

MUNAGAZINE

2024



the future is yours

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INTRODUCTION

BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Dear Delegates, honourable Student Officers, esteemed MUN-directors, and Guests,

It is with great pleasure and honour that I, as Secretary-General, welcome you to the 19th edition of the Model United Nations Alfrink ("MUNA"), which will be held from the 31st of January to the 2nd of February 2024.

Over the past few months, our wonderful staff has been working exceptionally hard on the preparations for the conference. We are thrilled to introduce you to a world where learning and laughter go hand in hand. Inside these pages, you'll discover not only the ins and outs of MUNA, but also a treasure trove of behind-the-scenes tales, conference information and insider tips that will make your MUNA experience unforgettable. Whether you're a seasoned delegate or a curious newcomer, join us in celebrating the unique charm of MUNA, where passion meets playfulness, and global awareness is wrapped in a ribbon of amusement.

I would also like to announce this year's theme: "The Future is Yours". In a period defined by quick technology developments, global difficulties, and unheard-of opportunities the future belongs to our youth. You have the ability to change the world in ways that earlier generations could only imagine. This theme conveys the idea that the present generation, especially the young people, have the power to influence the future, given it is not predestined. "The Future is Yours" captures the essence of Model United Nations Alfrink, where young minds come together to discuss, bargain, and create solutions to some of the most important global concerns. It's an offer to use your enthusiasm, intelligence, and creativity to tackle the intricate global issues of our day. This theme is more than simply a catchphrase; it is a call to action, an affirmation of your potential, and a reminder that you are in control of a brighter future. In this journey through MUNA, we encourage you to seize the future, for it is yours to shape and mold.

Should you have any questions regarding MUNA 2024, do not hesitate to contact me at sgmuna@live.nl. You can also keep up with events leading up to MUNA through Instagram, Twitter and Facebook at [@munalfrink](#).

I cannot wait to meet all of you at our conference. So, dive in, explore, and let the MUNA adventures begin.

Yours sincerely,

Diya Sewnath
Secretary-General of MUNA 2024

CHARITY

BY THE HEAD OF CHARITY

This year's MUNA charity will be: Future Hope.

Future Hope is a charitable organization which provides opportunity through its homes, school, sports, and medical programme for some of the most vulnerable children from the streets and slums of Kolkata, India.

From 1987 onwards Future Hope has changed the lives of thousands of helpless children from the streets and slums in Kolkata. Their dedicated outreach teams focus on rescuing children at the brink of severe abuse or neglect, often facing life-threatening situations. Because of their 3-decade long experience of providing aid to vulnerable children they have gathered enough information to locate and help these children now successfully.

Future hope now has 6 houses, each of them with their own devoted house parent, spread over Kolkata which houses over 140 residential children. The homes provide the children with a safe place which includes them having a person to trust and talk to, having the freedom to laugh and play and having a sense of belonging. For children to have the ability to be free and happy Future Hope believes that sports play an important role. Because through sports children learn how to work together, thus, to trust themselves and others, they also learn self-discipline and determination. Therefor Future Hope has multiple sports fields for children to exercise on.

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CHARITY

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Embracing our theme, 'The Future is Yours,' we aim to make young people feel empowered. We want to ensure them with the knowledge and opportunities they need to feel confident in shaping their own futures. Our main focus is on supporting their abilities and helping them see how much they can influence the world of tomorrow. This includes every young person, irrespective of their background or circumstances. Our dedication to helping Future Hope matches our goal of creating positive change and opportunities for everyone.

Given the remarkable impact observed by our students and teachers, it's for this reason that we've decided to dedicate this year's MUNA charity efforts to supporting Future Hope.

There are many ways you can contribute during the conference. One option is to purchase snacks and drinks from the MUNA food stand and 100% of the money will go to Future Hope. Or you could easily scan the QR codes placed around the school which will allow you to donate any chosen amount to support the charity. Your support and donations would be greatly appreciated!

