



ZYGMUN

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@ American School of Warsaw
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Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions:
Promoting just, peaceful and inclusive societies
(Sustainable Development Goal 16)

Secretary-General's Welcome



Honorable Delegates, Esteemed Directors, and Guests,

It is with great honor that I welcome you to this year's Zygmunt Model United Nations conference. This year, we will be hosting the fourth instalment of ZYGMUN, and it will be our second virtual year. I am delighted to welcome back our returning delegates as well as the many that are joining ZYGMUN for the first time this year. After a very successful ZYGMUN 2020, we were able to expand even further this year and are proud to host over 280 delegates and student officers from seventeen countries. I would like to thank all of our delegates and directors who are taking the time to join us this year, as well as our amazing Secretariat, Directorate, and Student Officers. Without any of you, this conference would not be possible.

This year, ZYGMUN is centered around the theme: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions: Promoting just, peaceful and inclusive societies. Although we have arguably made significant strides over the past century to build strong institutions and inclusive societies both nationally and internationally, there is still much work to be done. During this conference, in seven different committees, you will discuss topics ranging from “preserving the ancestral homelands of indigenous peoples” to “mitigating political instability by combating the narcotics trade”. During your debates, I encourage you all to use this experience as an opportunity to both understand your delegation's perspective and to acknowledge the importance of bringing different views together for productive discussion.

I also encourage you all to reflect independently and discuss with your fellow delegates how you can contribute to peaceful and inclusive societies beyond the confines of this conference. Especially in the past year, institutional injustices and dangers to democracy have been central to political discourse worldwide and I hope that you will leave ZYGMUN IV inspired to advocate for change in your own societies and communities.

That being said, I would like to extend a personal welcome to the members of our ZYGMUN Jr. committee. The ZYGMUN Jr. committee is a new addition to the ZYGMUN conference, and as the youngest participants, these delegates have taken on a challenge that I have no doubt they will rise to in remarkable ways.

On behalf of the entire ZYGMUN Secretariat and Directorate, it is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to IV ZYGMUN 2021. As you come together over the following days to discuss some of today's most pressing issues, I wish you the best of luck and can say with full confidence that I cannot wait to see the results of your hard work.

Julia Anting
Secretary-General



IV ZYGMUN 2021

Conference Schedule



UTC
Coordinated
Universal
Time

UTC+2
ZYGMUN TIME
Warsaw, Berlin
Rome, Zürich, Madrid
Johannesburg

UTC+3
Minsk, Vilnius
Moscow, Sofia
Bucharest, Athens
İstanbul, Nicosia
Riyadh

UTC+4
Dubai

UTC+5:30
New Delhi

THURSDAY, APRIL 15th

	UTC	UTC+2	UTC+3	UTC+4	UTC+5:30
IV ZYGMUN 2021 Opening Ceremony	6:00	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:30
Break	7:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:30
Begin committee sessions	7:15	9:15	10:15	11:15	12:45
Committees break for lunch	10:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:30
Resume committee sessions	11:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:30
Committee sessions adjourn for the day	13:30	15:30	16:30	17:30	19:00

FRIDAY, APRIL 16th

Begin committee sessions	7:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:30
Committees break for lunch	10:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:30
Resume committee sessions	11:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:30
Committee sessions adjourn for the day	13:30	15:30	16:30	17:30	19:00

SATURDAY, APRIL 17th

Begin committee sessions	7:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:30
Committee sessions adjourn	10:15	12:15	13:15	14:15	15:45
IV ZYGMUN 2021 Closing Ceremony	10:30	12:30	13:30	14:30	16:00
Adjourn IV ZYGMUN 2021 Virtual Session	11:30	13:30	14:30	15:30	17:00

