

Friday 17th March 2017

Dear MUN Director/MUN Advisor,

On behalf of my fellow MUNISH Board of Directors, it is my great honour to invite you and your students to the 27th annual MUNISH conference. MUNISH 2017 will be held from **Friday November 3rd - Sunday November 5th, 2017.** The MUNISH conference is aimed at delegates between the ages of 14 - 19 years.

As stated in the MUNISH mission statement, MUNISH is "A conference run by youth, for today's youth, to benefit the youth of tomorrow". It is these ideals that make MUNISH the true embodiment of Model United Nations. For a whole weekend, students can become diplomats and are given the responsibility of the roles they take on. For three days the participants of MUNISH, numbering over 1,000 last year, join to debate, discuss and consider issues that affect our world today, from the eyes of those that have the opportunity to make a difference. MUNISH leaves participants with a new perspective on our world and of their roles in shaping it.

The theme for the XXVII annual MUNISH conference is: 'Peace, Justice & Inclusive Societies', which derives from Sustainable Development Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. Central to this theme are fundamental issues such as: protection of human rights; sustained economic growth and development; social integration; social cohesion; and much more. This goal is undermined by conflict, which can be created where there is a lack of tolerance towards religion, ethnicity, and belief. By striving towards "Inclusive societies", the goal is to reduce conflict and therefore to promote peace and justice. Concepts such as social integration, cohesion and participation help to contribute to eradicating child poverty, violence and income inequality. We need innovative solutions and the inspiration of a new generation facing these challenges in an increasingly globalised world. We can make the world of tomorrow one which can be enjoyed and cherished. In the words of Kofi Annan: "More than ever before in human history, we share a common destiny. We can master it only if we face it together."

Furthermore, this year will see the continuation of the International Criminal Court (ICC), the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and this year's cases can be found on page three of this mailing. In addition, the Historical Security Council (HSC), which will focus on the issues of 1967, The Six-Day War (Arab-Israeli War) and the Vietnam War is also on page three below. We also strongly encourage experienced participants with an interest in law to apply for positions in the ICC and ICJ, for the unique experience it offers. For experienced delegates, joining the **Advisory Panel on the Question of Kurdistan** (APQK) will be a fascinating experience. **Therefore, we advise that the most experienced delegates are placed in this committee.** Moreover, MUNISH's **Press Team** also offers a valuable opportunity to any participants with an interest in journalism and therefore encourage your students to apply, see page 17 below.

MUNISH is affiliated to The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN). It therefore promotes the educational aims of THIMUN and is conducted according to the THIMUN by-laws and procedural rules. MUNISH not only gives students the opportunity to prepare for the THIMUN conference held every year in The Hague, but also provides an educational and enjoyable experience for all participants.

The deadline for submission of the School Registration form is Monday 3rd April 2017. In order for us to accommodate all potential participants, it is imperative that the form is submitted by this deadline.

This year the School Registration Form (Form 1) and the Student Officers, Press Team, ICC and ICJ application forms will be filled in and submitted digitally. The links to these forms can be found on pages 11- 15 of this mailing. Once this is done the Board of Directors will allocate countries, non-member delegations and student officers and this will be published in the Second Mailing in early May. You will then be able to assign students to your delegations and complete your housing preferences through our digital registration system (Form 2) which will be up and running in early May - September, 2017.

We look forward to welcoming you and your students to our school in the city of Peace and Justice in November 2017 for an enriching and memorable conference.

Yours Sincerely,

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Would you please return the <u>School Registration Form</u> no later than **Monday 3rd April 2017.** The Student Officer, Press Officer, ICC, and ICJ application forms are also due on **Monday 3rd April 2017.** This year the **School Registration Form (Form 1) and the Student Officers, Press Team, ICC and ICJ application forms will be filled in and submitted digitally.** The links to these forms can be found on pages 10 -14 of this mailing. Any questions can be emailed to <u>munish.secretariat@ishthehague.nl</u>.

