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Debate Format

Keywords:

Delegation = The group of students who represent their country

Representative = A student from a delegation that is specialized on the subject discussed in the corresponding day

Moderators = The students from Transylvania College who will facilitate the discussion and help the delegates throughout the conference with topic-related questions

Official Session = A session where the delegates are all together and discuss the topic of the day

Group Session = A session where the delegates are split into a specialized and general group

Specialized Group = A debate group composed of ONE delegate from EACH delegation who is the representative (note: specialized groups change every day, as the topics change every day)

General Group = A debate group composed of all the delegates that are not the representatives from each delegation

Formal Session = A session within the group session in which delegates have a formal discussion about the topic

Informal Session = A session within the group session in which delegates can get up from their seats and discuss freely with other delegates on the topic

Voting Session = a session in which each delegation has the right to vote on solutions (in the group sessions) and Solution Papers (in the official sessions at the end of the day)

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Key Information:

The debate will start with an official session, where every delegation will discuss together. Then, we will have a group session with the specialized group and with the general group, happening at the same time, with two different moderators.

Each student from a delegation is expected to choose one of the themes to specialize in (that means that the delegate has to master the arguments they are going to bring, he/she needs to be prepared to represent the position of the delegation in the specialized group).

Exceptions: A delegation that has only two delegates is expected to choose one of the delegates to specialize in two topics. A delegation that has six delegates is expected to choose two of the delegates to specialize in one of the topics.

The Official Session:

- It will last for 30 minutes;
- All delegates will be together;
- It will be overseen by the 4 moderators;

The representatives from each delegation will have a three-minutes speech in which they will present the position of their country on the daily topic and will answer to questions from other delegates and moderators;

Then, the delegates will be split into two groups: a specialized group and a general group.

The Group Session:

Specialized Group Session:

- It will last for one hour and a half;
- It will be split into 5 parts: 2 formal sessions, 2 informal sessions and one voting session;
- It is overseen by 2 moderators.

Part one: Formal session 1:

- It lasts for 10 minutes;
- Delegates are briefed again on the position of each delegation;
- The delegates are seated;

Part two: Informal session 1:

- It lasts for 15 minutes;



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- The delegates are expected to discuss about possible solutions with other delegates, the moderators are open to any questions;
- The delegates are able to move around the room;

Part three: Formal session 2:

- It lasts for 15 minutes;
- Each delegate presents their opinion on the solution discussed during the informal session, and try to reach a consensus;
- The delegates are seated;

Part four: Informal session 2:

- It lasts for 20 minutes;
- The delegates are expected to discuss about possible solutions with other delegates, the moderators are open to any questions;
- The delegates are expected to write down the solutions and discuss with other delegates in order to make sure they will pass during the voting procedure
- The delegates are able to move around the room;
- DURING THE SESSION the delegates must share their solution with the moderators in order for them to put it in a document that will be projected during the voting session;
- At the end of the session, the delegates will have a 10-minute break to prepare a 2-minute speech to support their solution during the voting procedure; moderators will prepare the document;

NOTE: It is not mandatory for every delegate to have a solution, but it is highly recommended.

Part five: Voting session:

- It will last for 20 minutes;
- The delegates that recommended a solution will be called one by one to present it for 2 minutes;
- Only TEN solutions will be shortlisted;
- After EACH presentation, the delegates will be asked to vote by raising their placards in favor or against, in this specific order.
- If more than a half of the delegates vote in favor, the solution passes, and it is considered implementable;
- If less than a half of the delegates vote in favor, the solution fails, and it is considered unfeasible;
- All the solutions that are implementable are changed in bold by the moderators, and the ones that are not feasible are ~~stricken~~ out, **NOT** deleted;
- All the solutions that are attainable will be presented in the Official Session by the Moderators.

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General Group Session:

- It happens simultaneously with the specialized group session
- It will last for one hour and a half
- It will be split into 5 parts: 1 formal sessions, 2 informal sessions and one voting session
- It is overseen by 2 moderators;

Part one: Informal session 1:

- It lasts for 20 minutes;
- The delegates are expected to discuss about possible solutions with other delegates, the moderators are open to any questions;
- The delegates are able to move around the room;

Part two: Formal session 2:

- It lasts for 15 minutes;
- Each delegate presents their opinion on the solution discussed during the informal session, trying to reach a consensus;
- The delegates are seated;

Part three: Informal session 2:

- It lasts for 20 minutes;
- The delegates are expected to discuss about possible solutions with other delegates, the moderators are open to any questions;
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The Ending Official Session:

- It will last for 20 minutes;
- All delegates will be together;
- It will be overseen by the 4 moderators;

The Moderators from the two groups will read out the solutions. This is a short discussion on the topic that will take place before entering in the Voting Session.

Voting Session:

- After each presentation, each country will be called out nominally and asked if they are either in favor, against or abstaining regarding each solution;
- The procedure will be repeated for each paper;
- The papers that will pass will be included in the **MANIFESTO** of the conference.

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