THE EXCURSION

BY THE HEAD OF EXCURSION AND TRANSPORTATION

My name is Parisa Abdoelbasier and I am Head of Excursion and Transportation. I will be planning this year's MUNA excursion for the foreign students that will be coming to Alfrink College. This year, we are organizing the biggest MUNA. It was a difficult task to find museums for all the foreign students, but it all worked out perfectly fine. I have divided the foreign students in 3 groups. Each group will visit a different museum in the Hague. One group will go to the Panorama Mesdag, another to Mauritshuis, and the last group will be visiting the Escher Museum.

One of the museums that is planned this year is Panorama Mesdag in the Hague. Panorama Mesdag is the furthest away from Alfrink College. It is located in an old part of the Hague, near Scheveningen. In this museum is one of the oldest panoramas in the world presented. You may wonder what a panorama is. A panorama is a cylindrical painting. The one in the Panorama Mesdag is 14 meters high and has a circumference of 120 meters. What is painted on the panorama is something you should see yourself.

Panorama Mesdag is from the time in which many panoramas were made in Europe. This was in the 19th century. It was meant for entertainment for the people and to give them the opportunity to see other places without much effort.

In the middle of the room is a cylinder made of glass. The cylinder was used to make the panorama. What is now on the panorama, was drawn on the cylinder. Paper was placed around it and a light source was placed in the cylinder. Because of this, the scene could be projected on the canvas.



Panorama Mesdag



Mauritshuis

THE EXCURSION

BY THE HEAD OF EXCURSION AND TRANSPORTATION

Another museum that a part of the foreign students will visit is the Mauritshuis. Mauritshuis mostly contains paintings made by famous Dutch painters from the Golden Age. The Golden Age was around the 17th century, and it was the period in which the Netherlands stood out in trade, science, and art.

The Mauritshuis has been a museum since 1822. Before that, it was a city palace, build by Johan Maurits, prince of Nassau-Siegen. The museum was built in the 17th century in Dutch style but it was also built in the classical style from the old Greeks and Romans. It has many elements on the outside as well on the inside from that time, for example the columns.

Last but not least, the third museum that is on the program this year is the Escher Museum.

The museum was built in 1762. It was originally, similarly to the Mauritshuis, a city palace, called Paleis de Lange Voorhout. It stayed a city palace until 1992, when the municipality of the Hague made it a museum, but not the Escher Museum yet.

The Escher Museum is a museum for art with a big variety of art. From 1992 till 2022, there were paintings, sculptures and even furniture from the beginning of the 20th century. The art was for example made by Rodin and Frida Kahlo. From 2002 and on, the collection contained many works from M.C. Escher from the 20th century, hence the name of the museum. He made graphic art. Furthermore, there is entourage from the 19th century. The whole building is designed by different artists; the floor, chandeliers and more.



The Escher Museum

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 31/1

- 08.15: foreign students present at study area VWO (classrooms 121 - 129).
- Alfrink students still have lessons for the first 4 periods.
- Excursion for foreign students to The Hague.
- Alfrink students should provide their housing partners with a lunch pack.
- From 12:00 arrival Dutch schools.
- 13.15: roll call and workshop by the Chairs in the committees and internal lobby time.
- 14.15-15.15: Openings ceremony MUNA in the auditorium (aula).
- 15.15-17.00: Lobbying and the start of the debates.
- 17.00-17.30: End of first conference day.
- All foreign students stay with their housing partners at home.

Thursday 1/2

- 09.00: All delegates should be in their committee.
- Lunch is provided at school for all students.
- 16.30: End of second conference day.
- 20.00-24.00 MUNA party at "On the Rocks" (Van der Hagenstraat 22,
2722 NT Zoetermeer)

Friday 2/2

- 09.00: All delegates should be in their committee.
- Lunch is provided at school for all students.
- 16.15-17.15: Closing ceremony in the auditorium (aula).
- 17.30: End of third conference day.
- All foreign students stay with their housing partners at home.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

DRESSCODE

CONFERENCE DAYS

Delegates are expected to wear formal clothing and uphold the standards MUNs are known for. Usually, this means a suit with a blouse and tie or either a skirt or a classy pair of trousers with a blouse.

