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INTRODUCTION TO INTERCON- NECTIVITY

PIMUN introduced Interconnectivity in 2017 to enhance the dynamism of each edition. Inspired by Webster MUN initiative and implemented by MUNAPEST, we brought interconnectivity with the aim of promoting a **more comprehensive view of the topics discussed and making every year a more exciting experience.**

Interconnectivity is a systemic approach to Model UN debates, in which **every event occurring in one Committee has an impact on all the others**, in the endeavour to create a lifelike experience as accurate as that of the United Nations.

The main idea is to take a general topic that can be affected by different variables, and make every Committee involved in this Interconnectivity web, discuss it from multiple angles, which means each board works towards a resolution of its own topic, but the debate should work towards the resolution of an overall problem that may be influenced by external events, such as treaties and posthumous agreements, as Representatives engage in a constantly updated reality whose intention is to resolve the general topic.

All the documents provided by other Committees, the PressTeam, or by the Interconnectivity Coordinators during the conference have the same value as real-life information.

This platform of interdependence intends to set Representatives in a context on which they do not only have to analyze and evaluate the topic being discussed, but they ought to simultaneously, be aware of the current global panorama and contrast all of the possible outcomes that a specific situation may provide.

In addition, the purpose of this scheme is to **challenge individuals to engage in a realistic and demanding debate**, where they do not act as isolated Representatives of their respective States, but as part of a Delegation that must cooperate unilaterally.

Representatives will have to balance the dynamic of their backgrounds with their delegation's interests and policies, while dealing with a constant flow of events and information; they are no longer alienated from a complex network, they help to create it!



EXTRA ORDINARY ASSEMBLIES AND VOTING

Interconnectivity takes place in 2 forms: **the Extraordinary Assembly (EA) and Committee Sessions**. There will be two extraordinary assemblies, one at the beginning, of 1 hour and one at the end of 5 hours. In the EAs all delegates from all Interconnectivity committees will meet, each delegation will work as a team with only one placard.

The voting in EA works as a normal GA committee, **all resolutions need to be voted first in individual committees and then voted in the last EA**. Amendments will only occur in the EA, there will be no amendments in committee sessions.

Voting rights in committee sessions will be different depending on the committee, UNIDO and UN Habitat will follow the voting procedure explained in PIMUN's general ROP. World Bank will follow a specific voting system specified in World Bank's Study Guide. UNSC will follow the veto system specified in the Art. 27 III of the UN Charter.

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HERARCHY

In order to facilitate the decision-making process within a Delegation, **Representatives of each state are assigned a rank based on their Committee allocation**.

Highest-Ranking Representatives may set the policy for the delegation and settle inter- Delegation disputes. Chief Economists are in charge for all financial matters. **In the event of an unresolved dispute, Representatives can appeal to the Interconnectivity Coordinators or Chairs**.

Chairs can use the "Motion to Exclude the Public" at their discretion, any time during the debate. The Highest-Ranking Representative of the Delegation is the only one allowed to sign binding documents. If somehow the Tier 1 is not attending the conference, the ability to sign is transferred to the Tier 2 and so on.

1. Foreign Ministers and Secretary of States – delegates in the UNSC (or in UNIDO if not a member of the UNSC)
2. Chief Economists – delegates in The World Bank Group committee
3. Delegates to the United Nations – all other delegates



INTER-COMMITTEE RELATIONS

Communication between a delegation will be ensured by two means: **Note Papers or Slack**. Inter Committee communications between Delegations is at the core of Interconnectivity. It will be ensured by three means: **the Press Committee, Delegation Meetings, and Delegation Note Papers**.

DELEGATION MEETINGS

1. Delegation Meetings will be held twice daily. The schedule will be set by the Secretariat.
2. Delegation Meetings may not last longer than 30 minutes, with no extension possible.
3. Representatives are allocated a specific meeting point for their respective Delegation meetings. The State's flag or name will be shown at the meeting point.
4. The purpose of the Delegation Meeting is to ensure proper coordination between Representatives
 - a. The Top Tier Delegate must set the general policy
 - b. The Chief Economist shall set the economic policy and allocate the budget.

- c. The meeting time must be put to good use; Representatives should use the Delegation meeting to discuss the application of the State's policy and coordinate the strategy.

5. If a Delegation has finished coordinating its policy and some allocated time still remains, the Representatives may join the talks of allied or partner States to set common objectives.

