



Model UN Masterclass 3/4 - Delivering Winning Speeches

Introduction

Delivering a compelling speech is crucial in Model United Nations (MUN). Many delegates feel uncomfortable and unprepared when it's their turn to speak. This masterclass will guide you on how to deliver winning speeches and effectively pass resolutions that align with your country's interests.

Types of Speeches

In MUN, there are two main types of verbal communication:

1. **Informal Speeches:** These occur during **unmoderated caucuses** where you aim to convince your allies and undecided delegates to support your resolution.
2. **Formal Speeches:** These are given to the entire committee in settings such as the **general speakers list** or **moderated caucuses**. This lesson focuses on formal speeches.

General Speakers List

Make sure to sign up for the general speakers list as often as possible. Each speech typically has a strict time limit of **60 or 90 seconds**. The key to staying within this limit lies in two P's: **practice and preparation**.

Practice and Preparation

1. **Practice:** The more you practice giving speeches, the better you will understand the timing. Try speaking for 60 or 90 seconds repeatedly to get a feel for the duration.
2. **Preparation:** Some delegates write out their speeches word for word, but this can be risky. If you lose your place, it can throw you off. Instead, use **bullet points** to guide your speech. This helps you stay on track without getting lost in the details.

Structure of a Winning Speech

Opening



Begin your speech by thanking the [honorable chair and fellow delegates](#):

- *"Thank you honorable chair, fellow delegates."*

Catchy Introduction

Capture everyone's attention with a memorable or humorous [catch](#):

- Example: *"When we woke up this morning, we had black tea. For lunch, we had green tea. But when we pass this resolution, we shall have unity."*

Referencing Other Delegates

Referencing previous speakers can strengthen your position and form [alliances](#):

- *"We echo the words of the delegation of Canada and France."*

Main Argument

Present one clear point that you want the delegates to [remember](#):

- *"We, as the delegation of Paraguay, support the amendment discussed because peace in the Civil War in Yemen will create a safer haven for all."*

Call to Action

End with a strong [call to action](#), urging delegates to support your stance:

- *"This is why it matters that every single delegation votes in favor of this amendment and supports peace in Yemen."*

Conclusion

[Summarize](#) and [link](#) back to your introduction, then [thank](#) everyone and [yield](#) your time:

- *"When we vote in favor of this amendment, we shall have unity. Thank you very much for your time, and I yield the floor back to the chair."*

Example Speech

Here's an example of a well-structured speech:



"Honorable chair, fellow delegates, when we woke up this morning, we had black tea. For lunch, we had green tea. But when we pass this resolution, we shall have unity. We echo the words of Greece and France in support of this resolution, but we are alarmed by the opposing voices of Australia and New Zealand. Setting up a no-fly zone in Libya is our last and best option to prevent a massacre in Benghazi. It sends a strong signal to criminals that these atrocities are not tolerated by the international community. Atrocities that Libyans never thought would reach their shores will reach ours if we don't act now. Vote for this resolution, support this resolution, and together we shall have unity. Thank you very much for your time, and I yield the floor back to the chair."

Final Tips

Your first speech might not be perfect, and that's okay. With practice, you will improve. Don't worry about initial nervousness; everyone experiences it. Roll up your sleeves, give it a try, and trust that with enough practice, you'll deliver a great speech.

Good luck, and see you in the next lesson! 