

**SRI LANKA  
MODEL UNITED NATIONS**



**THE WORKING PAPER**

Sri Lanka Model United Nations constantly strives to redefine and revolutionise MUN in Sri Lanka by encouraging Delegates to go beyond what is expected of them when it comes to solving and overcoming global challenges.

Considering the magnitude and severity of prevailing global issues, the Executive Committee has recognised the importance of “Solution Orientated” committee sessions. After much planning it was decided to replace the “Foreign Policy Statement” with a “Working Paper” Document.

Delegates are expected to submit their Working Papers on or before the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 to their respective Head Tables via email.

### What is a “Working Paper”?

A “Working Paper” is considered to be the precursor to a Draft Resolution. It is a document where Delegates initially formulate solutions with respect to their committee’s topic and in accordance to their Country’s stance.

The Working Paper Document will thereafter be utilized by Delegates as a guideline during Unmoderated Caucus sessions in forming a Draft Resolution.

### Structure

The Working Paper is primarily a solution based document and will follow a structure akin to that of a resolution albeit it **does not include Draft Pre-Ambulatory Clauses and will only contain Draft Operative Clauses**

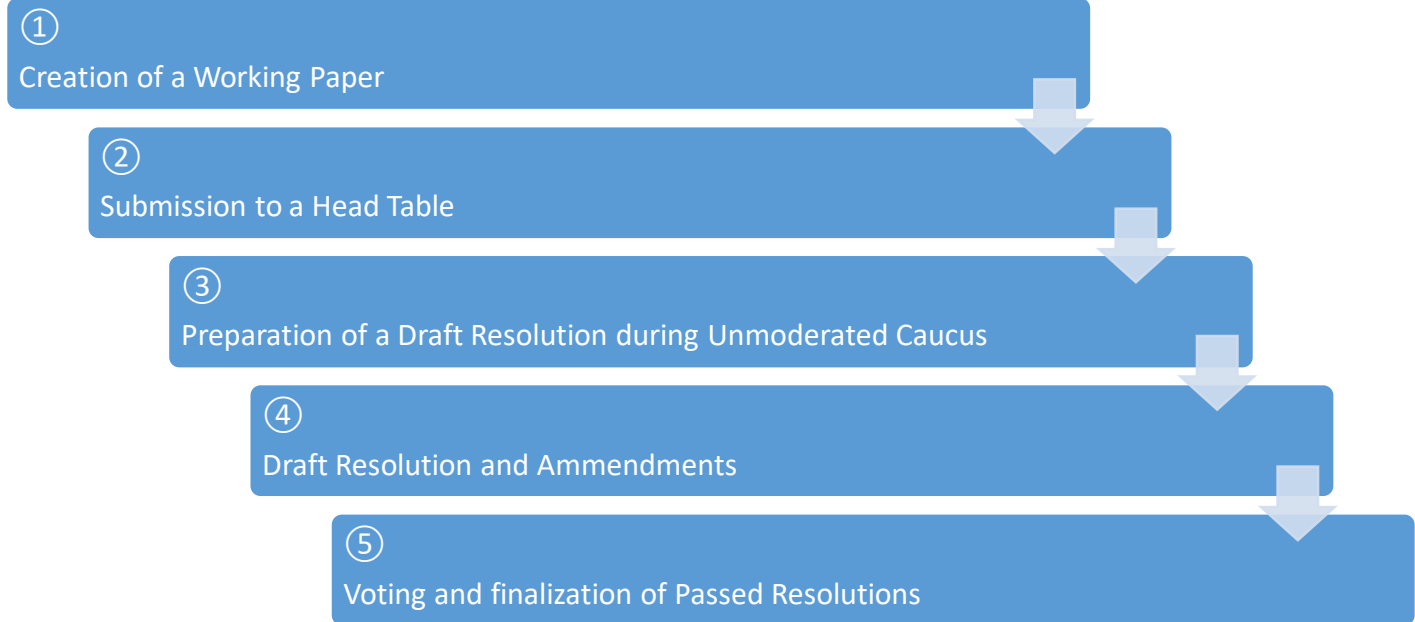
Draft Operative Clauses are purely action orientated and must address the Agenda which a Delegate wishes to present at Conference. Ideally each individual Draft Operative Clause should be clear, succinct and address a single complete idea and set forth action to be taken.

