



Model Arab League

Student Leadership Development Program from the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations



Handbook Appendix for Online Conferences

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On Personal Behavior--from page 9 of the Model Arab League Handbook

“The Model Arab League is a formal diplomatic simulation. All participants are expected to maintain the highest levels of decorum and professionalism during all conference-related events and activities. The National Council maintains the authority to eject violators of the behavior and professional conduct policies established herein.

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The use of crude, offensive, derogatory, or abusive language will not be tolerated, whether within or without the context of delegate role-playing. The repercussions for such language will be at the discretion of the National Council Representative(s), including expulsion from the program. In the case of physical violence of any kind, local police will be contacted.”

The Model Arab League will continue to uphold high standards of personal behavior while engaging in online conferences. All participants are expected to practice professional video conferencing etiquette, such as muting their personal microphone when they are not actively speaking, not congesting the in-conference chat feature with discussions that are not germane to both the council as a whole and the topic currently being discussed, and remaining mindful of their on-camera environment. It is not required for participants to have their video continuously on, but all participants are encouraged to do so as face-to-face communication remains still a hallmark of the Model Arab League experience.

On Dress Code--from page 9 of the Model Arab League Handbook

“While in session, all conference attendees must dress in professional attire appropriate for formal diplomatic discussions. For men, a dress shirt, tie, slacks, and jacket are appropriate. For women, dresses, suits, or slacks and blouses are acceptable. Revealing or immodest clothing, at the discretion of the National Council Representative(s), is not acceptable. Under no circumstances should jeans, t-shirts, tennis shoes, athletic wear, baseball caps, or shorts be worn during Plenary Session, Council Sessions, or Summit Session without the express permission of the conference organizers. Traditional dress from the region is also prohibited.

Dress code violations may result in temporary expulsion from a session, removal as an officer, or, if the problem persists, permanent expulsion from the conference. Under most circumstances, changing into appropriate attire grants a return to participation.”

All participants are expected to maintain a level of professionalism in their attire for online conferencing as described by the current Model Arab League Handbook.

On Pre-Written Resolutions--from page 10 of the Model Arab League Handbook

“In the spirit of diplomacy and accuracy of role-playing, pre-written resolutions are prohibited. A pre-written resolution is defined as a complete working paper written by a single country delegation prior to the start of a conference which has been designed to pass in a Council vote without debate or revision.

A key goal of the MAL program is to develop strong leadership skills among its participants, including working collaboratively, making compromises, and negotiating to protect national interests. None of this is possible if the work of writing resolutions is done by individuals outside of the Council

environment. Further, resolutions written by only one country will inherently not reflect the will of the body, but rather a single delegation, and thus break the cardinal rule of in-character role-playing described above.

Before attending a Model, all delegates are strongly encouraged to write position papers. A position paper is a short summary of a country's position on the Agenda topics, usually in paragraph format.

The paper should mention the issue at hand, and lay out the country's opinions and policy objectives along with the delegate's proposed solutions. Keeping in mind the prohibition on pre-written resolutions and maintaining the spirit of debate, delegates are nonetheless invited to include sample clauses for potential resolutions. This might include language that reflects the interests of one country or enumerates a specific policy suggestion, but does not comprise a fully formed resolution."

All participants are expected to continue to uphold the current expectations as described in the Model Arab League Handbook. Furthermore, all delegates are strongly urged to refrain from anonymously editing online conference documents (such as draft resolutions). Conference and debate preparation should reflect the same level from years past, as online conferencing is not intended to diminish the educational aspect of the Model Arab League in any way.

At Model Conduct Violation Submission Form

[Click Here](#) or follow this link: <http://bit.ly/MALViolation>

If there is any conduct issue that you believe requires immediate attention, please feel free to use contact information below - our team is always available to support you.

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