Further details and notifications will be included in the **Second Mailing** and posted on the MUNISH website (http://www.munish.nl). The **Issues on the Agenda** for each committee will be posted on our website in early May. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

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General Information

Important Dates and Deadlines

- School Registration Form (Form I) due: Monday 3rd April 2017
- Student Officer, Press Officer, ICC and ICJ Application Forms due: Monday 3rd April 2017
- Community Housing Request Form: To be included in the Second Mailing in early May.
- Cancellation Deadline before: Friday 8th September 2017 to <u>avoid</u> a €150 cancellation fee
- Deadline for payment of fees by: Friday 6th October 2017
- Conference Dates: Friday November 3 Sunday November 5, 2017.
 All forms must be filled in and submitted digitally.
 The digital links to these forms can be found on page 10 14 of this mailing.

Committees & Councils

General Assembly (GA)

1st Committee (International Security and Disarmament)

3rd Committee (Humanitarian, Social & Cultural)

4th Committee (Special Political and Decolonization)

Special Conference (SPC)

SPC1 - Special conference on Peace and Justice in the Middle East

SPC2 - Special conference on Promoting inclusive societies

Security Council (SC)

Historical Security Council 1967 (HSC)

The Six-Day War (Arab-Israeli War)
The Vietnam War

Advisory Panel on the Question of Kurdistan (APQK)

Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Environment Commission (EC)

Human Rights Council (HRC)

Disarmament Commission (DC)

Group of Twenty (G20)

International Criminal Court (ICC)

The Situation in Darfur, Sudan: Prosecutor v. Omar Hassan Ahmad Al Bashir

International Court of Justice (ICJ)

Military and Paramilitary Activities in and against Nicaragua: (Nicaragua v. United States of America)

The **Issues on the Agenda** will be published in early May and will be sent to you in the Second Mailing. Please also consult our website regularly for updates.

Delegations Available for MUNISH 2017

Member States

Afghanistan (ECOSOC)

Albania Algeria (ECOSOC) Andorra Angola

Antigua and Barbuda Argentina (G20/ECOSOC/HSC/DC)

Armenia

Australia (ECOSOC/G20)

Austria

Azerbaijan (ECOSOC)

Bahamas Bahrain Bangladesh Barbados Belarus Belgium (Ecosoc)

Belize

Benin (ECOSOC) **Bhutan** Bolivia (sc)

Bosnia and Herzegovina (ECOSOC)

Botswana

Brazil (ECOSOC/G20/HSC/DC)

Bulgaria (HSC)

Burkina Faso (ECOSOC)

Burundi Cambodia Cameroon (ECOSOC) Canada (G20/HSC)

Cape Verde Central African Republic

Chad (Ecosoc) Chile (Ecosoc)

China (G20 /SC/ECOSOC/HSC/ APQ/DC)

Colombia (ECOSOC/DC)

Comoros Congo Costa Rica Côte D'Ivoire Croatia Cuba

Czech Republic (ECOSOC)

Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DC)

Democratic Republic of Congo (DC)

Denmark (HSC) **Dominican Republic**

Ecuador Egypt (SC/APQ) El Salvador Estonia (Ecosoc) Ethiopia (HSC/SC) European Union* (G20)

Finland

France (G20/HSC/SC/ECOSOC/APQ/DC)

Gabon Georgia Germany (G20/ECOSOC/APQ/DC)

Ghana (Ecosoc) Greece Guatemala Guinea Guinea-Bissau Guyana (ECOSOC) Haiti

Honduras (Ecosoc) Hungary

Iceland

India (G20/ECOSOC/ HSC/DC)

Indonesia (G20) Iran (APQ/DC) Iraq (ECOSOC/APQ) Ireland (Ecosoc) Israel (HSC/APQ/DC) Italy (G20/ECOSOC/SC)

Jamaica

Japan (SC/G20/ECOSOC/HSC/DC)

Jordan (APQ) Kazakhstan (sc) Kenya (DC) Kuwait (APO) Kyrgyzstan

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Lebanon (ECOSOC/APQ)

Lesotho Libya (DC) Liechtenstein Lithuania Luxembourg Macedonia Madagascar Malawi Malaysia Mali (HSC)

Mauritania (ECOSOC) Mauritius Mexico (G20/DC) Moldova (Ecosoc) Mongolia Morocco

Mozambique Myanmar Namibia Nepal Netherlands New Zealand Nicaragua

Nigeria (ECOSOC/ HSC) Norway (ECOSOC) Oman

Pakistan (ECOSOC) Panama Paraguay

Peru (ECOSOC) Philippines Poland Portugal Oatar

Republic of Korea (G20/ECOSOC)

