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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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# GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

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SOCHUM- Greece

DISEC - USA

ECOSOC - Mexico

Environment - UAE

Special Conference - Russia

Security Council - USA



**Quiz - What type of delegate are you?**

Q1) How many MUN conferences do you attend a year?

- a) 0-1
- b) 2-4
- c) 5-7
- d) More than 7

Q2) What do you enjoy most about MUN?

- a) The parties and events
- b) the debate
- c) The people I meet
- d) The award ceremony

Q3) When lobbying I

- a) join the first bloc that asks me
- b) join the bloc that suits my country
- c) try to make other countries join my bloc
- d) always succeed at making countries join my bloc

Q4) When speaking

- a) I don't
- b) I try to showcase my speech as well as possible even if it is not relevant
- c) I am too busy scribbling down notes to speak
- d) I try to attack

Q5) What is your go to MUN drink

- a) Starbucks
- b) Just water
- c) I don't drink anything
- d) Coffee for my nerves

Q6) How did you do to prepare for the conference?

- a) I looked for information on Wikipedia
- b) I wrote a detailed resolution on one topic
- c) I researched the other countries position on my topic to see who I could work with
- d) I wrote a resolution on every topic

Q7) What is your favourite committee?

- a) Human Rights
- b) Any committee
- c) Special Conference
- d) Security council

Q8) What accessory do you use at a conference?

- a) Nothing special
- b) A flag on my desk
- c) A pin
- d) A tie matching my countries flag

**Type 1: The bored delegate or the newbie (mostly a)**

You are really here for the MUN parties and events. You are not seen speaking often, but when you do, you make sure it is something entertaining. Maybe you are the newbie, who is trying to figure out what is going on.

**Type 2: The Orator (mostly b)**

You are really here to showcase your speaking skills. The debate is not what matters to you, only the quality of your speech does. You grab every opportunity to make a speech

**Type 3: The negotiator (mostly c)**

You work in the dark. The secret to your success is alliances with other delegates. It might not seem like it, but you always get what you want.

**Type 4: The award-seeker (mostly d)**

You would do anything to get what you most want. At the award ceremony you can be found lingering in the back and nervously fixing your tie. After every conference you wonder why it was not you, who won an award.



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# MEET THE SECRETARIES GENERAL

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Hi! My name is Alexia D'Arcy, and I'm 18 years old. My journey at MUN started back when I was in my second year, and my first conference was actually here at SAIMUN—but in an online version due to Covid-19. I remember I was representing Bhutan in the Human Rights Committee. My first in-person conference was in 2022 in Blackrock, Dublin, and ever since then, I think I have attended about 22 conferences.

Right now, I hold the position of Secretary General. So basically, I'm the highest-ranking official here, and I have to oversee the entire event to ensure that everything runs smoothly. I believe that I was given this job thanks to my years of experience and my love for organizing. I'm sure that I can share a lot of knowledge with other people, and I also work hard, so I believe that played a role in my selection, but I can't say for sure.

My favourite MUN memory has to be winning it last year with the same delegation I started with in 2022. That victory was really special for us. It was an emotional moment, and I have to say that some tears were shed.

To be completely honest here, the reason I started MUN was that my mom encouraged me. She believed that it would be a great experience for me, and she was right. I fell in love with it pretty quickly, thanks to my love for public speaking and collaboration with others. I also love politics, even though I'm probably not going to pursue a career in it. Still, MUN has given me a lot of helpful skills that will surely come in handy no matter what career path I choose.

If someone were to ask me why they should try MUN, I would explain why it's such an amazing opportunity. You get to collaborate with all kinds of people, improve your public speaking skills, and even your writing. Before I started MUN, I wouldn't have said that I was great at English, but through all the work I did here, I actually saw an improvement in the quality of my speaking and writing. MUN isn't just about debating; it's also about making connections, improving your social skills, and expanding your perspective on global issues. Out of all the conferences I've attended, SAIMUN has to be my favourite one because it's quite different from all the others. It brings together many people from all around the world and allows for truly engaging discussions. Compared to The Hague, where there are about 300 delegates in a room, SAIMUN has fewer participants. That doesn't necessarily make it a bad thing, though. In a room with so many people, you only get to speak perhaps once a day, while at SAIMUN, you get to speak four or five times per day. I also believe that Ireland is a great country to host such an event.