6. Representatives may request a **"private" Delegation meeting** during Committee Sessions with at least one member of its Delegation.

- a. The meeting must be justified and permitted by the Chairs of all concerned Representatives.

- b. The "Private Delegation Meeting" may not exceed 10 minutes.

7. Representatives may request an **individual meeting with one or more Representatives of any Committee**, at the Chair's discretion. If approved by the Chair, he/she may send a Note Paper or a Slack message to the other Committee in order to arrange the meeting.

8. Private Delegation meeting and individual meeting with one or more Representatives of any Committee may not exceed 4 per day.



DELEGATION NOTE PAPERS

1. Representatives may use Note Papers to communicate with the other members of their Delegation.
2. Members of the Staff shall ensure the proper distribution of Note Papers between Committees
3. While the use of **Slack** is allowed within a Delegation, **it should only apply to matters of lesser importance** and not be used to set Delegation's meetings.
4. **The highest-ranking representative of a Committee can write "policy" note papers.**
 - a. Such note papers shall be distributed to every Representative of the Delegation. They have an official status and shall be differentiated from "regular" note papers.
 - b. Chairs may not request to read the "policy" note papers.
 - c. Policy note papers may not be used to organize a "private" delegation meeting.

PRESS COMMITTEE

The Representatives of the Press Committee at PIMUN. News Agencies have a major role in Interconnectivity: apart from delegation meetings and notepapers, **they are the main source of information for Representatives concerning the evolution of the debate in other Committees.**

Representatives of News Agencies:

1. Are lead by the Head of Press
 - a. The Head of Press is a chairperson in charge of coordinating the publications of the News Agencies and maintaining the link between the Press Committee and the Interconnectivity Staff
 - b. The Head of Press shall ensure that any fundamental information is properly distributed to all Committees.
2. Shall provide **regular updates from other Committees via multimedia statements** on the platforms previously allocated by the Secretariat. Photographs are allowed with prior authorization of the Head of Press.



3. Should **announce any "Emergency News" that may occur** during a Committee session, and spread the news in all the other Committees, as they are the main source of information regarding major events, using the official PIMUN 2018 "Breaking News" Heading.

4. Shall refer to the Head of Press before communicating any controversial statement.

5. Must respect their respective News Agencies Editorial Policy.

6. **Can be excluded from Sessions and Meetings**, through the use of the Motion to Exclude the Public. Such motion may not exclude the Head of Press. This motion can be overruled at any time by Chairs, if considered dilatory.

BUDGET AND ROLE OF THE WORLD BANK

In order to enable the correct functioning of the Interconnectivity, and to safeguard the effective course of the debates as they intend to follow a realistic vision, **Delegations are provided with a pre-existing budget.**

Nevertheless, **this budget is as flexible and volatile as the real-life economic situation itself**, various factors are going to be present that may either force or encourage

Delegations to modify their budgets as debates linger into their topics.

This budget will play a fundamental role in the settlement of the main topic as it is the one that is going to determine the efficiency and engagement of the international community towards the problematic.

A whole financial system (loan-based market) with a complex but reliable modus operandi will enroll Chief Economists in a context on which they will have to use all their competences to satisfy their countries' needs.

If, at any moment, Chairs and other financial supervisors consider that the budget established by a Delegate is incomprehensible and highly unreliable they will inform him/her on this matter so that he/she can either re-establish his/her own budget. **During the Conference, Representatives will have to adjust their financial balance and budgetary policies.** They will be established by two main criteria:

1. The self-financing capacities of each State,
2. A loan-based financial system, which will have Member States interacting with NGOs and external funds in a complex financial market influenced by interest rates and variable. This will open the situation up for credits and long-term engagements, to help the allocation and further resolution of the main problematic.



Representatives have to be aware of their **real-life public and commercial deficits in order to be informed of their liabilities and capacities**. Countries, Organizations and other Entities involved in this system will merge and cooperate with one another to satisfy their needs and those of global concern.

The Representatives of the World Bank are called "**Chief Economists**". The work of the World bank is very fluid. Representatives will have to accommodate last minute additions of urgent reports. While Chief Economists should follow the guidelines given by the Tier 1 Representative of their Delegation, they should also ensure that the guidelines are not in contradiction with the Delegation's financial interests.