Romania

Russian Federation (G20/HSC/SC/ECOSOC/APQ/DC)

Rwanda (Ecosoc) San Marino Saint Lucia

Saudi Arabia (G20/APQ)

Senegal (sc) Serbia Singapore Slovakia Somalia (Ecosoc)

South Africa (G20/ECOSOC/DC)

South Sudan Spain (ECOSOC) Sri Lanka (DC) Sudan (DC) Sweden (ECOSOC/SC) Switzerland

Syrian Arab Republic (APQ/DC)

Tajikistan (ECOSOC) Thailand

Togo Tonga

Trinidad and Tobago (ECOSOC)

Tunisia

Turkey (ECOSOC/G20/APQ/DC)

Turkmenistan Uganda (ECOSOC) Ukraine (sc)

United Arab Emirates (ECOSOC/APQ)

United Kingdom

(G20/HSC/SC/ECOSOC/APQ/DC) United Republic of Tanzania **United States of America** (G20/HSC/SC/ECOSOC/ APQ/DC) Uruguay (HSC/SC)

Uzbekistan Vanuatu

Venezuela (ECOSOC/DC) Viet Nam (ECOSOC/HSC)

Yemen (DC) 7ambia

Zimbabwe (ECOSOC)

* Nation is only a member state in designated forum(s)

Disarmament Commission (DC)

New committee to MUNISH this year



Security Council

The Security Council is composed of 5 permanent members and 10 members elected for two-year terms. **Two delegates** from each of the 15 member states must be assigned to the Security Council.

Security Council Countries Permanent Members (PM)

France (PM)

United Kingdom (PM)

United States of America (PM)

China (PM)

Russian Federation (PM)

Bolivia (2018)

Egypt (2017)

Ethiopia (2018)

Italy (2018)

Japan (2017)

Kazakhstan (2018)

Senegal (2017)

Sweden (2018)

Ukraine (2017)

Uruguay (2017)

Advisory Panel on the Question of Kurdistan (APQK)

China **Human Rights Watch** Egypt (HRW) France Germany **United Nations High** Iran Commissioner for Refugee Iraq (UNHCR) Israel Jordan **United Nations Peace** Kuwait Lebanon **Building Commission Russian Federation** (UNPBC) Saudi Arabia Syrian Arab Republic **United Nations** Turkey

Educational, Scientific

Organisation (UNESCO)

and Cultural

United Arab Emirates United Kingdom

United States of America

ECOSOC

ECOSOC is composed of 54 member countries, a third of the members changing every year. All ECOSOC countries **must have one delegates** assigned to ECOSOC.

ECOSOC Members

Somalia

Spain

South Africa

Afghanistan Republic of Korea
Algeria Republic of Moldova
Andorra Russian Federation
Argentina Rwanda
Australia Saint Vincent and the
Azerbaijan Grenadines

Azerbaijan Belgium Benin

Bosnia and Herzegovina Brazil

Brazil Swaziland
Burkina Faso Sweden
Cameroon Tajikistan
Chad Trinidad & Tobago

Chile Turkey
China Uganda

Colombia United Arab Emirates
Czech Republic United Kingdom of Great
Estonia Britain and Northern Ireland
France United States of America
Germany Venezuela (Bolivarian

Ghana Republic of)
Guyana Viet Nam
Honduras Zimbabwe
India

Lebanon Mauritania Nigeria Norway Pakistan Peru

Iraq

Italy

Japan

Ireland

Non Member Delegations

Amnesty International

Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO)

Greenpeace

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

International Labour Organisation (ILO)

International Monetary Fund (IMF)

International Organisation for Migration (IOM)

INTERPOL

Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries

(OPEC)

Palestinian National Authority (PNA)

United Nations Conference on Trade and

Development (UNCTAD)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

United Nations Human Settlements Programme

(UN-HABITAT)

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

United Nations Peace Building Commission (UNPBC)

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organisation (UNESCO)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

(UNHCR)

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

(UNHCHR)

United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

(UNICEF)

World Food Programme (WFP)

World Health Organisation (WHO)

World Trade Organisation (WTO)