Looking ahead, I really hope that SAIMUN continues to grow. Before Covid, it used to be a really big conference, but ever since then, it has shrunk. Not everyone has been able to travel, and perhaps they didn't want to due to the risks. Still, I believe that it has the potential to become as good as it once was or maybe even better, and I'm really excited to see how it evolves!

My name is James Hayes, and I am 18 years old. I have been participating in Model United Nations (MUN) since 2021, when I was 14. My first conference was the St. Andrews conference, but due to COVID, it was held online.

This year, I have been working as one of the three Secretaries General, which is the highest-ranking position. Therefore, I am responsible for overseeing the entire event and ensuring that everything runs smoothly. I am not entirely sure why I was chosen as Secretary General, but I believe it is because I have a lot of experience and I've been very dedicated to the program. Over the past five years, I've been involved in several conferences in Ireland, London, and The Hague, where I have demonstrated my responsibility and that I can be trusted with tasks. Additionally, I was able to show leadership skills and manage a group of people, which are essential qualities required for this job.

I got into MUN because I have a very strong interest in politics and want to learn everything I can about understanding the world and global issues. MUN gave me a chance to discuss these topics and meet new people with whom I can work together to try to solve problems. One of my favourite MUN memories is from last year at this very conference when my delegation won "Best Delegation." We worked really hard towards it for the past years, putting in a lot of effort before and during the conferences, but the result was totally worth it. It was great to know that after so much time and hard work, we finally reached our goal.

Out of all the conferences, my favourite must be The Hague. It is the biggest one I've ever been to, with about 3,000 people attending each year. The debate there is very challenging, and the diversity is incredible. Unlike other MUN conferences I've been to, where the majority are Irish, The Hague has delegates attending from countries all over the world—America, Spain, China, countries from Africa, and so on. This makes the conference even more interesting and gives me the opportunity to meet people with backgrounds from all over.

I always recommend MUN to others, as it's the best approach to learning about important global issues and making people more aware and able to take action. It is also a great way to expand your social circle since you're meeting new people from all over the world and making memories that last a lifetime.

As for the future of SAIMUN, I hope it can continue to grow and attract more delegates each year. I believe SAIMUN already has enough people to hold a great debate, but I hope that in the future, it will include more international schools from different countries. If that happens, SAIMUN will get closer to the level of The Hague MUN.

Hi! My name is Julia McCutcheon, and I'm 17 years old. I've been doing MUN for 5 years now. My journey started in my second year when I was 13 years old during COVID-19, so I participated in online conferences. In my third year, I had my first in-person conference, and that experience gave me a much better feeling about MUN. Since then, I've never looked back!

Right now, I hold the position of Secretary General, which means I am the highest-ranking official and am responsible for overseeing the entire event. My job isn't just about showing up at the event; I do a lot of preparation beforehand, like picking topics and allocating countries to each school. It's not how people think it is; it's actually a very reactionary job. We're constantly running around solving problems and making sure everything runs smoothly. I think I got this job because I enjoy working with people; I am a people person through and through. I'm good at communicating and always well-mannered. I believe that my manners and small things, like saying please and thank you, got me this job because people really appreciate such things.

I initially got into MUN because of my sisters. They didn't give me much of a choice since they had participated before me and told me I had to do it. Even though it wasn't my idea to begin with, I decided to stay. MUN teaches you a lot, from public speaking to how to back yourself in an argument. One of the most important things I've learned here is how to say I know I'm good at something and stand by it with confidence.

