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Organization of the eleventh regular session of the FAMUN General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items

First Report of the General Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The General Committee has the honor to place before the FAMUN General Assembly, for its consideration, the following report, drafted on 5 September 2024, regarding the organization of the eleventh regular session of the Assembly, the adoption of the agenda and allocation of items.
2. The rules of procedure utilized at the FACAMP Model United Nations (FAMUN) are drawn from the United Nations and based on the WIMUN Approach. Where there is a contradiction of those rules, those of FAMUN will take precedence.

II. Organization of the session

A. General Committee

3. The General Committee will meet periodically throughout the session to review the progress of work and to make recommendations to the FAMUN General Assembly on the general programme of the session and on measures aimed at improving its work.
4. The General Committee took note of Rule 13 of the FAMUN rules of procedure pertaining to the functions of the Committee.
5. The General Committee further took note that the President of the FAMUN General Assembly should designate a liaison person in each committee for the duration of the session, who will update the President on proceedings of the committee should they find it necessary to be absent.

B. Opening and closing dates of the session

6. The eleventh regular session of the FAMUN General Assembly should begin on Thursday, 05 September 2024.
7. The General Committee recommends that all committees conclude their work on Saturday, 07 September 2024 by 5:00 p.m.
8. The eleventh session of the FAMUN General Assembly will close on Sunday, 08 September 2024.

C. Seating arrangements

9. No specific seating arrangements will be applied at the eleventh session.

D. Schedule of meetings

10. The General Committee took note of the fact that, in view of logistical and administrative constraints, the first plenary meeting will take place on Thursday, 05 September 2024

between 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. The second plenary meeting will take place on Sunday, 08 September 2024 between 09:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

11. The General Committee further takes note that, due to similar constraints, as outlined above, meetings of the Main Committees during the eleventh session, including informal meetings, will take place on Thursday, 05 September between 04:30 p.m. and 06:00 p.m.; Friday, 06 September between 9:00 a.m. and 05:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 07 September between 9:00 a.m. and 05:00 p.m.

E. General Debate

12. The FAMUN General Assembly will indicate a voluntary guideline on the length of speeches of a maximum of 2 minutes for individual states for each statement.
13. The General Committee recommends that chairperson of the committees fully exercise their functions laid out in Rules 44 of the rules of the procedure of the FAMUN General Assembly.

F. Conduct of meetings, length of statements, explanations of vote, right of reply, points of order and concluding statements

14. The General Committee also draws to the attention of the FAMUN General Assembly that explanations of position or vote should be limited to one minute; that, when the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its position or vote only once, either in the Committee or in Plenary meeting, unless that delegation's position or vote in Plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee.
15. The General Committee wishes to notify the FAMUN General Assembly that the right of reply for any delegation on any item at a given meeting should be limited to one minute. Delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the speaker's list. Each delegation should only have two rights of reply.
16. The General Committee also recommends to the FAMUN General Assembly that, in order to save time at the end of the session, the practice of making concluding statements in the Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers.

G. Resolution

17. The General Committee brings to the attention of the FAMUN General Assembly that:
- Multiple versions of draft resolutions in each Committee will be merged until there is only one resolution for the Committee to review.
 - In order to ensure that resolutions have greater political impact, they should be short, in particular as regards the preambular parts, and should focus more on action-oriented operative paragraphs.
 - Whenever possible, for the adoption by the FAMUN General Assembly of agreed texts of resolutions and decisions, informal consultations should be carried out with the widest possible participation of Member States.
 - The terms “takes note of” and “notes” are neutral terms that constitute neither approval nor disapproval, while “welcomes” expresses approval.
18. The General Committee noted and decided to bring to the attention of the FAMUN General Assembly that the Secretary-General encourages Member States to transmit all draft resolutions and decisions in electronic form in accordance with the guidelines outlined by the Secretariat.

III. Adoption of the agenda

19. The General Committee considered the draft agenda of the eleventh session submitted by the Secretary-General. All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the eleventh session have been communicated to Member States in the provisional agenda of the eleventh regular session [A(FAMUN)/11/251].
20. The items proposed for inclusion are listed in the agenda, which appears in paragraph 21 below.
21. The General Committee recommends to the FAMUN General Assembly the adoption of the following agenda:

Agenda organized under heading corresponding to the priorities of the Organization

1. Opening of the session by the President of the FAMUN General Assembly.
2. Minute of silent prayer and meditation.
3. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: First Report of the General Committee.
4. General debate.

A. Act Now: Save Today our Tomorrow

IV. Allocation of items

22. Subject to changes that may be made by the General Committee, the allocation of the items of the draft agenda would be as follows:

Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the President of the FAMUN General Assembly.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: First Report of the General Committee.
4. General Debate.