## **Policy Statement of Virginia Model United Nations XLI**

This is a set of policies for high school delegations to follow while in attendance at Virginia Model United Nations (VAMUN XLI). A delegate whose behavior violates such policies may be penalized, which may include ineligibility to receive an award in the conference up to a dismissal from VAMUN XLI. As the Delegation Sponsor, in signing this contract, I understand my responsibility to communicate these policies to my students and ensure they are enforced. I further understand that VAMUN XLI is not liable for any personal injury or loss of property.

## Delegates shall adhere to expectations at VAMUN XLI and will follow the recognized University of Virginia Honor system.

- Delegates are competing for awards and are recognized based on conference preparation, research, and committee participation. However, committee documents which are prewritten or plagiarized are strictly prohibited. Should a student be caught with prewritten or plagiarized documents at any point during the conference, the VAMUN Secretariat reserves the right to take away the delegate's ability to receive an award in the conference.
- 2. Delegates are expected to maintain proper behavior in committee and should be respectful of their fellow delegates and VAMUN Staff. VAMUN will not tolerate any discriminatory (i.e. racism, sexism, ableism, etc.) language, behavior, etc. If an incident of this is reported and found credible, that delegate will not be able to compete for the remainder of the conference and be disqualified from award consideration.
- 3. Delegates will have the ability to use social media when not in committee sessions at VAMUN, and will be able to link their pictures and comments to VAMUN run websites and social media accounts. Under no circumstance will profanity, racial and gender insensitivity, or pornographic images and slang be tolerated. The VAMUN Secretariat reserves the right to take away the delegate's ability to receive an award in the conference, request delegate dismissal, and report any abuse to the social media sites that were used.

## While VAMUN Secretariat upholds safety as a top priority, VAMUN Secretariat is not liable for any injuries and delegate harm.

1. Should any issue (including those not mentioned above) regarding VAMUN delegate(s) be brought up to the VAMUN Secretariat's attention, the sponsor(s) of the delegate(s) involved will be notified immediately. It is then up to the discretion of the VAMUN Secretariat, along with testimonies from Chairs, Crisis Directors, Staff, and any other relevant witnesses, to determine an appropriate response. Upon determination of such a response, the sponsor(s) of the delegate(s) involved will be notified immediately.

By checking the box below, you recognize that any violation of the rules above will result in grounds for dismissal by the VAMUN XLI Secretariat. You also indemnify Virginia Model United Nations, the International Relations Organization at the University of Virginia, the University of Virginia, and any individuals associated with these organizations from any and all liability concerning delegate and sponsor actions at VAMUN sponsored events, or at non-VAMUN sponsored events occurring during the weekend of VAMUN (November  $5^{\rm th}$  -  $7^{\rm th}$ ). Any concerns regarding this contract can be directed to the VAMUN XLI Secretary-General, Adu Menon.

By checking this box, you acknowledge that you agree to the stated policies above

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