My favourite memory at MUN has to be when I went to The Hague and met a lot of new people, forming some great friendships as a delegate. But my best memory of all has to be my time at SAIMUN, especially when I got to witness my sister's speech as Secretary General. It was a very special moment for me.

If someone asked me whether they should join MUN, I would absolutely recommend it, especially if you want to find a group of people who you know will always have your back no matter what you're doing. Since I'll be graduating next year, I wonder how I'm going to keep in touch with my school friends, especially if they move away. But when it comes to my MUN friends, I know we'll always stay connected.

Out of all the conferences I've attended, I have to say SAIMUN is definitely my favourite, especially last year's. It was a great experience because our group was really close to the year above, so watching them succeed was really amazing for us.

Now that I'm thinking about it, SAIMUN has a really promising future, and I don't worry at all about it. I'm confident that it's going to continue just as well even after I'm gone. I have complete trust in the younger delegates because they are really passionate and enthusiastic. I can't wait to see how it evolves in the coming years!

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# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## **Ecosoc:**

The resolution was submitted by the delegation of the United States of Mexico, and they believe that this is an imperative resolution that will tackle financial crises around the world.

In a speech made by Pakistan, they state that this resolution fails to answer basic questions and will not create a long-term stable economy. They yield to the delegation of Denmark, which states that the creation of this new UN sub-body in clause 1 will only duplicate the Crisis Committee, calling the resolution vague and lacking substance. The Bahamas, South Africa, and Chile agree with Denmark in their points of information (POIs), furthering the case against this resolution.

The delegation of Egypt poses an interesting point, asking how the UN intends to tackle this problem in the future if no steps are taken to pass this resolution.

South Korea further agrees in voting against this resolution and urges the General Assembly to see the fatal flaws in its clauses.

The common theme throughout the debate on this resolution is its lack of initiative and unclear action to address the issue, as well as the confusion caused by creating another sub-body that casts an air of uncertainty regarding its passage.

Heading into the voting procedure, this resolution has unfortunately not passed.

## **Special Conference:**

With the main submitter of this resolution being the Russian Federation, they urge the General Assembly to recognize the importance of Clause 2, as the mass media campaign is imperative to this resolution, addressing the stigma surrounding a lack of third-level education when applying for a job.

After yielding to the country of Greece, they state that this resolution proposes a huge leap for future generations. The new UN sub-body will help foster better conditions for young workers and ensure their prosperity in the workforce and a better economy.

This resolution seems to have astounding support from many countries, as numerous POIs have been made in its favor.

Iceland took a courageous stand against this resolution. They informed the General Assembly about how environmentally dangerous Clause 1, sub-clause (i) is, as the use of AI would consume the world's water resources.

Finally, moving into the voting procedure, the resolution passed in SCONF has now passed in the General Assembly.

## **Security Council:**

This resolution, submitted by the USA, asserts that by passing it, the UN would be recognizing the bravery of the people of Haiti.

The delegation yields to Pakistan, who urges the General Assembly to pass this resolution for Haiti, which has previously asked the UN for help. Ukraine steps up to the podium, demanding that the General Assembly be aware of how the resolution reinstates Haiti's sovereignty.

They yield to the Russian Federation, which states that the resolution helps to prevent gang violence and protects citizens' safety, incorporating many clauses to ensure this, as well as the anti-corruption UN sub-body.

The delegation of Greece steps up to the General Assembly podium to urge member countries to vote in favor of this resolution, explaining that it would deliver essential resources to ensure Haiti's democracy in the long run.

After a yield from the UAE, Belgium speaks on the fourth clause that ensures the long-term peace created by this resolution, also providing a solution to its humanitarian crisis.

There has been little to no opposition to this resolution in the General Assembly, as all member countries seem to support it.

With the final voting procedure of this General Assembly, the last resolution debated today has passed!



