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Welcome Letter

Honourable Delegates to the Seventeenth University for Peace Model United Nations Conference,

On behalf of the Faculty of UPEACE, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to our campus for what we hope will be an intellectually stimulating three days of diplomacy and international collaboration. As you work together to find solutions to some of the most challenging global issues faced by the international community, I also hope that you will take this opportunity to have fun and build friendships while also becoming familiar with points of order and complex voting procedures.

The University for Peace is proud of our long history and deep connection with the United Nations System. As you may know, we were created by General Assembly Resolution 35/55, a document very similar similar to those that you will be developing and voting on in your different committees during this conference. So, if you are looking for a clear example of the concrete results that a UN Resolution can have, consider where we are and what we are doing now. Indeed, in many ways, this conference is a direct embodiment of the spirit of international diplomacy and peace that led first to the establishment of the United Nations System and later to this University. It is a source of great inspiration to know that this tradition continues with you, the participants of UPMUNC, who represent the next generation of international peacemakers.

UPMUNC is a student-led event, and it has been my honour to work with this year’s student organizers, the Secretariat, from our Honourable Secretary General and Under Secretary Generals to the Esteemed Chairs and Directors of each Committee, who have all bravely taken on the challenges of bringing a large event like this to life, and have (so far) overcome every logistical obstacle with energy and enthusiasm. As in previous years, we have also been supported by excellent work of the Administration of the University for Peace, particularly the Rector and Dean’s offices, the General Services Unit, the Academic Departments, the Cafeteria staff, and many others whose dedication has made this conference and our work for peace and international cooperation possible.

This year, we have received the generous support of the Embassies of the Swiss Confederation and the Peoples Republic of China, whose contributions have been absolutely essential to the realization of this special event at the University for Peace. On behalf of UPEACE, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Swiss and Chinese Delegations to Costa Rica, for their support of this conference, and for all of their efforts towards peace and diplomacy.

To all of the conference participants, I would like to offer you another warm welcome to UPMUNC 2019, and wish you all the best for a successful and productive diplomatic experience.

Ross Ryan
Faculty Advisor to UPMUNC 2019
Distinguished members of the Secretariat,
Honourable delegates,
Dear friends,

It is my greatest joy and honour to welcome you to the 17th annual edition of UPMUNC, the Model United Nations of the University for Peace.

Our team has worked tirelessly to bring you this conference. And we have done so because we believe in it. We believe that MUNs are a powerful way to connect people, to create understanding across cultures, and to build bridges between ideas. MUNs –and we hope that you will discover, UPMUNC in particular– are a place to stimulate not only tolerance and respect, but also understanding. Here, we cannot avoid what we do not like: we challenge it, and, through dialogue, we find solutions.

UPMUNC is at an intersection. It is where the global meets the local, where opposites sit at the same table, sometimes side by side. It is where languages, ideas, and individuals cross paths. For 17 years, UPMUNC has continued to create new intersections, so as to further an agenda of understanding, of passion, and desire to improve. Today, we come together to achieve exactly that, we put ourselves in uncomfortable situations because that is how we learn. Above all, UPMUNC is a place where we learn from each other, and we also teach each other.

What I want you to get out of this year’s UPMUNC is discovery and joy. I want you to discover the minds of the people around you, their ideas, and to get a new perspective on issues a thousand times discussed. I also want you to enjoy that process, to enjoy the social events as much as the formal sessions, and to enjoy going home with new thoughts to mull over.

I finally want to thank everyone who has worked throughout the year to make this possible: our amazing team of Chairs and Directors, the faculty and other personnel of UPEACE who has at any point helped us with a smile, and especially Prof. Ross Ryan and my two fantastic Under-Secretary Generals. We hope to meet, and perhaps exceed, your expectations for this conference.

With my warmest regards,

Alberto Pineda Alcántara
Secretary General.
Dear delegates,

With the constant improvement of communication technologies, easier transportation of materials around the world, the rise of global banking, increased trade agreements, the proportion of people living in absolute poverty has fallen; the world is riding a wave of optimism. However, history had simply been frozen in some places and when the old order melted away, the new threats and challenges have emerged. Lack of clarity in power relations led progressively to greater predictability and impunity. In the new era, we see the growing instability, social unrest and even violence and conflict still exist in many societies. Conflicts have become more complex and interlinked than ever before. With the rapid globalization and economic development, the growing of social inequality and injustice has deepened the divide between people and political establishments.

The United Nations may have been born from war, but today we must be here for peace.

There is no way to peace, peace is the way. As the new generation of the world, it is our responsibility to contribute ourselves to fixes the existing inequality and instability, to achieve the general goals and working together to realize the better future. Change must happen and that change begins with us. This Model United Nations Conference is the first step towards that change. Be brave, be strong. Never stop trying and never lost confidence. Taking the global leadership from here, and sharing responsibilities for the peaceful, equitable and sustainable future.

As the UPMUNC family, we look forward to seeing you in March, as we hope that this conference will provide you with a broader perspective, help you become more confident, knowledgeable and self-aware individuals. I hope that our months of hard work will exceed your expectations, and that we will send you away with a memorable experience you will remember for a lifetime.

