



31st Annual Session MINIMUM

7 October 2017

June 2017

Dear MUN-Directors,

We would like to invite you and your students to the 31st Annual Session of MINIMUM. The conference will take place on

Saturday, 7 October 2017
at the Gymnasium Novum,
Aart van der Leeuwkade 1, 2274 KX Voorburg
(directions are included)

There will also be a teachers' workshop at the same date and place for new MUN-Directors, which all MUN-Directors are invited to participate in.

MINIMUM is a one-day, THIMUN-organised, conference in which students can gain experience in debating world issues in GA committees, the plenary session of the General Assembly as well as in the Security Council and ECOSOC. The aim of MINIMUM is to prepare students with little MUN experience by giving them the opportunity to develop and improve on their debating skills before they face the demands of larger conferences such as The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) which takes place each year in January.

We hope that many students can make use of this opportunity and we are very happy to invite your school to participate. If you accept our invitation we urgently request you to complete the **School Registration Form (FORM I ONLINE) by 8 September 2017**. This form is available online in a secure environment (MUNIS).

To log in please use the following web site: www.apps.thimun.org/registration

Using the MUNIS system you can fill in all the necessary information we require for your school's registration (FORM I) and attendance to the conference (FORM II). Your financial statement can also be found in the MUNIS system (main menu).

Please note that as a result of the increasing number of participants we have added two new committees in order to have forums (and classrooms) not be too large or too full and to give as many participants as possible a chance to take the floor. We also strive to limit the number of participants per school to 30.

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As we have to assign delegations and estimate the number of participants, we would also appreciate if you could let us know if you can NOT participate.

Students applying for positions as Student Officers must return the **Student Officer Form** (included in this invitation) together with a letter of application and their MUN-Director's recommendation by **8 September 2017**.

Information with regards to THIMUN Rules and Procedures as well as sample resolutions and a guide for new delegates can be found at www.thimun.org/education

We look forward to hearing from you and hope to be able to welcome you in Voorburg.

Yours sincerely,

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- Date:** Saturday, 7 October 2017
- Venue:** Gymnasium Novum, Aart van der Leeuwkade 1, 2274 KX Voorburg
- Fees:** EUR 40.00 per person.
- Please note:** Lunch is included in the fees.
- Bank:** Please transfer the **full fee** before **27 September 2017** to the THIMUN account with ABN AMRO Bank, The Hague,
Account No. NL03ABNA0484264567
(IBAN: NL03ABNA0484264567, BIC/SWIFT: ABNANL2A)
Please **clearly** state the name of your school (or School ID) and "MINIMUM 2017" on the transfer and bring evidence of payment to registration.
- Deadlines:**
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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Online Registration Form (Form I) | 8 September 2017 |
| StOff Application Form | 8 September 2017 |
| Online Form II/ Full fees | 27 September 2017 |
- Please note:** **The School Registration Form (FORM I) and the Delegate Registration Form (Online Form II) will be available online in a secure environment (MUNIS). To log in please use the web site: www.apps.thimun.org/registration**
- Forums:** Security Council(SC)
ECOSOC
General Assembly Committees: Economic(EC), Human Rights(HRC), Environment(EVC), Political(PC), Health & Youth (HYC), Legal (LC)
- Delegation Size:** Security Council **and** ECOSOC member: max 6 delegates
Security Council **or** ECOSOC member: max 5 delegates
Non-member delegations: 1 - 3 delegate(s)
(there will be 4 seats per delegation in the General Assembly plenary session)
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Available Country Delegations, to be assigned to specific committees:

Country Delegations	SC	ECOSOC	EC	EVC	HRC	PC	HYC	LG	Total
Afghanistan		1			1	1	1	1	5
Algeria		1	1			1	1	1	5
Andorra		1		1			1		3
Argentina		1			1	1	1	1	5
Australia		1	1	1		1		1	5
Azerbaijan		1		1	1		1	1	5
Belgium		1		1	1	1		1	5
Benin		1		1	1	1	1		5
Bolivia	1		1		1		1	1	5
Bosnia & Herzegovina		1	1	1			1	1	5
Brazil		1	1	1			1	1	5
Burkina Faso		1			1	1	1	1	5
Cameroon		1	1	1	1		1		5
Chad		1	1	1		1		1	5
Chile		1		1	1		1	1	5
China	1	1	1	1		1	1		6
Colombia		1	1	1			1	1	5
Czech Republic		1		1	1	1		1	5
Egypt	1			1	1	1	1		5
Estonia		1		1	1	1		1	5
Ethiopia	1		1	1	1		1		5
France	1	1	1	1	1	1			6
Germany		1		1	1	1		1	5
Ghana		1	1	1	1		1		5
Guyana		1	1	1		1	1		5
Honduras		1		1	1		1	1	5
India		1	1		1	1		1	5
Iraq		1	1	1		1	1		5
Ireland		1	1	1	1			1	5
Italy	1	1		1	1	1	1		6
Japan	1	1	1		1	1		1	6
Kazakhstan	1		1	1		1	1		5