The WB will have 3 distinct functions:

1. Discussing the topic proposed
2. Provide financial expertise to each Interconnectivity Committee
3. Within this context, the Representatives of member States at the WB group as a mandatory advisory body for all the concerned Committees of the UN and are tasked with overseeing the feasibility and sustainability of proposed projects that have an impact on international trade.

WB decisions are non-binding, yet their respect is necessary for efficient implementation of any project or initiative.

A PREDETERMINED UN BUDGET WILL BE ALLOCATED TO EACH COMMITTEE:

Financial expertise can be provided to entire Committees or within groups of delegations (working on the same working paper for example) These topics will be addressed:

-By the WB as a whole, for questions pertaining to a majority of Representatives

-By individual Representatives via notepapers or slack, for questions of less relevance to the entire Committee

FINANCIAL EXPERTISE PROCEDURE

Once one of the Committees of interconnectivity is in the process of creating a draft resolution with a proposed project, the two or three sponsors of this draft will audition before the WB advisory body to the UN (name of our Committee).

This will be in the form of a **Q&A session with a time limit of 15 minutes**. Representatives presenting the project must be specific in their project proposals: have a detailed account of the human, technical, and supply needs with numbers. Each Committees' project or resolution must be validated by the WB in order guarantee financial feasibility.



Example: Project for building a dam

- *Vehicle transporting the material (take into account territorial conditions, cold, paved roads...*
- *Number of men needed to protect the vehicle building the dam*
- *Number of engineers*
- *Number of men (military with UN mandate) to make sure that materials is not stolen or lost*
- *Number of UN supervisors for transparency*
- *Special material to put in place the part of cable*
- *Number and type of vehicle needed for the entirety of the convoy*
- *Supply chain needed by taking into consideration length of the journey and potential difficulties that may arise. (Food, communication material)*

The advisory body will then make a motion to adjourn the ongoing debate to open the debate about the financial cost and feasibility of the proposed project. This will take into account the existing budget of the delegations submitting the project, the concerned countries or private enterprises willing to provide financial aid.

The advisory body will have a scheduled time to provide a financial framework to the Draft, the following times are advisory, the WB chairs, according to the flow of debate, will determine how this processes is finally developed.

-15 minutes of silent unmoderated caucus to read the proposition and think about the financial requirements.

-15 minutes moderated caucus to discuss a specific part of the draft.

-15 minutes unmoderated caucus to start writing a financial annex to the draft.

-15 minutes of Q&A session during which 3 Representatives expose the advancement of the discussion and answer questions. The Press can also ask questions here. This framework is renewable once if Representatives have not finished the financial annex after 45 minutes by a special motion to “renew the debate”. This means the Committee will again go into a 45 minutes debate with the same exact framework. Therefore, Representatives need to consider this decision with much precaution as other propositions maybe on their agenda and the multilateral treaty is on hold.

Once the financial annex is finalized, a motion to adjourn the debate needs to be raised. WB then choose to resume the previous debate on their topic into a second project proposition by a different Committee. In this case the previous procedure applies once more.



Possibilities to bear in mind:

1. **If two project propositions arrive at the same time**, the Committee

will go into a motion to set the agenda after adjournment of debate to choose which project they will advise first.

2. Committees of interconnectivity may also make inquiries to the WB to ask how much of the predetermined UN budget should be allocated to their respective projects to have a better idea of the scale of the projects they can propose.

3. Individual States allocate funds from their national budget to certain projects to compensate a lack of UN funds, they shall therefore consider and **divide the budget of the Delegation**.

a. The budget is allocated to the Delegation prior to the conference. It will be sent by Slack.

b. Representatives should establish a financial strategy prior to the Conference.

c. The allocation of the budget should always be within the boundaries of the Delegation's policy.

d. When proposing a change in budget allocation within the Delegation, or establishing

Financial treaties with other States, the Representative must submit a revised estimate, summarizing the changes and their implication for the Delegation.

The Tier 1 Representative must validate the revised estimate.

COMMITTEE STATEMENTS

Only top Tier or Chief Economist can go to speaker to different Committees. As part of the interconnectivity, **delegates will be required at the beginning of the conference to gather in delegation and give an opening speech**.

TREATIES

Treaties-financial deals, any bilateral deals:

- **come into force as soon as published**

- signed by top Tier Representative binding treaty between 2 Committees

- brought by coordinator, given oral and then published online.

It has to be announced by Press and chairs.

