

# Glossary



**Delegate:** A student acting as a representative of a member state or observer in a Model UN committee.

**Delegation** - The entire group of people representing a member state or observer in all committees at a particular Model UN conference. They are usually all from the same school.

**Chair** - Essentially acts as moderator. A member of the dais that moderates debate, keeps time, rules on points and motions, and enforces the rules of procedure.

**Second** – whenever a operative clause is made, it requires a Second that is, there needs to be another delegation that wants to see the clause implemented.

**Clause** – a paragraph in a resolution describing one specific guiding principle (perambulatory) or action to be taken (operative).

**Sponsors** – are the delegations that support a resolution, and are committed to supporting it.

**Amendment** – is a change to the operative clauses of a draft resolution (after it is introduced but before it gets voted on. Preambles cannot be amended. There are two types of amendments:

**Yield** - this is when a speaker decides to give up the remaining time in his or her speech. Yield to the Chair meaning you give up the rest of your time. Yield to another delegate meaning you give up the rest of your time to another delegate

**Resolution**- A document that has been passed by an organ of the UN that aims to address a particular problem or issue.

**Abstain** - A non-vote: During a vote on a substantive matter, delegates may abstain rather than vote yes or no