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THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS

BACKGROUND GUIDE

About the International Press

The United Nations International Press Corps, also known as the UN Press Corps, was formally established in 1945, coinciding with the founding of the United Nations itself. Its primary function is to facilitate and manage communication between the UN and the global media, ensuring that information about the UN's activities, policies, and decisions is disseminated to the public.

The UN Press Corps operates by organizing press briefings, issuing press releases, and arranging interviews with UN officials. It works to maintain transparency and provide timely updates on various UN initiatives and international issues.

The International Press Committee however, is neither a traditional committee of the United Nations nor an authentic part of any of the other UN committees. Here, the IP refers to the collection of international press agencies that gather from all the corners of the world to report on the activities of the proceedings of various United Nations committees. As the delegates/diplomats, representing countries from all over the world gathered under a roof to engage in deliberation, the International Press records all the crucial moments in words as well as photographs. The International Press has always been an indispensable part of any Model UN and serves the most pertinent function of documentation of the deliberation.

The primary motive of the Press team therefore shall be to

provide an unbiased platform for astute journalists and amateur photographers, to channel their sublime thoughts into concrete content generation. One of the most important tasks that journalists in the International Press perform is formal reporting. They are primarily required to cover the event and describe it to others in the best thought-out and concise way possible, and for this purpose, they are supposed to take notes and submit articles that contain the major discussions in their respective councils. A good news article ought to be articulate, brief and be able to convey the very essence of any discussion.

Role of IP Delegates

The International Press (IP) is a role that immerses you at the center of global diplomacy and international relations. The IP constitutes a variety of different news agencies whose duty is to report on the activities of the United Nation Committees.

In the real world, journalists are the eyes and ears of the public who shape how the world understands and engages with international events depending on their interpretation. Those who will play the role of journalists must bear the semblance of a critical link between the high-stakes discussions happening within committee rooms, and the broader audience eager to grasp the intricacies of international diplomacy.

Your task is not just to report, but to tell a compelling story. Imagine you are on the frontline of a global summit, where every debate, every negotiation, and every resolution could

impact international relations. Your reports will capture the drama and dynamics of these discussions, reflecting the intensity and complexity of global issues as they unfold. Through your coverage, you'll provide insights that help demystify the intricate world of diplomacy, offering clarity and context to our audience.

In this role, you are not merely observing; you are engaging deeply with the proceedings. Your articles and media pieces will highlight the diverse voices and perspectives that shape international discourse. By conducting interviews, analyzing resolutions, and reporting on the debates, you'll bring the conference to life for those who may not be able to attend in person. Your work will illuminate the behind-the-scenes efforts of delegates and offer a window into the strategic maneuvering that drives international negotiations.

Research Guide

Here are three essential elements that are inherent to every International Press Team in a Model UN Conference Simulation:

Thorough Research: Effective reporting relies heavily on comprehensive research. As a journalist at the conference, it's of paramount importance to be well-informed, even though your focus may not be limited to a specific country. Inadequate or superficial knowledge of the agenda can lead to factual inaccuracies in your articles. Make sure to review the background guides as well as the agendas of all the 4 committees.

Team Concordance: The International Press team will include multiple reporters who must collaborate seamlessly. While a healthy sense of competition is natural, it should never undermine the importance of teamwork. The ultimate goal should be to produce a high-quality newsletter through a collective and collaborative effort.

Professional Conduct: Reporters must uphold a high standard of diplomatic courtesy towards team members, Delegates, the Executive Board, and the Secretariat. Even when providing critical analysis of committee proceedings, it is essential to respect all delegates. There should be no bias or targeting of a specific country delegate, irrespective of whether or not you know them. Avoid trivializing or making superficial comments about delegates' appearances or mannerisms, as this is highly discouraged and moreover, unprofessional.

As international press journalists covering a Model United Nations (MUN) conference, it is crucial to be well-versed in the foreign relations of the countries represented by the delegates. Understand each country's historical alliances, diplomatic positions, and recent international engagements to provide accurate and context-rich reporting. Pay close attention to how delegates' statements align with their country's established foreign policy and be alert to any discrepancies or potential misdirections. By identifying and questioning inconsistencies in their positions, you can ensure that your coverage reflects the true dynamics of international relations and contributes to a more informed and transparent discourse.

Note from Executive Board

Dear Journalists,

As we approach the upcoming HPSR IPSC Model United Nations conference, we would like to emphasize the importance of thorough and comprehensive preparation. We encourage you to familiarize yourselves with the key agendas and topics under discussion. A thorough understanding of these issues will greatly enhance the quality and relevance of your reporting. Your role in providing accurate, insightful, and timely updates is crucial for informing both participants and the broader audience. We urge you to be proactive in seeking out information, asking pertinent questions, and engaging actively with delegates to uncover the most pertinent details. Your dedication to thorough research and keen observation will not only enrich your coverage but also contribute significantly to the overall success of the conference. We appreciate your commitment and look forward to seeing your best work in action.

Best Regards

The Executive Board (IP)