IV ZYGMUN 2021: Participating Schools

American Farm School of Thessaloniki	<i>Thessaloniki, Greece</i>
American International School of Bucharest	<i>Bucharest, Romania</i>
American International School of Vilnius	<i>Vilnius, Lithuania</i>
American International School Riyadh	<i>Riyadh, Saudi Arabia</i>
American School of Milan	<i>Milan, Italy</i>
American School of Warsaw	<i>Warsaw, Poland</i>
Anatolia High School	<i>Thessaloniki, Greece</i>
Anglo American School Sofia	<i>Sofia, Bulgaria</i>
Aristotelio College of Thessaloniki	<i>Thessaloniki, Greece</i>
Berlin Metropolitan School	<i>Berlin, Germany</i>
British International School Gdansk	<i>Gdansk, Poland</i>
Erasmios Ellinogermaniki School	<i>Athens, Greece</i>
Escola Betània-Patmos	<i>Barcelona, Spain</i>
Gems Wellington Al Khail	<i>Dubai, UAE</i>
Gökkuşağı International School	<i>İstanbul, Turkey</i>
Gymnasium #587	<i>Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation</i>
Hisar School	<i>İstanbul, Turkey</i>
Institut Montana Zugerberg	<i>Zug, Switzerland</i>
International School of Florence	<i>Florence, Italy</i>
International School of Moscow	<i>Moscow, Russian Federation</i>
Işıkent Eğitim Kampüsü	<i>İzmir, Turkey</i>
Leonteios School of Athens	<i>Athens, Greece</i>
LXIII LO im. Lajosa Kossutha	<i>Warsaw, Poland</i>
Mary Raptou School	<i>Larissa, Greece</i>
Nelson Mandela International School	<i>Berlin, Germany</i>
QSI International School of Minsk	<i>Minsk, Belarus</i>
Senior School Nicosia	<i>Nicosia, Cyprus</i>
Sotogrande International School	<i>Sotogrande, Spain</i>
Szczecin International School	<i>Szczecin, Poland</i>

Independent Delegates and Student Officers:

2nd General High School of Patras	<i>Patras, Greece</i>
G C School of Careers	<i>Nicosia, Cyprus</i>
George Washington University Online High School	<i>Ashburn, VA, USA</i>
German School of Thessaloniki	<i>Thessaloniki, Greece</i>
Mandoulides Junior - Senior High School	<i>Thessaloniki, Greece</i>
Yadavindra Public School	<i>Patiala, Punjab, India</i>

IV ZYGMUN 2021 CONFERENCE AGENDA



**Conference Theme: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions:
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Security Council

- The Situation in Somalia
- The Situation in the Sahel

ECOSOC

- Promoting the economic inclusion of refugees in host countries
- Combating organised cybercrime

Human Rights Council (UNHRC)

- Preserving the ancestral homelands of indigenous populations
- Protecting the rights of ethnic and religious minorities

Disarmament and International Security Committee (GA1)

- Combating threats to international security in cyberspace
- Countering the recruitment of youth in terrorist organisations

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (GA4)

- Promoting political stability through equitable development initiatives in the Caucasus region
- Mitigating political instability by combating the narcotics trade

UN Environment Assembly (UNEA)

- Regulating non-discriminatory distribution and consumption of natural resources
- Discussing industrial and overfishing in international waters and protected areas

Jr. Committee

- Protecting the right of privacy in the digital age
- Regulating the militarization and weaponization of space



IV ZYGMUN 2021

Code of Conduct and Rules of Procedure

I. Behavioral Expectations and Diplomacy

Each delegate participating in IV ZYGMUN 2021 is expected to:

- Be respectful and professional when addressing Chairs and fellow delegates;
- Respect the decisions of the Chairs;
- Accurately and respectfully represent their delegation;
- Refrain from using insulting and abusive language;
- Report any inappropriate behavior to the Chairs, secretariat, or a director.

II. Dress Code

Although IV ZYGMUN will be a virtual conference, participants and faculty directors/advisors are expected to dress appropriately for an academic conference.

- The gentlemen should wear a suit or a jacket, trousers, shirt and tie.
- The ladies should wear a suit, skirt or trousers and a blouse.

III. Attendance

- Be punctual and present.
- Each and every committee session will begin with a roll call.
- Tardiness: If you miss the attendance roll call, notify your Chairs/Admin Team via “My Messages” on the ZYGMUN platform.
- Absences: Your Directors will be notified in case of unexcused absences. Notify your Chairs/Admin Team of any absences in advance.

IV. Note-Passing/Messaging

Since IV ZYGMUN will be virtual, delegates are required to use the ZYGMUN platform in place of note-passing to message their Chairs and fellow delegates.

- All communication on the ZYGMUN platform must be in English.
- Content must be related to the forum’s agenda.
- All inappropriate language, including to but not limited to profanity and racial, sexist, religious and ethnic slurs are completely unacceptable.

- Messages will be monitored and screened by the ZYGMUN Administrative Staff. If messages do not meet the Code of Conduct criteria it will be brought to the attention of the Chairs, Secretariat and the ZYGMUN Directors as well as the delegates' respective MUN directors/advisors.

V. Ambassador Roles and Responsibilities

Ambassadors will be responsible for communicating with other member states, for populating and updating their Embassy Page on the ZYGMUN Platform before and during the conference. Embassy pages can be viewed by all conference participants.

