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INVITATION LETTER

Respected Principal,

The Model United Nations Society has proudly upheld the legacy and reputation of Lahore Grammar School 55 Main since its inception in 2012. We have successfully hosted five editions of the 55MUN conference. We warmly invite you to join us for the sixth edition of our Model United Nations Conference on October 11th, 12th, and 13th, 2024.

This year, we offer 9 diverse committees with various agendas. By participating in high-level debates, engaging in discussions through speakers and panels, and connecting with students from other institutions, we hope delegates will spark their interest in international affairs. Our goal is to create an environment that promotes constructive thinking and effective diplomacy. We aim to establish 55MUN as a respected and significant part of the global academic community.

Our conference is based on the principles of the UN Charter, focusing on three main purposes:

- 1. Maintaining worldwide peace and security
- 2. Developing relations among nations
- 3. Fostering cooperation to solve economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian international problems.

We believe your institution's participation will enrich the discussion and fully embody the principles of 55MUN. This year's conference will address the critical effects of the need for resources and explore steps for recovery and development. Delegates will gain a strong understanding of the issues facing developing and underdeveloped nations while growing in the international community. In addition to intense debates, this three-day event will offer opportunities for delegates to interact outside the debate floor. We have planned some exciting social events and engaging committee sessions, ensuring that every moment spent at 55MUN VI will be memorable.

CONFERENCE THEME

The 55MUN team is well renowned for selecting a theme each year to truly encapsulate the vision behind each edition of our conference. This year, the theme around which debate will revolve is "Revolution Versus Reform."

At 55MUN VI, throughout the discourse of debate at the conference, delegates will be expected to address one essential question not only through their documentation, but through dialogue and diplomacy: "In what cases is an armed rebellion in the face of adversity justified and in what cases can the international community do its job and bring about that reform?" This prompt will explore two nuances: when is reform a viable path, and when does the right to self-defense necessitate a more drastic response?

History offers a complex tapestry regarding this phenomenon; multiple revolutions have overthrown dictators, but also descended into chaos. The international community has a responsibility to intervene, but forceful action often breeds resentment. Be it the American, French, or Cuban Revolutions they have all played an essential role in shaping the world we live in today.

Navigating this complex landscape requires a refined and focussed approach, where peaceful reform is our primary objective, but the right to resist brutal oppression is never entirely extinguished. The challenge our delegates will face will be to strike a balance between these two outlooks, by considering both, their impacts and outcomes.

COMMITTEES

I. UNSC: The United Nations Security Council



The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is responsible for maintaining international peace and security. It meets whenever peace is threatened and has primary responsibility for maintaining peace. The UNSC makes decisions that member states must implement and has 15 members, including 5 permanent members. It is responsible for admitting new members and imposing sanctions. The UNSC works to prevent conflict and promote disarmament, and its decisions are binding on all member states.

II. DISEC: The Disarmament and International Security Committee



The Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC) deals with disarmament and international security matters. It considers all disarmament and international security matters and works to strengthen stability through lower levels of armaments. DISEC promotes cooperative arrangements and measures and seeks solutions to international security challenges. It works closely with the UN Disarmament Commission and is the only Main Committee with verbatim records coverage. DISEC's work is crucial in promoting international peace and security.

III. SOCHUM: The Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee



The Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (SOCHUM) examines human rights questions and reports. It discusses social, humanitarian, and cultural issues, focusing on the advancement of women, children, and indigenous issues. SOCHUM addresses refugee treatment, racism, and self-determination, and examines social development questions like youth and family issues. The committee promotes fundamental freedoms and human rights, working to eliminate discrimination and promote equality.

IV. CEDAW: Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women



The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) defines discrimination against women and sets an agenda for national action. Established by the UN General Assembly in 1979, CEDAW aims to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women. It consists of a preamble and 30 articles, defining discrimination as any distinction or restriction based on sex. CEDAW seeks to promote women's rights and equality, monitoring implementation and progress.

V. NATO: North Atlantic Treaty Organization



The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was founded in response to Soviet expansionism and European instability. NATO seeks to deter Soviet expansionism and promote European integration, providing a framework for political and military cooperation. It promotes democratic values and individual liberty, comprising 30 member countries from North America and Europe. NATO works to promote stability and security in the North Atlantic area, encouraging cooperation on defense and security issues.

VI. ECOSOC: Economic and Social Council



The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) links UN entities and subsidiary bodies for sustainable development, providing overall guidance and coordination. ECOSOC facilitates intergovernmental discussions on global issues, establishes global normative frameworks, and offers a platform for dialogue among policymakers and stakeholders. It promotes partnership and participation with non-governmental organizations, working to translate development commitments into real changes.

VII. ICJ: International Court of Justice



The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. It settles legal disputes submitted by states and gives advisory opinions, composed of 15 judges elected for 9-year terms. The ICJ's seat is at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, with English and French as its official languages. Assisted by a Registry, its administrative organ, the ICJ works to settle disputes in accordance with international law.

VIII. PNA: Pakistan National Assembly



The Pakistan National Assembly (PNA) is the sovereign legislative body of Pakistan, embodying the will of the people to be governed democratically. The PNA makes laws for the Federation and exercises control of expenditure, scrutinizing public spending through its Public Accounts Committee. Comprising members elected by direct and free vote, the PNA works to ensure the government functions within constitutional parameters, promoting diversity and representation of federating units.

IX. Crisis



Crisis Committees are fast-paced MUN simulations where delegates take on influential roles, navigating complex global issues. Through strategic alliances, quick thinking, and diplomacy, they vie for dominance, seeking to emerge with the most social, political, or economic power. The Crisis Committee at 55MUN VI will test the delegates' ability to improvise, draft and adequately respond to crises on the spot.

COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

Conduct during Committee Sessions:

Delegates are expected to respect the speaker on the floor and to follow the instructions outlined by the Chairs of the committee.

When speaking, delegates should stand up and remain standing until the speaker has finished answering their inquiries.

Delegates may not speak out of turn, and as such, may speak only when they are yielded the floor.

Delegates should always use the Third Person when speaking to one another. Terms such as "Honorable speaker and fellow delegate" must be used and speakers should never address each other using informal speech such as "You" or "I". When presenting their speech, delegates must always address the chair and the house, for example "Honourable Chairs, Distinguished Delegates..."

Inappropriate or offensive language addressed toward any participant of the conference (fellow delegates, chair or staff) may result in expulsion from the committee session and/or from the conference depending on the gravity of the offence.

In maintaining diplomacy and formality, informal actions such as cheering etc, are strictly out of order.

Personal conflicts, apologies and affronts are not admissible, and will be deemed out of order, within a conference session.

With respect to Less Economically Developed Countries, they may be referred to formally as LEDCs, i.e. not "Third World Countries".

During the committee sessions, the only persons who are permitted to be in the committee rooms are the delegates, Chairpersons, members of the Secretariat, members of the Organizing Committee, members of the Press team or accredited guests.

Position Papers:

All delegates are expected to prepare for the conference by reading the Study Guides written by the dais members of each committee. Furthermore, delegates are expected to conduct thorough research on their country's stance and policy on the agenda items.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

There is no limit to the number of teams sent by one institute.

- Each team must consist of a minimum of 6 delegates and a maximum of 9 delegates.
- The United Nations Security Council at 55MUN VI will have a delegate cap of 20 delegates.
- Only students currently enrolled in 0 level/Matric or A levels/FSc will be considered eligible to participate.
- No private delegations will be permitted.
- The head of delegation is required to register all teams from their institution via a google form on our website: 55munvi.com
- Each individual team must also appoint a head delegate who is to mentioned clearly in the registration forms. The head delegates will be coordinating regarding their team with the registrations department of 55MUN VI.
- A confirmation email will be sent to the head of delegation with received details of their institute's teams to confirm their registration.
- Any changes in the teams registered should be addressed to 55MUN V's Executive Council or the Registrations Heads one week prior to the event.
- 2 invigilators from each institute are allowed for supervision. Their details must be entered in the registration form as required. The invigilators will go through an ID-check before entering the school premises. Anyone who fails to identify themselves or whose details are not given in the registration form will not be allowed to enter.
- Each participant must abide by the Code of Conduct.
- Any participant that fails to abide by the Code of Conduct shall be disqualified from the conference.
- The cumulative payment of the delegate fees and delegation fees must be made within a week of receiving the registration form submission confirmation email from our email address.
- It is the responsibility of the delegation that the payment is received by the host team of 55MUN VI.
- Allotments of countries and personalities will take place after the payment has been received.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

- An email will be sent to the head of the delegation containing all the countries and personalities allotted to the teams of their institution.
- The host team reserves the right to alter event rules and procedures if need be.
- All decisions made will be deemed final.

Early Bird Registrations

• Begin: 9th August 2024

• Deadline: 1st September 2024

• Early Bird Registration Fee per delegate: PKR 4000

• Team Fee: PKR 4500

Regular Registrations

- Begin: 21st August 2024
- Regular Registrations Phase 1 Deadline 6th August 2024
- Regular Registrations Phase 2 Deadline: 6th August 2024
- Phase 1 includes online registrations via Google Forms at
- Phase 2 entails submission of all forms (code of conduct), payments, and finalization of participating delegates.
- Regular Registration Fee per delegate: PKR 4500
- Team Fee: PKR 5000

Registration fee in the form of cash needs to be submitted at Lahore Grammar School 55 Main Gulberg

CODE OF CONDUCT

Please keep in mind the following unacceptable actions at 55MUN VI.

Language:

- Use of foul language or any actions promoting violence will lead to disqualification and removal from 55MUN VI and the 55 Main campus.
- All language towards fellow delegates and the 55MUN VI management team must be respectful and appropriate.

Equity Policy:

• Any attempt to gain an advantage through intimidation, discouraging remarks, sexual advances, or manipulation will result in disqualification of the delegation.

Behavior Towards the 55MUN VI Team:

• Decisions made by dais members are final and cannot be challenged. Arguing with the chairs will not be tolerated.

Harassment:

Harassment includes, but is not limited to, any form of abuse (verbal or physical):

- Threatening another participant.
- Displaying derogatory behavior.
- Offending or embarrassing another delegate (making any delegate feel uncomfortable).
- Sexual harassment (any verbal or physical gesture/remark/action towards another delegate on campus or through WhatsApp is strictly prohibited).
- Bullying another delegate.
- Discrimination based on gender, caste, color, sexual orientation, age, disability, educational background, or socio-economic status.

The Director General and Deputy Director General will oversee any equityrelated matters.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Complaint Procedure:

If any delegate wishes to report misbehavior of any sort, they may contact the Director General, Deputy Director Generals, or General Management Heads.

By signing this form you agree to have understood the code of conduct and accept that you take complete responsibility for your actions during the event.

I verify that I have read this document and I fully understand its contents. I acknowledge that this is the code of conduct and I am signing it off of my own free will.

Participant Name:

Institution Name:

Participant Signature:

Date:

The code of conduct must be emailed to the 55 MUN VI Registrations Department by 30th September 2024. More details are available in the registration form.

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