Please make sure your chosen clothes reach knee-length and show a bit of modesty. It is encouraged to wear formal shoes, but a pair of neat sneakers are also alright. Wear whatever you feel comfortable in, as long as you keep it formal.

MUNA PARTY

The theme for the party is: Light Up The Sky. It is encouraged for students to dress according to the theme, so bright colors. At the party, the formal standards do not uphold.

ROOM ALLOCATIONS

112 GA1
113 GA2
115 GA3
117 GA4
118 GMF
119 FC
015 HC
017 ICJ
018 SC
019 CC
002 Cloakroom

EMERGENCIES

In case of an emergency you can seek the help of a nearby staff member or, if you are unable to reach a member or the staff is unable to help you, you can contact the following number: Mr de Haas:
+31628538995 This number can only to be contacted in cases of real emergencies.

WIFI NETWORK

Network: Welkom
Password: muna2024

ISSUES

GA1: Disarmament and national Security

- Combatting small arms and light weapons threatening world peace
- The situation in Yemen
- Preventing the weaponization of artificial intelligence

GA3: Environmental, Humanitarian and Health issues

- The question of how to make education more widely available for children, especially girls
- The question of how to create a world-wide green economy
- The question of how to limit drug use among younger generations
- The question of whether vaccination should be made mandatory around the world

GA2: Human Rights

- Counteracting child labour in sub-Saharan Africa
- Situation in the Tigray region of Ethiopia
- Protecting the safety of reporters and journalists

GA4: Special Political and Decolonization

- The question of how to gain independence for non-self-governing territories
- The situation for women in Afghanistan
- Protecting the rights of unaccompanied refugee children

ISSUES

Security Council

- The issue of piracy in the Gulf of Guinea
- The implications of rising sea levels to national security
- The issue of drug trafficking and trans organizational crime in the Caribbean
- The situation in Sudan

International Court of Justice (ICJ)

- Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam: Ethiopia vs. Egypt
- War Reparations: Poland vs. Germany
- Ukraine Alleges Genocide: Ukraine vs. Russia
- UK occupies Argentina: England vs. Argentina

Future Council

2050: AI TAKING OVER JOBS OF YOUTH

- Rights and Protections: Should advanced synthetic beings be recognized as legal persons with rights and responsibilities under international law? If granted rights, what specific rights and protections should synthetic beings be entitled to?
- Privacy and Surveillance: Should data collected by synthetic beings be allowed for the prosecution or surveillance of human beings, and how is this data secured from being hacked by non-government bodies?
- Regulation and Governance: Should an international framework regulate the creation and treatment of synthetic beings? What role should the United Nations and its member states play in establishing these regulations?

2075: PRESERVATION OF THE HUMAN RACE AND NEXT GENERATIONS

- Dealing with Resource Depletion: Addressing resource scarcity due to a depleted Earth.
- Genetic Manipulation: Should genetic manipulation be used to make humans more suited for life on a depleted and hard to live on earth?
- Alternative Habitats: Discussing the necessity of creating new living places in case Earth becomes inhabitable.

2100: SPACE COLONIZATION

- Valuing Human Life vs. Alien Life: Debates on the value of human life compared to alien life forms in space colonization.
- Space Governance and Regulation: Considerations about the need for international agreements and governance to prevent conflicts, establish property rights, and determine jurisdiction in outer space.
- Sustainable Space Colonization: Exploring how to ensure the long-term sustainability of human presence in space, including issues related to resource management and environmental impact.

SPONSORS

BY THE HEAD OF FINANCES AND RELATIONS & THE FINANCIAL MANAGER

MUNA is a massive conference and thus expensive. The conference almost fully relies on sponsorships and donations. Therefore, we are tremendously thankful for all the financial support of this year's MUNA. We present to you the companies and individuals that make this conference financially possible: the Kardinaal Alfrink Stichting, Jongeren Informatie Punt Zoetermeer, Promerium B.V. and the Lucas family.