# SOCHUM RESOLUTION

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The SOCHUM resolution aims to combat the pressing issue of AI use in warfare, as well as AI's violation of human rights. To achieve this, it was suggested that a biannual conference be held in Geneva with experts attending to ensure that everyone present can make educated and informed decisions about monitoring the use of AI. A new UN body will be created to oversee the use of AI. However, the resolution undermines national sovereignty, as it allows external bodies to monitor a country's use of AI. Additionally, there are not enough measures in place to protect whistleblowers. The USA strongly supported the resolution, while the UAE strongly opposed it. Nevertheless, an overwhelming majority passed this resolution on Monday, February 17th, 2025.



# DISEC RESOLUTION

The resolution proposed by the USA to deal with cyber-terrorism globally comes in response to the significant problem of energy grids being hacked in recent years. They proposed creating a new UN body (GCCC) to train IT experts, educate the general public through schools, and hold a bi-annual conference in New York. The USA, Russia, and Costa Rica gave speeches in favour of this resolution, as they felt it would effectively tackle the issue of cyber-terrorism. In contrast, Poland and South Africa both spoke against the resolution, arguing that there were too many commissions and bodies for it to be effective in addressing the issue. They also pointed out that the resolution was proposed from the perspective of wealthier countries, which would render it ineffective in poorer countries. Despite this, the resolution was passed by an overwhelming majority.



## E&E RESOLUTION

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The delegation of the UAE submitted their resolution that tackles the question of International Cooperation in Developing Renewable Energy Sources. In the resolution, they address the urgent need to transition to sustainable energy sources and aim to remind member states of the commitment they made to uphold the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, specifically Goals 7 and 13. They aim to achieve this by adding price mechanisms and financial incentives for member states, providing grants and funds to implement renewable energy, creating a new UN-funded body and launching a mass media campaign. The resolution was first met with several delegations sharing their support, agreeing that financial incentives would be a productive method of achieving their goals. Delegations such as Denmark and Lebanon were in full support of the resolution. However, delegations such as Côte d'Ivoire wholeheartedly disagreed with the resolution, stating, "By providing our global community with such a train wreck of a resolution, it would be an embarrassing disrespect to our UN member nations." This speech opened the floor for fellow delegates who also disagreed with the resolution. They described it as too vague and ironic, given that the UAE was the main submitter while being one of the largest oil suppliers in the world. Fortunately, after a fruitful debate, the resolution passed with an overwhelming majority.



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# THE SPECIAL CONFERENCE ON YOUTH

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The special conference on youth is not a committee that regularly appears in most MUN conferences; however, it encapsulates the spirit of MUN perfectly. The purpose of MUN is to inspire young people to take action and show that they can change the world. Ironically, the special conference on youth is all about how we can bring inspiration to the young people of the world and tasks delegates with solving problems that are very close to them. This year in SAIMUN, there are four topics to be debated in the special conference on youth, each of which is important for different reasons.

The first topic is “The question of empowering youth in climate activism and the decision-making processes.” The topic of climate change is one of ever-increasing importance, and it is most relevant to the youth of today, as they are the ones who will suffer the consequences. This topic is incredibly interesting in that it will challenge delegates not only to create a comprehensive resolution but also to make them think about what power their actions have against climate change and what they can do outside of MUN to make a difference.

The second topic is “The question of measures to limit child poverty.” If the delegates in this conference hope to one day become the leaders of the future, this will be one of the most important topics for them to debate. Poverty is an age-old issue; however, that doesn’t mean it can’t be prevented or reduced. It will be interesting to see how the delegates come up with solutions to such an important problem.

The third topic is “The question of ensuring adequate employment conditions for youth.” For some of the older delegates who have experienced what it’s like to have a job, this topic may hit closer to home; however, even for some of the younger delegates, this topic still holds a significant amount of importance. At some point or another, everyone will find themselves under employment, and it’s important that those who start their careers early don’t find themselves being taken advantage of while also having safe working conditions.

The final topic that delegates will debate is “The question of the long-term psychological effects of technology addiction on youth.” This topic is, again, rather fascinating, and the delegates will have to find innovative solutions. Technology is all around us, and SAIMUN is, ironically, a paperless conference, meaning that delegates will have to solve the problem of technology addiction by using the source of the issue itself: technology.

