



Model United  
Nations  
Assembly

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# MUNA 2026

## Participant Manual for Delegates

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# Information Booklet 2026

Students, Parents, Teachers, & Rotary Clubs

MUNA is a powerful extra-curricular activity that pulls together so much of the curriculum: History, Geography, Social Science, Political Studies, English and Drama, as well as providing leadership and teamwork opportunities.

There is no financial cost to the students or teachers.

Information pertaining to frequently asked questions about MUNA is included in this booklet.

I look forward to Welcoming your teams for 2026.

Yours Sincerely

Susan Howard  
MUNA Committee Chair 2026

## What is MUNA?

The Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) is an inter-school debating event where students in teams of three will debate from the point of view of their country. Students can select a country – first in will be given preference and will research their country's position on various topics. The focus is on debating resolutions not writing amendments to resolutions as is the case with other UN school programs.

Once your application has been received an email with your allocated country will be emailed as confirmation and a request for your preference for speaking to/for or against the resolutions.

## Who is MUNA for?

MUNA is for students in years 10, 11, or 12 who have an interest in, or want to learn about the workings of the UN General Assembly. By conducting their own research on resolutions to be debated, they will gain an understanding of viewpoints of the country they will be allocated to represent. The resolutions cover a range of important global issues. Students will learn about lobbying and diplomatic manoeuvring and voting procedures that take place in the general assembly.

## What is Rotary's connection?

MUNA is organised by a District committee who are members of Rotary International. Local Rotary clubs can be approached to sponsor a delegation, (team of three students), to attend the one-day MUNA event, so it is completely free for students to participate. Students and/or their school should get in touch with their local Rotary club to enquire about sponsorship.

Schools can also participate in MUNA and fund the cost of the event.

## Where and when is MUNA?

MUNA will be held at Tweed Civic Centre on Saturday 30 May 2026. The event will start at 9.00am for registration and finish at 4.30pm, and includes lunch, mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks.

Students, teachers, and the MUNA committee running the event will be catered for. Refreshments will be available for visitors. MUNA will be held in the auditorium at The

Tweed Heads Civic Centre, so parents, teachers, and other support people, including Rotarians, are very welcome to come and watch the event in person.

## How much does it cost?

MUNA is completely free for student participants as they will be sponsored by a Rotary club. The cost for sponsoring a delegation is \$400 per team of three students.

Schools without a Rotary sponsor can fund and will be invoiced accordingly.

## Will there be food?

Lunch, together with morning and afternoon tea will be provided for each delegation and supervising teachers who have registered. Dietary needs and food allergies must be clearly communicated on the registration form.

Students are advised to bring a water bottle as filtered water is available.

## Are there prizes?

Every student will receive a certificate to acknowledge their participation in MUNA.

The following will receive trophies, and the Best Delegation will travel to Canberra for the 2026 National MUNA to be held on 21 August to 23 August 2026.

- Best Delegation
- Best Delegation Runner-Up
- Best Country Dress
- Encouragement Award

## Rules

1. The Secretary General is the ultimate authority, and his/her rulings are not subject to debate. Speakers may not speak until recognised and invited to by the Secretary General.
2. Resolutions: Each Resolution will have a mover and a seconder (from different countries). There will be no amendments the format is as per the 2026 MUNA Nationals.
3. The mover will speak first, and the seconder will follow, both speaking 'to/for' the Resolution.
4. The next speaker will speak AGAINST the Resolution.
5. The speakers who follow will alternate between speakers to/for and speakers against the resolution.
6. Speakers to Resolutions will be limited to 3 minutes for each speaking turn unless otherwise specified. One stroke of the warning bell will be given at 2.30, two strokes at 2.45 and three strokes at 3.00, at which time the delegate will be asked to resume their seat.
7. Except for the mover (which has a right of reply limited to 1 minute), countries may speak only once to each Resolution.
8. Motions for a second speech: If a country wishes to speak a second time, it may request (via a Diplomatic Messenger) another country to move a Motion that this be allowed. A seconder (ie. a second country) is required to support this Motion before it is put to the whole assembly for a vote. The Motion is put to a vote without discussion. A simple majority (51%) is required to pass it.
9. Points of Order will be allowed by the Secretary General only when it is felt that the rules have been broken. Points of Order are to be made by interrupting a Delegate speaking. The Secretary General rules absolutely on the validity of these points.
10. Points of Clarifications/Personal Explanations will be allowed by the Secretary General only on matters when a Delegate claims to have been misquoted or misrepresented. Clarifications etc. can be made by interrupting a Delegate speaking. The Secretary General rules absolutely on the validity of these matters.