VI. Opening Speeches

Each delegate is expected to present an opening speech during formal debate. This allows the delegates in the committee to gain an understanding of the policies of each delegation involved in the debate. Each opening speech must not be longer than 1 minute and 30 seconds. The Chairs will ask the delegates to come to their closing remarks at the 1 minute mark.

An opening speech will include;

- A formal greeting (e.g. "Honourable Chairs and fellow delegates");
- An brief introduction to the topic;
- A clear explanation of the delegation's policy and proposed solutions;
- A formal phrase to conclude (e.g. "Thank you").

Sample ZYGMUN Opening Speech:

Honorable Chairs and fellow delegates,

The State of Israel and the Middle East region have a long history of hostility. In religious differences or territorial disputes, most conflicts have escalated to an armed conflict. The population suffers tremendously under the burden of war. Human rights violations and other atrocities have accompanied the seemingly eternal feud in the region.

We have an obligation to aid the needy. The Charter of the United Nations expresses explicitly the responsibility of this assembly to endeavor to spread all over the world. And, in this conflict especially, the civil population has suffered for the past 3000 years. Thus, we should strive today to bring a decisive conclusion to the conflict in the region and ensure human rights for all.

Thank you.

VII. Writing a Resolution

Though resolutions are edited and approved by a panel before being introduced to committees for debate, delegates are expected to have an understanding of what a resolution should look like.

A resolution with the proper format will include;

- The organ, the topic, 1 Main Submitter and at least 7 Co-Submitters;
- Clauses that begin with the appropriate initiating phrases and stylisation (see lists below);
- Proper punctuation at the end of preambulatory clauses (a comma) and operative clauses (a semicolon);
- Numbered operative clauses;
- A period (full stop) at the end the final operative clause.

Example Preambulatory Phrases

<i>Affirming</i>	<i>Emphasizing</i>	<i>Having received</i>
<i>Alarmed by</i>	<i>Expecting</i>	<i>Keeping in mind</i>
<i>Approving</i>	<i>Expressing its appreciation</i>	<i>Noting with regret</i>
<i>Aware of</i>	<i>Expressing its satisfaction</i>	<i>Noting with satisfaction</i>
<i>Believing</i>	<i>Fulfilling</i>	<i>Noting with deep concern</i>
<i>Bearing in mind</i>	<i>Fully aware</i>	<i>Noting further</i>
<i>Confident</i>	<i>Fully alarmed</i>	<i>Observing</i>
<i>Contemplating</i>	<i>Fully believing</i>	<i>Realizing</i>
<i>Convinced</i>	<i>Further deploring</i>	<i>Reaffirming</i>
<i>Declaring</i>	<i>Further recalling</i>	<i>Recalling</i>
<i>Deeply concerned</i>	<i>Guided by</i>	<i>Recognizing</i>
<i>Deeply conscious</i>	<i>Having adopted</i>	<i>Seeking</i>
<i>Deeply convinced</i>	<i>Having considered</i>	<i>Taking into account</i>
<i>Deeply disturbed</i>	<i>Having considered further</i>	<i>Taking into consideration</i>
<i>Deeply regretting</i>	<i>Having devoted attention</i>	<i>Viewing with appreciation</i>
<i>Desiring</i>	<i>Having examined</i>	<i>Welcoming</i>

Example Operative Phrases

<u>Accepts</u>	<u>Emphasizes</u>	<u>Reaffirms</u>
<u>Affirms</u>	<u>Encourages</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
<u>Approves</u>	<u>Endorses</u>	<u>Reminds</u>
<u>Authorizes</u>	<u>Expresses its appreciation</u>	<u>Regrets</u>
<u>Calls</u>	<u>Expresses its hope</u>	<u>Requests</u>
<u>Calls upon</u>	<u>Further invites</u>	<u>Solemnly affirms</u>
<u>Condemns</u>	<u>Further proclaims</u>	<u>Strongly condemns</u>
<u>Congratulates</u>	<u>Further reminds</u>	<u>Supports</u>
<u>Confirms</u>	<u>Further recommends</u>	<u>Trusts</u>
<u>Considers</u>	<u>Further resolves</u>	<u>Takes note of</u>
<u>Deplores</u>	<u>Further requests</u>	<u>Transmits</u>
<u>Draws the attention</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Urges</u>
<u>Designates</u>	<u>Proclaims</u>	

Sample ZYGMUN Resolution:

COMMITTEE: Committee Name

QUESTION OF: Committee Topic

MAIN SUBMITTER: Main Submitter

CO-SUBMITTERS: Co-Submitters

COMMITTEE NAME,

Reinforcing the agreements signed by member states during the Convention on the Rights of the Child,

Recognizing that youth delinquency has many negative implications such as increased youth unemployment,

Recognizing that there are more than one million youths incarcerated in the world, according to UNICEF,

Aware of the campaigns, actions, events, of educational programs instituted in nations which aim to help youth maintain lawful behavior,

1. Proposes that nations implement an age of legal responsibility that would be chosen as deemed appropriate by each respective Member State;

2. Recommends that youths who committed minor crimes are subject to community work deemed by law enforcement based on the severity of the crime;

3. Strongly urges all member states to raise awareness and inform young people and their parents of certain punishments and legal consequences of criminal activities, so that the elimination of youth criminality can be fostered, by:

- a. financially supporting and cooperating with educational institutions in order to help them organize their own campaigns and lectures,
- b. cooperating with educational systems and youth organizations that help raise awareness of the illegal use and possession of drugs, alcohol, and other influences,
- c. organizing campaigns and events which people can attend for free;

4. Requests governments of all member states to educate and rehabilitate youth offenders (above the minimum age of legal responsibility) of serious crimes, such as gang membership, drug-trafficking, murder, armed robbery, and illegal possession of firearms, through discipline in newly established institutions led by the nations' police and/or army which would:
- a. engage youth in physical training similar to police training,
 - b. facilitate their reintegration into society through continuing the education of youth in classes such as,
 - i. mathematics,
 - ii. sciences,
 - iii. languages,
 - iv. arts,
 - c. emphasize the importance of discipline when training youth.

VIII. Lobbying

During lobbying, delegates are free to share policies, collaborate with allies and merge/draft resolutions in an informal setting.

In our virtual setting, blocks for resolution drafting will be set before committee sessions by the Chairs to allow for more debate time. The blocks will have their own breakout room on Zoom and here, delegates will discuss their solutions to the topic at hand and draft a resolution by the end of the lobbying session.

If, for some reason, the delegates require assistance, clicking the button "invite host" will inform the Chairs they are needed in that particular breakout room. This could be helpful if delegates have a question about resolution drafting or if a delegate feels they are in the wrong block and wishes to be placed in another group.

IX. Debate

During the entirety of debate, it is important for delegates to adopt a formal register. In other words, delegates should use professional, diplomatic language. They should additionally refrain from using personal pronouns (e.g. "I" and "you") as they will be representing a delegation rather than themselves.

A significant component of procedure is that delegates are only permitted to speak when they are recognised by the Chair. There are various points and motions a delegate can make in order to be recognised. Each point and motion has a different purpose.

Point/Motion	Objective
Point of Personal Privilege	Used when the delegate experiences some discomfort which hinders committee participation. This point may only interrupt a speaker if it is due to audibility.
Point of Parliamentary Inquiry	Used to ask any questions about procedure.
Point of Order	Used when you believe a mistake of procedure has been made.
Point of Information	Used when you wish to ask a question to the speaker.
Right of Reply	Used when the delegate believes there has been some insult or threat to their national integrity or sovereignty.
Motion to set an agenda	Used to set the topic of debate.
Motion to set a speakers list	Used to set a fixed number and order of delegates wishing to make an opening speech.
Motion to move into unmoderated caucus	Used to allow for time for lobbying and, in turn, resolution drafting.
Motion to extend time in unmoderated caucus//for points of information/etc.	Used when the delegate wishes to spend more time in a particular stage of procedure.
Motion to follow up	Used when the delegate believes their POI was not appropriately or sufficiently answered and wishes to ask a further question.
Motion to amend	Used when the delegate wishes for their previously submitted amendment to be entertained.
Motion to amend to the second degree	Used when the committee is debating an amendment and the delegate wishes to have their amendment to the amendment entertained.
Motion to move to the previous question	Used when the delegate believes it is time to move forward to the next stage of procedure.
Motion to split the house	Used when the results of a vote shows that there are many abstentions, potentially changing the outcome of the vote. If this motion is in order, the voting process is repeated and no delegates can abstain.

All points and motions may be raised through the ZYGMUN Platform. How points and motions are raised will be at the discretion of the Chair in order to maintain decorum and to allow for sufficient debate time.

A delegate can retract their point or motion by informing the Chairs. The formal phrasing of this is, “The delegate wishes to retract their point/motion”.