¡Pura Vida!

Ge Guo
Under-Secretary General.
Dear Honorable Deleguates,

What is peace? Where does peace start? Broad questions, isn’t it?

You will find hundreds of answers to them. Brilliant minds from the ancient Greeks or Hindu philosophers to the very creators of this field of study, all have had different opinions about how to address them. Working together, each one has added his stone to the monument, gathering their perspective to build what is now called the field of Peace and Conflict Studies.

 Somehow similar, somehow different, those stones are a mix of colors and heights. As the Machu Picchu has found its way through the ages, they are elements of a solid structure, bigger than their self, each one adding to the strength of the others.

From my point of view, peace is a way of life, peace is in every of our actions, in every of our thoughts. Actually, peace starts right now, with this conference, by permitting bright minds from all over the world to experience diplomacy. As you will find your way out of the struggle for peaceful and collaborative solutions, each of you will become a better version of yourself, more prepared, more mature. The topics have been chosen consciously and represent some of the biggest issues in today’s world, I am looking forward to read your resolutions.

For that, I am absolutely delighted to invite you to the 17th iteration of the Model United Nation Conference at the United Nation mandated University for Peace where peace, more than a concept, is a tradition.

In Peace,

Your Under Secretary General

Marie Sender
Dress Code:

Dressing professionally and appropriately is an important aspect of Model UN preparations. In addition to being polite and having proper manners, dressing appropriately shows respect for the nation you are representing, for your fellow delegates and for the United Nations.

There are two appropriate ways of dressing for UPMUNC:

1. **Traditional Attire** (for the country you represent)
2. **Traditional Business Attire**

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*Tips: For suits and skirts, darker colour are best. Necklace and earrings are acceptable but not too flashy. Simple and professional makeup only.*
**General Duties of Delegates**

Delegates possess the diplomatic and representative authority necessary to discuss, negotiate, and vote on resolutions and reports on behalf of their governments. Delegates do not have the power to declare war, sign treaties, or impose sanctions, unless authorized by a higher national authority via diplomatic correspondence.

Delegates must respect the decisions of the Dais, and be recognized by the Chair before speaking.

Delegates are expected to protect and advocate for their country's national interests, to act according to the true foreign policy of their governments, and to observe diplomatic decorum at all times.

All participants (including NGO and Media representatives) are expected to behave courteously and professionally throughout the conference.

For more information regarding the duties and functions of Delegates and other participants, as well as detailed explanations of the processes and procedures that guide debate and the formulation of outcome documents, please refer to the companion document: UPMUNC 2019 Rules of Procedure.

**Awards**

**Honourable mentions (one or two)**

Honourable mentions awards are reserved for delegates who demonstrate a high level of preparation and thoughtful participation throughout committee sessions and debates. The number of honourable mentions that will be granted is under the discretion of the Secretariat.

**Best delegate awards (each)**

A limited number of best delegate awards will be granted to delegates who distinguish themselves as excellent representatives of their government or organization and succeed in shaping the outcome of the conference through creative and realistic diplomacy that serves the interests of their own government or organization as well as those of the international community.

*To qualify for any awards, delegates must submit their position paper on time, attend all sessions; and show proper diplomatic decorum. Disqualifying behaviours include plagiarism and the violation of diplomatic correspondence. Delegate awards are presented by the Secretariat during the closing ceremony.*
Committees and Topics

UN Security Council (UNSC) (English)
(1) The situation in Cameroon.
(2) Revisiting the UN Military Staff Committee: developing the mandate of the UN Charter articles 45-47.

Consejo de Seguridad (Español)
(1) La situación en Camerún: frenar la escalada de violencia, soluciones sostenibles para mantener la paz.
(2) Revisando el Comité de Estado Mayor: desarrollar el mandato del artículo 45 de la Carta de las Naciones Unidas.

Human Rights Council (HRC) (English)
(1) Human Rights violations by Private Military Companies.
(2) Human Rights violations & sexual violence by international actors in Yemen.

Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC, 1st Committee of the GA) (English)
(1) Gender, science & technology in the context of international security & disarmament.
(2) Disarmament of Non-State Conflict Actors in Central America.

Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee of the GA) (English)
(1) Youth as catalysts for Peace, Security & Humanitarian Action.
(2) Education for every migrant, refugee, & displaced child.

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) (English)
(1) Indigenous peoples at the forefront of climate change.
(2) Natural Resource Management in Conflict Zones

Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe (CEPAL) (Español)
(1) La Situación en Venezuela: Pobreza e inestabilidad económica.
(2) La dimensión regional de la Agenda 2030 para el Desarrollo Sostenible.
Samples

Preambulatory phrase:

The preamble of a draft resolution states the reasons for which the committee is addressing the topic and highlights past international action on the issue. Each clause begins with a present participle (called a preambulatory phrase) and ends with a comma.