In summary, the order of operations for each resolution will be:

**1. Debating the Resolution (Max. 3 minutes per speaker)**

- a. The mover will speak 'to/for' the Resolution
- b. The seconder will speak 'to/for' the Resolution
- c. The next speaker speaks 'against' the Resolution
- d. The next speaker speaks 'to/for' the Resolution
- e. The next speaker speaks 'against' the Resolution
- f. The next speaker speaks 'to/for' the Resolution
- g. The next speaker speaks 'against' the Resolution
- h. The next speaker speaks 'to/for' the Resolution
- i. The original mover has the right of reply if they want it (1 minute)
- j. A vote is taken on the Resolution

**PLEASE NOTE:** Each member of a Delegation is expected to participate proportionately in the Assembly debates. One laptop per delegation for research purposes preference would be that this is not used as a reading tool in debates. This is viewed as being an important assessment criteria for the MUNA Judges.

## Guidelines

1. Bloc Meetings (Groups of Countries with shared interests) will be held prior to debate over each Resolution to establish voting strategies. Bloc meetings may also be instigated by the Secretary General to allow discussion of mutual standpoints on issues. Smaller Groups may decide to meet to discuss certain positions and motions. Delegates are encouraged to use this process - it is one that the MUNA judges see as important.
2. Future Bloc Meetings may be called during debate of a Resolution. These are called by way of a motion via a Diplomatic Note to the Secretary General, with proper procedures applying. A motion calling a Bloc Meeting must be passed by two thirds of the Assembly, or at the instigation of the Secretary General.
  - a. Bloc meetings are less formally structured than the General Assembly, but Bloc members are expected to allow the fair expression of views by any delegation wishing to do so, as part of ensuring that a Bloc position represents a genuine consensus.
3. Any Delegate speaking to the Assembly must clearly start his/her remarks with "Mr (or Madam) Secretary General, my name is .... and I speak on behalf of the ..... Delegation".
4. All 4 Resolutions will be debated. Delegations must be prepared to speak on all Resolutions.
5. Once registration has been confirmed Delegations will be asked to indicate their preferences to speak to/for or against each Resolution (your research should help you form your country's position on each Resolution). Based on these preferences, the Secretary General will allocate speaking slots in order to ensure every Delegation has an opportunity to speak several times.
6. Once the allocated Delegations have spoken, debate is open to other Delegates wishing to participate.
7. Delegates must represent the known views of their nominated Nation, as might be reflected at the actual United Nations. They should not put forward their personal views and risk a penalty if they do.
8. Diplomatic Notes are an important part of MUNA but will only be allowed by the Secretary General on the following basis
  - a. That all messages are in the spirit of MUNA.
  - b. That messages are not frivolous or offensive.
  - c. That all messages must be delivered by MUNA Diplomatic Messengers and will be vetted.

## Judging Criteria

The intent of MUNA is to increase the knowledge, debating/presentation skill levels and interpersonal skills of all participants. MUNA Judging will be undertaken by evaluating individual and Delegation performance against the Rules and Guidelines above, together with the criteria listed below.

### **Knowledge of the country you represent:**

Delegations will be evaluated by their demonstration of knowledge of the character (eg. history, politics, policies, culture, demographics) and position of the country they represent and by acting in accordance with that position, as appropriate to the debate.

### **Knowledge of the Issues:**

Delegations will be evaluated on their knowledge of the issues that are being debated. This could include statistics, previous decisions, or other important context that surrounds the issue that is being debated.

**Presentation Skills:** Delegates will be judged on how well they present to the Assembly (eye contact, posture, body language, enthusiasm, use of humour, emotive language, etc.)