The special conference on youth will definitely be one of the most interesting committees at SAIMUN, and delegates will have to think up some creative solutions to problems relevant to everyone who takes part in MUN.

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## CLOSING CEREMONY

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At the SAIMUN closing ceremony, Alexia D’Arcy, one of the three Secretary Generals, delivered a speech that inspired change. She began with the question, “What does it mean to be young?” framing it as a force capable of shaping the future. Reflecting on her own journey, Alexia shared how, at the beginning of her MUN experience, she was terrified of speaking out, but then she realized that her voice was her most powerful tool. She challenged societal biases and urged young people to push for a world that encourages people to be who they are, not who they need to be.

An important part of her speech revolved around the role of Artificial Intelligence in shaping the world. She explained how AI can either reinforce biases and deepen inequality or be harnessed as a force for progress, with the responsibility to direct its course lying in our hands. This reminded everyone that the future isn’t predetermined but rather something we create through our actions and choices.

Alexia’s speech was a powerful call to action for young people everywhere. Echoing Nelson Mandela’s famous words, “The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow,” she challenged them by asking, “What if they are the leaders of today?” This question encouraged everyone to see themselves as active participants in shaping the world, not just as bystanders of history. Ending on an inspiring note, she reminded everyone that the pen is in their hands—the future is theirs to write. With the right determination and courage, the youth have the power to create a better world.

SAIMUN 2025 concluded on an inspiring note, with one of its three Secretary Generals, James Hayes, delivering a deeply emotional speech at the closing ceremony. Marking his final MUN conference, James expressed immense gratitude to everyone who shaped his journey—friends, teachers, MUN directors, and staff. He reflected on his journey from feeling lost at first to becoming a leader.

James urged young people to address global challenges like climate change and conflict, advocating for dialogue and collaboration to counteract devastation. “Our future starts today,” he declared, affirming that the world now needs their skills more than ever. James also highlighted the importance of promoting kindness, understanding, and mutual respect, pointing out the extraordinary progress achieved at SAIMUN when participants embraced their differences.

James concluded with a message of hope and unity, encouraging his peers to listen to diverse perspectives, believing that what unites humanity far outweighs what divides it.

To end a riveting, exciting, eventful, and somewhat stressful four days of debate, we are closing SAIMUN 2025 with the closing ceremony. The closing ceremony takes place in the main hall of the Royal Marine. The room is packed with delegates who are sad to leave but still high-spirited. Everyone settles down, and Mr. Hehir begins the ceremony, introducing the co-secretary general, Alexia d’Arcy. Her speech connects with youth, outlining the importance of the youth's voice. She spreads the message of how the youth's voice can be the first step to breaking the cycle of unconscious bias. The responsibilities we face with AI are illustrated by Alexia, reminding the room of the dangers and opportunities we have with AI. This insightful speech had the room dazzled and inspired.

Next, some very talented young musicians performed a delightful song, “Hold On” by Wilson Phillips. The beautiful harmonies left the room in awe after the fabulous performance. Mr. Hehir then made a short address to the students taking part, congratulating them for the work they’ve put in over the last four days. He then proceeded to thank the executive team, admin staff, and everyone who worked behind the scenes. He offered them a very thoughtful gift, a keychain with the SAIMUN logo imprinted on it.

We were then lucky enough to have James Hayes, one of the three co-secretary generals. He began his speech by thanking all the student officers and teachers who have put time into making SAIMUN the extraordinary conference it is. He gave a well-deserved thanks to Mr. Hehir, thanking him for all the hard work and dedication he has put into MUN at St. Andrews and abroad. He made it clear that without Mr. Hehir, MUN would not be the same. He bravely took these few minutes he had on the podium to address the world crises we have affecting millions of lives, such as climate change, genocide, economic downfall, and self-interest. Similarly to Alexia, he reminded us of the power we have as youth to make a change in our world.