Jongeren Informatie Punt, or JIP is a wonderful organization based in Zoetermeer, The Hague and Delft. It is their goal to help children and young adults through any problems they may have whether they may be financial or more personal. Some of their projects are: Love Your Mind which helps youth help each other with mental health problems, WeHague which helps youth socialize and lastly SchuldZero which consults children and young adults on any financial questions they have. We are incredibly grateful for the continued support that JIP has given to MUNA. We hope that JIP will continue to support MUNA in the future.

Promerium B.V. is a company located in Zoetermeer that provides innovative intelligence analysis solutions employing predictive analytics to discover future trends from large volumes of raw data while transforming sensitive metrics into actionable insights and profound knowledge. This allows well-informed decision-making to gain a competitive advantage.

It will be the first time Promerium and MUNA are partners and we are ever so grateful for their collaboration.

Also, thanks to the Lucas family for their financial support. Their donation allows us to give more and more participants an unforgettable experience.

The Kardinaal Alfrink Stichting board name of the Alfrink College. The Kardinaal Alfrink Stichting allows us to organise MUNA and lets us use (a part of) the school building. Behind the scenes, they are what keeps the conference running.

On behalf of the MUNA staff, the Head of Finances and Relations and the Financial Manager would like to, once again, thank all the companies for their support.

MUN-TERMINOLOGY

Ad-hoc debate: A debate that does not start with an entire resolution, but in which a resolution is built up clause by clause during the debate.

Administrative Staff: The assistants of the Chair. They assist in voting procedures and passing notes.

Amendment: An amendment is an alteration to a specific part of the resolution. The intention of a proposed amendment should be to improve the resolution, thus helping the resolution to pass. Amendments are either of the first or the second degree.

Amendment of the first degree: An amendment made to a resolution.

Amendment of the second degree: An amendment made to an amendment of the first degree.

Chair: The person who is in charge of the debate. The Chair decides who may speak, what is and what is not in order. The Chair's decision is always final.

Co-submitter: A delegation that supports the resolution before the debate has started.

Delegate: A member of a delegation.

Delegation: A group of delegates representing a certain country or organization.

Executive Staff: Students in charge of the organization of the MUNconference.

General Assembly: The General Assembly (GA) is the main deliberative body of the UN.

International Court of Justice: The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial organ of the UN. It settles, in accordance with international law, the legal disputes between states and gives advisory opinions on legal questions.

Lobbying: The negotiating, concerning resolutions, between delegates before the actual debate.

MUN-TERMINOLOGY

Main submitter: The delegation submitting the resolution. The main submitter will read out the operative clauses at the start of a debate and will give the first speech.

Merging: The process where several draft resolutions are put together and become one resolution, which can be discussed in the forum.

MUN-Director: The teachers accompanying the students from a school.

MUNA-Staff: These are the people who are responsible for the organization of the MUNA-conference.

NAC: The highest decision-making body of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

NGO: Non-Governmental Organization. NGOs are not allowed to vote

NMD: Non-Member Delegation (NGOs, OOs and UNOs) NonMember Delegations are representatives of organisations or nations which are not members of the UN. These NMDs have speaking rights but no voting rights.

Operative Clause: A clause in a resolution that tells the reader what the resolution proposes to do and what measures need to be taken.

Policy Statement: A brief but comprehensive definition of the issue, plus the relationship to the country's national interest.

Point of Information: A question to gain clarification, either to the speaker who has the floor or to the Chair, by a member of the house who has been duly recognised by the Chair

Pre-ambulatory Clause: A clause in a resolution, which tells the reader what has gone before, why or on what basis the resolution was written.

President: The person who is in charge of the debate in the General Assembly.

MUN-TERMINOLOGY

Resolution: The proposal made by the delegates on how to deal with a certain issue.

Secretary General: The 'leader' of the conference.

Security Council: The UN Charter gives the SC primary responsibility for maintaining international peace and security and the Council alone has the power to back up its declarations with actions to ensure compliance with them.

United Nations: Organization set up after the Second World War, with the aim of achieving peace, justice and social progress.