### **Debating Skills:**

Delegates will be judged on how well they debate motions, amendments and points of order.

This includes how well they:

- Structure their arguments
- Create and present a compelling case
- Respond to opposing arguments.

Delegations will be evaluated by their ability to demonstrate correct, appropriate and professional use of parliamentary procedure to facilitate debate and discussion and by the proportionate contribution of each member of the team.

Note: Application of Parliamentary procedure may include procedures that are obstructionist in nature - if being obstructionist is totally within a country's national interest. Delegations who exhibit greater understanding of parliamentary procedure and use it with relevance to the proposed amendments will receive a more favourable evaluation. However, the Secretary General will not countenance a motion "that the motion be put" or that "the speaker no longer be heard" where they are not in the spirit of open debate.

**Attitude:**

This will be judged by considering the behaviour of the delegation, their recognition of rules and interpersonal skills. Delegations will be assessed on how well they demonstrate correct and appropriate behaviour befitting the nature and purpose of the (Model) UN Assembly. This includes proper decorum, attitude, ability to listen and compromise, tact, courtesy, general spirit and ability to work cooperatively with all participants in the process: e.g. other delegations, their own delegation members and organisers.

**Deductions:**

Unruly or inappropriate behaviour and discourtesy may also be costly.

**National Dress:**

Delegations are encouraged to adopt their country's national dress to enhance to their presentations. However, frivolous depictions of national dress are not encouraged and may be viewed harshly by the adjudicators. There will be a Parade of Nations in the morning, subject to a specific award for the Delegation with the most appropriate/interesting national dress.

## Program of Days Events

9:00am	Registration
9:30am	Call to Order
9:40am	Flag Ceremony
9:50am	Welcome & Official Opening
9:55am	Guest Speaker
10:10am	General Secretary's Instructions
10:15am	Session 1 - Resolution and Debate
11:15am	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11:30am	Session 2 - Resolution and Debate
12:30pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30pm	Session 3 - Resolution and Debate
2:30pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
2:45pm	Session 4 - Resolution and Debate
3:45pm	Certificates of Participation - (Judges Adjudication)
4:00pm	Trophy Presentation
4:30pm	Official Close

# Resolutions

## 9640 MUNA – RESOLUTION 01 – 2026

### Ensuring Humanitarian Access and Protection of Civilians in the Gaza Strip

#### The General Assembly

**Reaffirming** the obligation of all parties to comply with **international humanitarian law**, including the protection of medical facilities, UN premises, and humanitarian personnel,

**Recognizing** the essential role of UN agencies, including UNRWA, OCHA and WHO, in providing life-saving support.

**Expressing** grave concern at the **catastrophic humanitarian situation** in Gaza, as highlighted in UN briefings throughout 2025,

**Commits** to taking the following actions on an urgent basis:

- **Calls** for the protection of humanitarian workers, medical personnel, and UN staff, and condemns any attacks on UN facilities or civilian infrastructure.
- **Urges** all parties to respect the inviolability of UN premises and to guarantee the safety of civilians seeking refuge in UN-designated shelters.
- **Emphasises** the importance of restoring essential services, including electricity, water, sanitation and healthcare, to prevent further civilian suffering.
- **Calls** upon Member States to support humanitarian operations through funding, logistics, and technical assistance, in line with UN appeals.

**Proposes** enhanced coordination between humanitarian actors and relevant authorities to ensure the effective and impartial distribution of aid.

**Recommends** the immediate, safe and unhindered delivery of humanitarian assistance to all civilians in the Gaza Strip, consistent with A/RES/ES-10/23.

## **9640 MUNA – RESOLUTION 02 – 2026**

### **Strengthening Global Health Security and Universal Access to Healthcare**

#### **The General Assembly**

**Reaffirms** the importance of universal health coverage, health-system resilience, and global health security.

**Recognizing** the resolution's emphasis on pandemic preparedness, equitable access to essential health services, and international cooperation,

**Expresses** concern over the rise of antimicrobial resistance and urges Member States to implement national AMR action plans aligned with WHO guidance.