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Country Delegations (continued)	SC	ECOSOC	EC	EVC	HRC	PC	HYC	LG	Total
Lebanon		1	1		1	1		1	5
Mauritania		1		1	1	1	1		5
Moldova		1			1	1			3
Nigeria		1	1			1	1	1	5
Norway		1	1		1	1	1		5
Pakistan		1			1	1	1	1	5
Peru		1		1	1		1	1	5
Rep. of Korea		1		1	1	1		1	5
Russian Federation	1	1	1		1	1	1		6
Rwanda		1		1	1		1	1	5
St. Vincent & Grenadines		1	1					1	3
Senegal	1		1		1		1	1	5
Somalia		1	1	1		1	1		5
South Africa		1			1	1	1	1	5
Spain		1	1	1		1	1		5
Swaziland		1	1	1		1		1	5
Sweden	1	1		1	1		1	1	6
Tajikistan		1	1		1	1		1	5
Trinidad & Tobago		1		1	1				3
Turkey		1		1	1	1		1	5
Uganda		1	1	1	1	1			5
Ukraine	1		1			1	1	1	5
United Arab Emirates		1	1	1			1	1	5
United Kingdom	1	1	1		1	1		1	6
United States	1	1	1	1	1			1	6
Uruguay	1		1		1		1	1	5
Venezuela		1	1			1	1	1	5
Viet Nam		1	1	1		1	1		5
Yemen					1	1			2
Zimbabwe		1			1	1	1	1	5

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Non Member Delegations	SC	ECOSOC	EC	EVC	HRC	PC	HYC	LG	Total
Amnesty International					1			1	2
UNEP		1		1					2
UNHCR				1		1	1		3
UN-Women		1						1	2
WHO							1		1

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COMMITTEE ISSUES

- Security Council (SC):**
1. The situation in Yemen
 2. The question of territorial disputes in the South China Sea
- ECOSOC:**
1. The question of working conditions and safety in factories
 2. Developing measures to decrease global dependency on fossil fuels
 3. Safe, clean and convenient public transport as a resident's right
- Environment Committee(EVC):**
1. Combating environmental damages caused by rapid urbanisation
 2. Combating the plastic pollution in seas and oceans
- Human Rights Committee(HRC):**
1. Promoting political representation of women as a means to improve good governance
 2. Preventing arbitrary detentions and disappearances amongst civilians
- Economic Committee(EC):**
1. Improving telecommunications in rural areas as a means of faster economic development
 2. Promoting a globalised economy whilst respecting local and regional distinctiveness
- Political Committee(PC):**
1. International cooperation to stop the proceeds of drug trafficking being used to finance illegal organisations
 2. The question of whistle-blowers and international security
- Health & Youth Committee(HYC):**
1. Measures to reduce premature death of adolescents through accidents, suicide, violence and pregnancy related complications
 2. Measures to prevent overweight and obesity amongst young people
- Legal Committee (LC):**
1. The question of criminal liability regarding the use of drones in military operations
 2. Measures and cooperation to deter the spread of extremist ideologies through the internet
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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Saturday 7 October 2017

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| 08:00 - 09:00 | Registration |
| 08:00 - 10:00 | Lobbying |
| 08:15 - 08:45 | Chair Briefing (mandatory for Chairs and Student Officers) |
| 10:00 - 12:30 | Committees in Session 1 |
| 10:00 - 17:00 | Security Council in Session |
| 10:00 - 17:00 | ECOSOC in Session |
| 12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 - 15:30 | Committees in Session 2 |
| 15:30 - 17:00 | General Assembly plenary Session |
| 17:00 - 17:30 | Closing Ceremonies |
| 09:00 - 16:00 | Workshop for (new) MUN-Directors |

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VENUE

Gymnasium Novum
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(close to The Hague)



DIRECTIONS BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT:

Travel to train station “**Laan van NOI**” by train and from there take the **23 bus towards Kijkduin** and exit at the bus stop “**Koningin Julianaplein**”. This will take 5 minutes.

Then walk towards the equestrian statue of the roman commander Corbulo, until you reach the **Alberdinck Thijmkade**.

You will now see the school right in front of you.

DIRECTIONS BY CAR OR BUS:

From any direction, if you drive to The Hague, you will come to the **Prins Clausplein**.

Follow signs to **Voorburg** and take **exit 4**.

At the end of the exit, go right.

At the first crossing you encounter after that, go straight on. This will take you to the **Prins Bernhardlaan**.

Take the second left, being the **Alberdinck Thijmkade**.

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STUDENT OFFICER

MINIMUM 2017 Application Form

Return this form together with a letter of motivation and teacher recommendation by **mail** or **email** to:

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Students applying for positions as Student Officers must return this form together with a letter of application and their MUN-Director's recommendation by the above date. Letters of application should outline the candidates' MUN experience and should state what they hope to achieve and what contribution they think they can make to the Conference. MUN-Directors' recommendations should include references to the candidates' academic performance, school and extra-curricular activities. Where there is more than one application from one school, MUN-Directors must rank order (**max. 3!**).

RETURN BY: 7 SEPTEMBER 2017

Name _____

M/F _____ Nationality _____ Date of Birth (D/M/Y) _____

Name of School _____

Grade/form/class in 2017/2018 _____

Private Address _____

Personal email (where you frequently check messages) _____

If you held a position at MINIMUM, THIMUM or a THIMUM affiliated MUN conference in the past, please state which: _____

Briefly state your MUN experience:

I HEREBY APPLY for a Student Officer position at the 31st Annual Session of MINIMUM on 7 October 2017.

I WOULD PREFER, if possible, to serve as:

President of the General Assembly

President Committee

Deputy President Committee

PREFERRED FORUM (please give three in rank order): 1. 2. 3.

Date:

Signature:

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