UNO: United Nations Organization. UNOs are not allowed to vote.

LIST OF POINTS AND MOTIONS

Points

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE POINTS:

Points during the debate are always a personal matter; hence they never require a second. Points during the debate may NOT interrupt a speaker except for a Point of Personal Privilege, which refers to inaudibility. All other points will be dealt with only when there is a debating pause, i.e. when the speaker having the floor yields to Points of Information, to another delegation, or to the Chair.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

This point always refers to the personal comfort and wellbeing of a delegate and is therefore not debatable nor does it require a second. It may only interrupt a speaker when it refers to inaudibility.

POINT OF ORDER

This point refers to mistakes in the Rules of Procedure, i.e. the Chair making a mistake in debating time or when a delegate insults another delegate. It is not debatable and may never interrupt a speaker. Example: "Is it in order for the delegate to yield the floor to another delegation since the floor was previously yielded to him by Saudi Arabia?"

POINT OF INFORMATION TO THE SPEAKER

This point is a question directed to the delegate having the floor, and who has indicated that he/she is willing to yield to Points of Information. After a delegate finishes his/her speech a Chair should always ask whether or not the delegate is open to any points of information, before recognizing delegates to ask such a point. The point must always be formulated as a question, i.e. 'Is the speaker aware of the fact...' A short introductory statement may precede the question. When the delegate asking this point feels a more specified answer is needed, the delegate may want to ask another point; the delegate does this through a 'request for a follow up'. The delegate may always ask for such a request after a point, but the chair is the one to decide whether to grant this or not.

LIST OF POINTS AND MOTIONS

Points

POINT OF INFORMATION TO THE CHAIR

This point is a question to the Chair, which could refer to almost anything, from issues to personal priorities. It may never interrupt a speaker. Please answer clearly and swiftly in order to move on with the debate quickly.

POINT OF PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

This is a point of information to the Chair concerning Rules of Procedures, which may never interrupt a speaker.

LIST OF POINTS AND MOTIONS

Motions

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MOTIONS:

Different than points, motions involve the committee as a whole, and therefore always need a 'second'. Similarly, a delegate is also allowed to object to a motion

MOTION TO MOVE THE PREVIOUS QUESTION (MOTION TO MOVE TO VOTING PROCEDURE)

When this motion is called in an open debate, it means that the house will be moving to the voting procedure. When it is called in a closed debate, there are two situations: if it is the time in favour, the motion calls for moving to the time against; if it is the time against, the motion calls for moving to the voting procedure. It is also known as the "Motion to move to Voting Procedure." Remember that it requires a second and it may not interrupt a speaker. In the event of objections from the house, the final decision is up to the Chairs. Do not forget that Chairs have the right to overrule the motions.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE DEBATE

This motion calls for a break in the debate and, if passed, the debate will come to an immediate end, but can be restarted by any member of the committee. During the debate on an issue, any delegate may move the adjournment of the issue debated on. The proposer of this motion will give a short speech on why the item should be adjourned. The Chair will then recognise two speakers in favour and two against this motion, the Chair may limit the time of the speakers, but please be consistent. For this motion to pass, a simple majority is needed. Tied results, mean that the motion has failed. Try to prevent this motion from being used, as it will not ensure an efficient debate since there already are pre-planned breaks during the debate.

LIST OF POINTS AND MOTIONS

Motions

MOTION TO TABLE A RESOLUTION

This motion calls for the temporary disposal of a resolution and could be done if a deadlock in the debate occurs and more informal lobbying is needed. This mostly means the resolution can only be re-discussed after all other resolutions have been debated. Because of the tight schedule at MUNA, this will mostly mean the "death" of a resolution, as there will quite likely not be enough time left to re-discuss it. Therefore Chairs should strongly discourage tabling. When it does occur, a 2/3 majority is needed.

MOTION TO EXTEND DEBATE TIME

This motion asks for more time to debate. It is at the Chairs' discretion, thus not debatable. A second is needed, if proposed from the floor. This motion can only occur when there is a set time for the debate. If this is not the case, then this motion will not be relevant.