Another vote of thanks was given by Mr. Hehir to the heads of staff, gifting them a memorable SAIMUN pen. He then made an inspiring speech, making a reference to the Olympics, saying the goal for many Olympians wasn't to win a gold medal but to reach their personal best.

Aideen Fiel, our guest speaker, spoke a few words on behalf of the PTA to celebrate the end of the 36th SAIMUN conference. She thanked Mr. Hehir and all the staff and students who have put in an indescribable effort.

With that, the closing ceremony came to an end, and the much-anticipated awards ceremony began.



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# DISTINGUISHED DELEGATE AWARDS

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## **DISEC**

Belgium  
Denmark  
Greece  
Pakistan  
Poland  
Russia  
Ukraine  
USA

## **Ecology & Environment**

Belgium  
Denmark  
Greece  
Italy  
Poland  
Russia  
UAE  
Ukraine  
USA

## **ECOSOC**

Bangladesh  
Cote d'Ivoire  
Denmark  
Mexico  
Pakistan  
Qatar  
Russia  
USA

## **Security Council**

Algeria  
Greece  
Pakistan  
Russia  
USA

## **SOCHUM**

Belgium  
Denmark  
Greece  
Iceland  
Pakistan  
Russia  
South Africa  
UAE  
Ukraine  
USA

## **Special Conference**

Belgium  
Denmark  
Greece  
Japan  
Pakistan  
Russia  
South Africa  
UAE  
Ukraine  
USA

## **Highly Commended Delegations**

Denmark  
Greece  
Iceland  
Pakistan  
South Africa  
Ukraine  
United Arab Emirates

## **Outstanding Delegation Award**

United States of America  
The Russian Federation



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# APPEAL TO TURKISH SCHOOLS

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If you take a look at the delegate list in the delegate handbook, something that may draw your attention is the number of Turkish visitors. We have one American school, one Norwegian school, one Italian school, one Romanian school, and a whopping seven Turkish schools. The Turkish schools are ODTU GV High School, Terakki Foundation Schools, TED Bodrum Koleji, TED Ankara College Foundation, TED Istanbul College, Baskent University Private Ayseabla, and Özel Sezin Okulu. I took time out of Asli Pinar's busy day; she is an adviser from ODTU GV High School in Ankara. I first asked, "What's the appeal of SAIMUN?" She said the main reason SAIMUN appealed to her school was the level of seriousness and commitment. Knowing that everything was taken very seriously and professionally made her comfortable. She felt it would give her students a good level of confidence in the committees, knowing that everything would be handled fairly. I asked her if her school goes to any other international MUN conferences. She explained they go to Alkmaar in Holland, Rome in Italy, and Barcelona in Spain. When asked if all the Turkish schools flew over together, she said she didn't know there would be so many Turkish schools, and she would rather there were fewer Turkish delegates, as she preferred for her students to be speaking English to boost their abilities in the language, even though I think I speak for everyone in saying we've been very impressed by all the Turkish delegates' English throughout the conference. However, Ms. Pinar understands that it's nice for the Turkish delegates to be able to socialize and speak Turkish with their fellow Turkish counterparts. Finally, I asked when they were going back to Ankara, and she answered tomorrow, so they won't get much time to explore Dublin, unfortunately. Again, I think I speak for everyone in saying we have really enjoyed the company of the students and advisors of all the Turkish schools, and they were a fantastic addition to this conference. We will miss them and hope to see them again next year!









## **Editors' goodbye**

Thank you all for coming to the 36th annual SAIMUN conference. We hope you all had a fantastic four days during which many fruitful debates and discussions took place. We hope you ventured out of your comfort zone, whether that was doing your first POI or fighting for the role of main submitter.

On behalf of everyone on the Press team, we're glad you all enjoyed our conference and hope to see you next year!

Anna Plunkett and Max Grogan  
Head of Press and Head of ICT