Order of debate:

Roll Call	The chair takes attendance.
Resolution is Announced	The chair decides which resolution will be debated. The chair must notify the Main Submitter in advance.
Main Submitter Reads Operative Clauses	The Main Submitter is summoned to the floor and asked to read aloud the Operative Clauses.
Main Submitter Holds Speech on the Resolution	The Main Submitter is granted 3 minutes to speak on his resolution. After this time has elapsed, the chair will ask the delegate whether he opens himself to Points of Information.
Points of Information (Optional)	If the delegate decides to open himself to Points of Information, delegates may propose them. Both the delegate and the chair can decide to limit the number of points that may be raised. After answering the delegate yields the floor.
Yields the Floor to Another Delegate (Optional)	Instead of yielding the floor back to the chair or to Points of Information, a delegate may yield it to a fellow delegate. Although not necessary, it is advisable that the selected person be previously informed. If the delegate accepts the yield he will be given the floor. Following the conclusion of the speech, the delegates may not open himself to Points of Information. Therefore the floor returns to the chair.
Open Debate	
Delegate Holds a Speech	Delegates who have the floor are allowed to address all matters relevant to the topic and resolution. They may introduce an amendment and open themselves to Points of Information. The floor must be yielded upon answering.
Points of Information (Optional)	If the delegate decides to open himself to Points of Information, delegates may propose them. Both the delegate and the chair can decide to limit the number of points that may be raised. After answering the delegate yields the floor.

Delegate submits an Amendment (Optional)**	During Open Debate, any speaker who has the floor may propose an amendment (side motion) to the resolution (main motion). A resolution may be amended by striking, inserting or replacing any word, phrase or clause in the operative clauses. It must be coherent with the resolution format and grammatically correct. The proposed amendment has to be submitted through the ZYGMUN Platform. The Chair will decide on the propriety of the amendment, once the speaker has formally proposed it, and decide whether it shall be entertained. After voting on the amendment, the chair retains the floor.
Closed Debate	
Time in Favor	After time for Open Debate has elapsed, one delegate may first speak for the resolution. This speech may not exceed 3 minutes.
Time in Against	After the delegate in favor has yielded the floor to the Chair, a delegate may speak against. This speech may not exceed 3 minutes.
Vote on Resolution	During voting procedure all points and motions, except Points of Order relating to the conduct of voting, are out of order. Voting is carried out on the ZYGMUN Platform. A simple majority of votes in favor over votes against is required for the passing of a resolution. Only the passing of a resolution may be applauded.
Amendments**	
Delegate Submits Amendment	During Open Debate, any speaker who has the floor may propose an amendment to the resolution. A resolution may be amended by striking, inserting or replacing any word, phrase or clause in the operative clauses. It must be coherent with the resolution format and grammatically correct. The proposed amendment has to be submitted through the ZYGMUN Platform. The Chair will decide on the propriety of the amendment, once the speaker has formally proposed it, and decide whether it shall be entertained.
Chair Reads Amendment	The chair reads aloud the content of the amendment.
Time in Favor and Against	The rules that apply for Open Debate on the main motion also apply for Closed Debate on a side motion. However, debate on an amendment is divided into time “in favor“ and “against”. During time “in favor“ delegates may only speak for and during

	time “against“ only opposed to the amendment. It is also only possible to submit an amendment to the amendment during time “against”. The first speaker on the amendment is always the Main Submitter.
Amendments to the Second Degree	Delegates may propose amendments to the amendment during time “against“. The same rules of procedure apply as for the original amendment. The Debate on the original side motion is adjourned. After taking the amendment to a vote, debate on the original amendment is resumed with the appropriate changes made. Amendments to the Second Degree are not in order when the original amendment is to strike.
Voting on Amendment	During voting procedure all points and motions, except Points of Order relating to the conduct of voting, are out of order. Voting is carried out on the ZYGMUN Platform. There will be no abstentions. A simple majority of votes in favor over votes against is required for the passing of an amendment. Only the passing of a resolution may be applauded.

X. Security Council

Special rules for the order of debate apply to the Security Council as follows:

- The committee debates clause by clause rather than a resolution.
 - Each clause requires one main submitter and at least 4 co-submitters.
- The motion to suspend to a P5 caucus is in order.
 - P5 members will convene in an area separate from the full Security Council (in a separate breakout room in the event of an online conference).
- The P5 member states have the right to veto
 - P5 member states are expected to indicate their intention to veto prior to a vote being taken to allow the opportunity to call for a P5 caucus..



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