*Example: Urges member states to comply with the goals of the UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs to streamline efforts of humanitarian aid ;)*

The following words can be used to present a Draft Operative Clause:

*A list of Operative Clauses maybe found on the Delegate Manual at [www.slmun.org](http://www.slmun.org)*

## Changes in Process: From a Working Paper to a Resolution



1. Delegates are expected to submit their Working Papers on or before the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 to their respective Head Tables via email.
2. Submitted Working Papers will be reviewed and marked by the Delegates Head Table on grounds such as feasibility and effectiveness. Draft Operative Clauses imperative for discussion will be separated by the Head Table in order to ensure their use in Committee Session.
3. Delegates are allowed to utilize their Working Papers during Unmoderated Caucus in conjunction with those of other delegates in the same bloc barring Foreign Policy Violations.
4. The Head Table may consult Sponsor Nations regarding the use of previously identified Draft Operative Clauses in the Draft Resolution. Standard procedure for Amendments are followed.
5. Following completion of open debate, voting will be carried out on resolutions according as per Normal Procedure.

### **How will Delegates be marked?**

Submitted Working Papers will be judged based on the following criteria:

1. How well the Delegate has understood the topic
2. Feasibility and effectiveness of Draft Operative Clauses with respect to the Country's stance on the topic.

In line SLMUN's shift in focus towards "Solution Orientated" discussions marks will be predominantly awarded to Delegates based on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Criteria.

Improvements on mechanisms currently in place are welcomed, however reiteration of solutions which have already status quo will not be recognized.

Delegates are encouraged to submit a minimum of 3 Draft Operative Clauses (not inclusive of sub clauses) and a maximum of one A4 page (i.e. 400 words  $\pm$  50 words). Submissions which fail to adhere to the minimum and maximum word limits will be marked down.

## Sample Working Paper 1

Delegate Name -

Committee – UN Commission on Science and Technology

Proposing Nation- United Kingdom

Topic – International News Flow Imbalance

1. Recommends that a three-level information interchange system be established on the National, Regional, and International levels to ameliorate the current problems of news flow imbalance, operating as follows:

- a. Each region's member nations will report their national information and receive the information of other nations in their region from the regional level of this interchange system;
- b. Nations will decide the character of the news flow media best suited to the need of their sovereign territory, be this printed, audio, or audio visual;
- c. Regional News Gathering Agencies will serve to gather information from the nations in their region, and these boards will have no editorial discretion and will serve to forward all information to the International Board;
- d. Each regional agency will be composed of representatives from every member nation of the region;
- e. The primary function of the International Board will be to translate information accumulated from the regional news gathering agencies;
- f. The secondary purpose will be to transmit all information gathered back to the member nations via the regional news gathering agencies;
- g. In order to expedite the transfer of information from the international to regional level the International Board will utilize a UN frequency on an EEC (European Economic Community) satellite;

2. Urges the establishment of the University of International Communications, with main branch in Geneva, Switzerland, and additional branches located in each of the aforementioned regions, to pursue the following aims:

- a. The University and branches will be established with the express purpose of bringing together world views and facilitating the transfer of technology;
- b. All member nations of the United Nations will be equally represented at the University;
- c. Incentives will be offered to students of journalism and communications at the University to return to their countries to teach upon completion of instruction;
- d. The instructors of the regional education centres will be comprised of a multi-partisan coalition of educators from throughout the world;

3. Calls for the continued use of funds from the International Program for the Development of Communications, Special Account, UNESCO, the UNDP, and other sources of funding including national governments and private donors;

4. Further recommends that the distribution of funds be decided by the IPDC.

## **Sample Working Paper 2**

Delegate Name -

Committee – The Third General Assembly

Proposing Nation- United States of America

Topic – Strengthening UN coordination of humanitarian assistance in complex emergencies

1. Encourages all relevant agencies of the United Nations to collaborate more closely with countries at the grassroots level to enhance the carrying out of relief efforts;

2. Urges member states to comply with the goals of the UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs to streamline efforts of humanitarian aid;

3. Requests that all nations develop rapid deployment forces to better enhance the coordination of relief efforts of humanitarian assistance in complex emergencies;

4. Calls for the development of a United Nations Trust Fund that encourages voluntary donations from the private transnational sector to aid in funding the implementation of rapid deployment forces;

5. Stresses the continuing need for impartial and objective information on the political, economic and social situations and events of all countries;

6. Calls upon states to respond quickly and generously to consolidated appeals for humanitarian assistance;

7. Requests the expansion of preventive actions and assurance of post-conflict assistance through reconstruction and development.