Sample Preambulatory Phrases

- Acknowledging
- Acting
- Affirming
- Alarmed by
- Alarmed
- Anxious
- Appreciating
- Approving
- Aware of
- Bearing in mind
- Believing
- Cognizant
- Concerned
- Confident
- Conscious
- Considering
- Contemplating
- Convinced
- Declaring
- Deeply concerned
- Deeply conscious
- Deeply convinced
- Deeply disturbed
- Deeply regretting
- Deploring
- Desiring
- Determined
- Emphasizing
- Encouraged
- Expecting
- Expressing appreciation
- Noting with approval
- Expressing concern also
- Expressing concern
- Expressing its appreciation
- Expressing its satisfaction
- Expressing satisfaction
- Firmly convinced
- Fulfilling
- Fully alarmed
- Fully aware
- Fully believing
- Further deploring
- Further recalling
- Guided by
- Having adopted
- Having considered
- Having considered further
- Having devoted attention
- Having examined
- Having heard
- Having received
- Having reviewed
- Having studied
- Having adopted
- Having approved
- Having considered
- Having decided
- Keeping in mind
- Mindful
- Noting
- Noting further
- Noting with deep concern
- Noting with regret
- Noting with satisfaction
- Observing
- Reaffirming
- Reaffirming also
- Realizing
- Recalling
- Recalling also
- Recognizing
- Recognizing also
- Recognizing with satisfaction
- Referring
- Regretting
- Reiterating
- Reiterating its call for
- Reminding
- Seeking
- Seized
- Stressing
- Taking into account
- Taking into consideration
- Taking note
- Taking note also
- Taking note further
- Underlining
- Viewing with appreciation
- Viewing with apprehension
- Welcoming
- Welcoming also
Operative Phrases

Operative clauses offer solutions to issues addressed earlier in a resolution through the perambulatory section. These clauses are action oriented and should include both an underlined verb at the beginning of your sentence followed by the proposed solution.

Sample Operative Phrases

Accepts  Further invites
Acknowledges  Further proclaims
Adopts  Further recommends
Advises  Further reminds
Affirms  Further requests
Also calls for  Further resolves
Also recommends  Has resolved
Also strongly condemns  Instructs
Also urges  Introduces
Appeals  Invites
Appreciates  Notes
Approves  Notes with satisfaction
Authorizes  Proclaims
Calls  Reaffirms
Calls for  Recalls
Calls upon  Recognizes
Commends  Recommends
Concurs  Regrets
Condemns  Reiterates
Confirms  Reminds
Congratulates  Renews its appeal
Considers  Repeats
Decides  Requests
Declares  Requires
Declares accordingly  Solemnly affirms
Demands  Stresses
Deplores  Strongly advises
Designates  Strongly condemns
Directs  Strongly encourages
Draws the attention  Suggests
Emphasizes  Supports
Encourages  Takes note of
Endorses  Transmits
Expresses its appreciation  Trusts
Expresses its hope  Underlines
Expresses its regret
Draft Resolution (Sample)
Fragment of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/70/248/V

Sponsors:
Signatories:
Committee:
Topic:
Submitted by:

The United Nations General Assembly:

Recalling section II of its resolution 60/283, its resolutions 63/262, 63/269 of 7 April 2009 and 64/243, section XVII of its resolution 65/259, its resolution 66/246, section I of its resolution 67/254 A of 12 April 2013, section XV of its resolution 68/247 A and section II of its resolution 69/262,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the status of implementation of the information and communications technology strategy for the United Nations and the related report of the Advisory Committee,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. Underlines the importance of information and communications technology in meeting the growing demands of the Organization and of its role as a key enabler for business transformation initiatives at the global level and for the harmonization of services across duty stations and field missions;
4. Also underlines the importance of information and communications technology in strengthening oversight and accountability and in increasing the availability of accurate and timely information to support decision-making, and encourages the continuing efforts of the Office of Information and Communications Technology of the Department of Management of the Secretariat in this regard;
5. Notes the progress achieved in implementing the elements of the information and communications technology strategy, emphasizes the importance of the full and timely implementation of the strategy across the Organization, and requests the Secretary-General, in the context of the next progress report, to provide updated information on, inter alia, its implementation, timeline, goals, benchmarks and deliverables, in order to measure its performance, and on qualitative and quantitative benefits and risk management and mitigation mechanisms, as well as on measures to reduce fragmentation;
6. Expresses concern at the lack of information and analysis on information and communications technology resources for peacekeeping in the report, and requests the Secretary-General to conduct a comprehensive assessment of information and communications technology as requested in section II of its resolution 69/262, taking into account the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and to present an indicative, five-year, overall information and communications technology budget projection for the Secretariat in the context of the next progress report;

[...]
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- In case of a sudden illness, exacerbation of any underlying chronic condition or any general health complaint, please book an appointment at the Health Services Office through your conference support staff.

- In case of accidents, please contact your conference support staff or any UPEACE Staff Member and request assistance in informing the Health Services Office, and they will come to your location.

Services will be coordinated according to the client’s insurance coverage or personal means, therefore, we advise all visiting conference participants to purchase travel insurance for the duration