Delegation Sizes & Allocation		Min	Max
Member States (as listed in 'Delegations Available')	ECOSOC, G20, HSC, SC, and APQ	10	15
GA with 3 delegates (GA1, GA3 & GA4) SPC with 2 delegates (SPC1 & SPC2) HRC with 1 delegate EC with 1 delegate DC with 1 delegate DC with 1 delegate If member state of ECOSOC, G20, APQ, HSC or SC as specified in 'Delegations Available': ECOSOC with 1 delegate G20, SC, and APQ ECOSOC, G20, and APQ ECOSOC, G20, and APQ ECOSOC, G20, and APQ ECOSOC and HSC ECOSOC and APQ G20 and APQ G20 and APQ G20 and SC ECOSOC and G20 HSC SC APQ		8	13
	7	12	
		6	11
	ECOSOC and APQ G20 and APQ	5	10
	HSC SC	4	9
	ECOSOC G20	4	8
	Non ECOSOC, G20, HSC, APQ or SC member	3	7
Non-Member Delegation (as listed in 'Delegations Availa	able')	1	3



Conference Fees & Fees Deadlines

The deadline for payment of fees is Friday October 6th 2017

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Registration Fee per school (for Domestic and International Schools)	€ 65
Participation Fee per Person (Delegates and MUN Directors)	€ 75
Participation Fee per Person (Student Officers)	€ 75

Please address all your **invoice questions** to our Business Manager at: munish.businessmanager@ishthehague.nl

Deadline for payment of fees	Friday 6 th October 2017
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Cancellations & Cancellation fee

If for unforeseen circumstances a delegate or whole delegation is suddenly unable to attend MUNISH 2017, a cancellation must be e-mailed to the Secretariat (<u>munish.secretariat@ishthehague.nl</u>) by **Friday 8th September 2017 to <u>avoid</u> a €150 cancellation fee**. This will be confirmed in the form of a reply to the cancellation email.

Transport

Delegates arriving from countries outside The Netherlands may have the option to purchase a travel card <u>from us</u> providing access to all public transport systems in The Hague. We strongly advise this purchase as the Dutch Transport System uses a system that is both expensive and impractical for short visits.

Housing

The MUNISH secretariat will make every effort to provide community housing for most of the delegates participating from outside The Hague. This means that, for the duration of the conference, your students can reside at the houses of our school's students, where dinner and breakfast will also be served. However, due to limited availabilities, priority will be given to those who have travelled the furthest and met the registration and payment deadlines.

If you and your students prefer to stay in a hotel, we will try to make special arrangements with hotels close to the conference location and the city centre. More information concerning housing and hotels will be enclosed in the Second Mailing and will be posted on the website. Please do not hesitate to address all your housing questions to the Secretariat. We will be pleased to help you with any queries and problems you may have. Please address all your **housing questions** to the Secretariat at: munish.secretariat@ishthehague.nl

Provisional Programme of Events MUNISH 2017

This agenda may be subject to changes and therefore we ask you to please recheck the updated agenda on our website prior to the conference.

Friday 3 rd November		Saturday 4 th November		
09:00 - 11:00	Student Officers Briefing	08:30 - 09:00	Student Officers Briefing	
11:00 - 13:00	Arrival and Registration	09:00 - 10:00	Lobbying; SC, HSC, APQK, ICC,	
13:00 - 15:00	Lobbying; GA, ECOSOC, HRC, EC, DC & SPC &		ICJ & G20	
	Workshops	09:00 - 10:00	Opening Speeches; GA, ECOSOC, HRC, EC, DC & SPC	
13:00 - 15:00	In session; SC, HSC, APQK, ICC, ICJ & G20 in session	09:30 - 17:00	Approval Panel open	
		10:00 - 17:00	All committees & councils in session	
13:30 - 14:00	MUN Directors Meeting (compulsory)	11:00 - 14:00	Staggered Lunch	
14:00 - 15:00	Approval Panel open			
15:30 - 17:00	Opening Ceremonies	17:00 - 17:30	Student Officers Debriefing	
17:00 - 18:00	Reception on plaza (cake & soft drinks)	20:00 - 23:30	MUNISH Party at Madurodam	
17:00 - 17:30	Student Officers Debriefing			
17:30 - 18:30	Host families meet their guests			

Please note that **lunch will not be provided on Friday 3rd November**. It is however available for purchase in the school canteen. Alternatively participants can bring a packed lunch.