MOTION FOR THE DIVISION OF THE HOUSE

This motion calls for the Chairs to ask each delegation separately what they vote, when voting results are very close (abstentions no longer in order). This is very time-consuming and should only be used on very important votes when results are quite close or the voting procedure was not clear enough.

LIST OF INTRODUCTORY PHRASES

Every clause of your resolution must start with one of the phrases stated below. There are separate phrases for preambulatory clauses and operative clauses. Some phrases only delegates of the Security Council are allowed to use (of course they can also use the other phrases). These phrases are listed separately

PRE-AMBULATORY PHRASES

Acknowledging Affirming Alarmed by Approving Aware of Bearing in mind Believing
Confident Congratulating Conscious Contemplating Convinced Declaring Deeply
concerned Deeply conscious Deeply convinced Deeply disturbed Deeply regretting Desiring
Emphasizing Expecting Expressing its appreciation Expressing its concern Expressing its
satisfaction Fully alarmed Fully aware Fully believing Further recalling Guided by Having
adopted Having considered Having devoted attention Having examined Having heard
Having received Having studied Keeping in mind Noting Noting further Noting with
appreciation Noting with approval Noting with deep concern Noting with regret Noting with
satisfaction Observing Pointing out Reaffirming Realizing Recalling Recognizing Referring
Reminding Seeking Stressing Taking into account Taking into consideration Taking note
Viewing with appreciation Welcoming

OPERATIVE PHRASES

Affirms Approves Asks Authorizes Calls for Calls upon Confirms Congratulates Emphasizes
Encourages Endorses Expresses its appreciation Expresses its hope Further invites Further
proclaims Further recommends Further recommends Further resolves Hopes Insists Invites
Proclaims Proposes Reaffirms Recommends Regrets Requests Resolves Seeks Stresses
Strongly affirms Strongly urges Suggests Supports Trusts Urge

LIST OF INTRODUCTORY PHRASES

SECURITY COUNCIL PRE- AMBULATORY PHRASES

Declaring Deploring Further deploring Decides Further declaring

SECURITY COUNCIL OPERATIVE PHRASES

Condemns Decides Declares Declares accordingly Deplores Designates Strongly condemns

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

FORUM: General Assembly 3: Social, Cultural and Humanitarian

QUESTION OF: Preserving Minority Languages

SUBMITTED BY: The Republic of Turkey

CO-SUBMITTERS: Belgium, Latvia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,
Russian Federation, Mexico, Poland, Slovakia, Egypt, Malta, Finland

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THIRD COMMITTEE,

Viewing with appreciation the cultural diversity and history of the planet,

Keeping in mind the natural development of languages and dialects around the world,

Noting with deep concern the actions taken by some states to change the demographic and
linguistic identity of parts of their states,

Expressing its concern for the efforts and campaigns of certain member states to
discourage the use of minority languages in their countries, or even eradicate them from
public discourse,

1. Affirms that linguistic minorities around the world have the right to speak their own
languages in private and communal spheres, in addition to using them in legal proceedings;
2. Calls upon all member states to not discourage or obstruct the natural course of such
languages in any way, shape, or form;

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

3. Expresses its hope that countries working to counter the use of minority languages will change their national policies in favour of linguistic diversity, through means such as but not limited to:

- a) Encouraging the voluntary teaching of these languages in schools,
- b) Allowing regional media outlets to use minority languages in newspapers and on radio and television programs,
- c) Accepting testimonies given in minority languages and their use in other court proceedings,
- d) The appropriate signing of public services in the relevant minority language of said geographical area, public services that could be signed included but is not limited to:
 - i. Road signs,
 - ii. Public transport,
 - iii. State-owned property;

4. Recommends that the UN or any of its bodies should attempt to save languages dying a 'natural death' due to their small and declining number of speakers, through means such as but not limited to:

- a) Preserving written examples of the minority language,
- b) Encouraging young people to learn the minority language,
- c) Encouraging speakers of a minority language to pass it on to the younger generation.