team of Model United Nations of Malmö 2017.

We hope you are as excited as we are to start working on the academic preparation for the conference as MUNOM gets closer and closer.

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.

In the following months, we will also be providing you with a more developed guide to chairing, including the official MUNOM Rules of Procedure and Approval Panel Information as well as 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 inhabit a position of great responsibility and authority. You will be responsible for leading successful debates and fully supporting your delegates in the committee without forgetting to keep an enjoyable atmosphere for everyone!

Sincerely,

Sofia De Martin - Secretary General

Lisa Person - Deputy Secretary General & President of the ECOSOC

Jakob Magnusson - President of the General Assembly

Executive Team

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MUNOM 2017 Agenda and Chairs

1st Committee – *Disarmament and International Security*

Main Chair: Jakob Magnusson

Deputy Chair: Amanda Albien

- Regulation of the military use of drones
- Reducing the trade of small arms and light weapons (SALWs)
- Preventing the use of child soldiers

2nd Committee – *Economic and Financial*

Main Chair: Mariya Gogenko

Deputy Chair: Júlia Reino Rosengren

- Putting an end to money laundering as a means of funding of terrorist organisations
- Increasing possibilities for youth employment to prevent recruitment into terrorist groups
- Improving access to micro-loans with emphasis on ensuring food security

3rd Committee – *Social and Humanitarian*

Main Chair: Clarissa Schmal

Deputy Chair: Oliver Almanzi Elm

- Combating manifestations of xenophobia
- Protecting the human rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Improving access to healthcare in African LEDCs

4th Committee - *Special Political and Decolonisation*

Main Chair: Alexia Carratala

Deputy Chair: Simon Logan Andersen

- Breaking the link between conflict diamonds and armed conflict
- Protection of NGO and IGO staff deployed in conflict situations
- Improving orphan care in post-conflict states



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6th Committee - *Legal*

Main Chair: Thomas P. Sørensen

Deputy Chair: Lidia Forsberg

- Creating a global framework for processing asylum requests
- Prosecuting criminal offences and sexual abuses committed by DPKO staff
- The implementation of a UN standing combat brigade

Commission on the Status of Women

President: Judith Jahnke

Vice-President: Rida Hamandi

- Putting an end to sex trafficking
- Ensuring the safety of women in conflict situations
- Ensuring equal employment opportunities for women in LEDCs

Commission on Sustainable Development

President: Filippa Hemmestorp

Vice-President: Hassan Eldaweibi

- Combating the global loss of biodiversity due to habitat destruction
- The development of renewable energy at affordable prices to foster states' energy independence
- Regulating the global trade of GMOs

Security Council

President: Sten Agnefjäll

Vice-President: Daria Slavnova

- Defeating Terrorist organisation in the Middle East with emphasis on ISIL
- Resolving the dispute in the South China Sea
- Nuclear disarmament in the DPRK



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General Information

- Deadline for the Research Reports: 15 September
- Each pair of chairs is expected to write one research report for every topic on the agenda for their committee or commission.
- Usually, the main chair/president will write two reports and the deputy chair/vice-president write one. However, it is completely up to the pair of chairs how to split up the work.
- Regardless of what topic you decide to write your research report on, both chairs must have a detailed knowledge about all their topics, and must be able to assist delegates within 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 are encouraged to be used when appropriate.
- A standard research report is usually between 1000 and 2000 words. Although this is not a set minimum or maximum, we are aiming to keep them around this length.
- If you have any questions regarding the research reports, please don't hesitate to contact us at any time and we will be happy to respond to you.

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Writing a Research Report

Introduction

In the introduction of your research report make sure that you clarify anything that is unclear regarding the topic. Think of this as an extension of the topic that is included in MUNOM's agenda. The key components 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 things that might seem easy to you since a lot of our delegates will be first timers. 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 for example, feel free to use a timeline to structure the key events. Other than that, titles and sub-titles are 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, intergovernmental organisations (IGOs), non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and specific countries or nations if relevant. When identifying a stakeholder make sure to not only mention it but to also develop their position within the issue. Differentiate between their specific interests and motivations to shape the matter at hand. Complement this by



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making sure to clarify what they are actually capable of doing, explaining what is in their power and at what level they will act, whether it is local, national, or international. Finally, outline what actions each stakeholder has already taken and what might be expected of them in the future.

Relevant UN Treaties, Resolutions, and Reports

Here you must simply provide a list of relevant UN documents, including the title, when they were written, and a link to the full document.

Previous Attempts to Solve the Issue

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

Possible Solutions

Lastly, 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. We want to give the delegates the responsibility of translating this into an achievable task by the United Nations that they will present in a resolution format.

Useful Sources

In this section simply include a list of sources which might be useful for the delegates to read. Provide a brief explanation of what information the source can offer – this does not need to be longer than one sentence – as well as the link to the source.

Bibliography

Every source that you have used to write this report should be cited at the end of this report.