**Commits** to taking the following actions on an urgent basis:

- **Calls** upon Member States to strengthen national health systems, with a focus on primary healthcare, workforce development, and universal access to essential services, consistent with A/RES/80/124.
- **Urges** partnerships with civil society, youth, Indigenous communities, and vulnerable populations to ensure inclusive and culturally appropriate health strategies.
- **Emphasises** increased investment in global health security, including early-warning systems, disease surveillance, and rapid-response capacities.
- **Calls** for strengthened international cooperation to support health-system resilience in developing countries, including through financing, technology transfer, and capacity-building.
- **Recommends** the resolution's emphasis on pandemic preparedness, equitable access to essential health services, and international cooperation,

**Proposes** the integration of climate-related health risks into national preparedness and adaptation plans.

**Recommends** that universal health coverage is a cornerstone of global health security and essential to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

## **9640 MUNA – RESOLUTION 03 – 2026**

### **Promoting Safe, Ethical and Inclusive Use of Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies**

#### **The General Assembly**

**Reaffirms** the importance of ensuring that emerging technologies contribute to sustainable development, education, public health and climate resilience.

**Recognizes** responsible governance of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence.

**Expresses** concern over the transparency, accountability, and respect for human rights in all digital systems.

**Commits** to taking the following actions on an urgent basis:

- **Calls** upon States and private-sector actors to ensure transparency and accountability in AI systems, including clear safeguards against bias, discrimination and misuse.
- **Urges** Member States to promote secure digital environments, including protection of personal data, cybersecurity resilience and responsible handling of digital information.
- **Emphasizes** that international cooperation is essential to prevent misuse of digital technologies and to promote global trust and security,
- Encourages the development of global standards for AI governance that uphold human rights, safety, and ethical principles,
- **Recommends** supporting international cooperation to strengthen digital inclusion, capacity-building and technology transfer, particularly for developing countries.

**Proposes** the development of global standards for AI governance that uphold human rights, safety, and ethical principles.

**Recommends** the creation of mechanisms for sharing best practices, research and regulatory approaches to AI and emerging technologies.

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## **9640 MUNA – RESOLUTION 04 – 2026**

### **Restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations**

#### **The General Assembly**

**Reaffirms** the continued validity of General Assembly resolution 2758 (1971) as the basis for China's representation in the United Nations.

**Recognizing** that differing interpretations of Resolution 2758 have contributed to diplomatic tensions, including between the United States and China.

**Expressing** concern that recent military activities and political pressures in the Taiwan Strait risk miscalculation and escalation.

**Commits** to taking the following actions on an urgent basis:

- **Calls** upon all parties to refrain from actions that may escalate tensions in the Taiwan Strait, including military exercises, airspace incursions, and coercive economic measures.
- **Urges** Member States, including the United States and China, to engage in dialogue to clarify differing interpretations of Resolution 2758 in a manner consistent with international law.
- **Emphasizing** that participation in UN specialized agencies contributes to global health, aviation safety, disaster response, and other areas of international cooperation,
- **Recommends** confidence-building measures between the United States and China, including crisis-communication mechanisms and transparent military-to-military dialogue.

**Proposes** the expansion of technical and expert-level cooperation between UN agencies and Taiwan on issues such as global health, disaster relief, and climate resilience.

**Recommends** the importance of peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations

# Represented Counties

The 2026 Countries Represented at MUNA are below, student teams are asked to select one of the following countries. Preference on a first in basis upon application.

## ***Bloc A - Western Powers***

- USA
- Canada
- United Kingdom
- France
- Germany

## **Bloc B — Europe & Russia**

- Italy
- Norway
- Denmark
- Ukraine
- Russia

## **Bloc C — East Asia**

- China
- Japan
- South Korea
- North Korea
- Taiwan

## **Bloc D — Middle East**

- Iran
- Iraq
- Saudi Arabia
- UAE
- Kuwait

**Bloc E — Middle East & Mediterranean**

- Israel
- Lebanon
- Egypt
- India
- Australia

**Bloc F — Americas**

- Brazil
- Mexico
- Cuba
- Venezuela
- Chile