Sunday 5th November

09:00 - 09:30	Student Officers Briefing
09:30 - 11:00	All committees & councils in session
09:30 - 16:00	Approval Panel open
11:00 - 16:00	General Assembly Plenary & Special Conference Plenary in session. All other committees & councils in session
11:00 - 14:00	Staggered Lunch
14:00 - 15:00	MUN Director's Conference Evaluation
16:30 - 17:30	Closing Ceremonies
17:30 - 18:00	Student Officers Debriefing



General Conduct and Policies

It is of great importance that all participants are reminded of their individual and collective responsibility to ensure a successful conference by behaving with diplomatic conduct at all times throughout the conference.

Participant's Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the participants to conduct themselves appropriately, exhibiting traits of leadership, diplomacy, and dignity, throughout the duration of this conference. After all, the participants will not only be representing their delegation, but also their own school as well as MUNISH as a whole. Students are to produce resolutions or other work that is of their own creation. Plagiarism of any form will not be tolerated.

This also includes their behaviour outside the conference, with the host families and within the city of The Hague in general. It is important that MUN Directors therefore select students that are dedicated and responsible so they are certain that the students will behave accordingly during the conference but also with their host families or in the city of The Hague.

MUN Director's Responsibility

All participants must be accompanied by **at least one** adult MUN-Director or chaperone. The MUN-Director is the main representative of the school, but most of all responsible for organizing the participation of his or her school. They are responsible for making arrangements for travelling, accommodation, organising the delegation but also training the delegation. MUN- Directors or chaperones should be in the conference building and when needed, should supervise their delegation when the conference is in session. Also, outside the conference they will be held responsible for the conduct of their delegates as well as with their host families or in hotels.

Conduct in the Conference Building

Formal clothing is required for MUN-Directors and participants when the conference is in session. They should be wearing **formal attire** that actual UN-Delegates would wear to a conference. Furthermore, military uniforms, national costumes, facial piercings, tattoos and any form of informal attire are strictly prohibited as they may cause discomfort amongst other delegates or staff during the conference.

Please note that **Administrative Staff** as well as Executive Staff consist of volunteers only who commit time and effort to assist delegates and student officers and should be respected at all times. All participants must be considerate towards them at all times.

Smoking and consumption of **alcoholic beverages** or **narcotic drugs** are strictly forbidden at all times in and during the conference. Smoking is allowed outside the building in **designated areas** around the premises. Use of mobile phones is prohibited for all participants and they must be switched off during the conference sessions to avoid disruption. Please note that alcoholic beverages will not be sold to students at the MUNISH party.

Conduct in Hotels and Private Homes

It is expected that participants will be polite and respectful towards Hotel staff or any members of their host families as well as fellow participants. Students staying with these host families should **obey the house rules** given to them as well as any other **curfew set** by their host families. Again, the host families volunteered to host and might not do so in the future if they have experienced poor and disrespectful behaviour.



School Registration Form

Deadline: Monday 3rd April 2017

As stated previously, this year all forms are digital. The link to the School Registration Form (Form 1) can be found below. Any questions can be sent to:

munish.secretariat@ishthehague.nl

For a list of available delegations and whether these delegations are members of SC, HSC, APQ, G20, ECOSOC or DC please refer to "Delegations Available" on page 4 and 5 of the First Mailing.

Digital School Registration Form: http://apps.thimun.org/munish/



Student Officer Application Form

Deadline: Monday 3rd April 2017

All StOff applications must be submitted **by Monday 3rd April 2017.** As stated previously, this year all forms are digital. In addition to completing the form, applicants' MUN Directors must email a written **letter of recommendation for each applicant** directly to <u>munish.academicadvisor@ishthehague.nl</u>. Any questions can be emailed to <u>munish.academicadvisor@ishthehague.nl</u>.

StOff Application Form:

Digital Student Officer Application Form: http://goo.gl/forms/pVdv6QRNUa



International Criminal Court Application Form

Deadline: Monday 3rd April 2017

All ICC applications must be submitted **by Monday 3rd April 2017.** As stated previously, this year all forms will be digital. In addition to completing the form, applicants' MUN Directors must email a written **letter of recommendation for each applicant** directly to munish.academicadvisor@ishthehague.nl. Any questions can be emailed to munish.academicadvisor@ishthehague.nl.

ICC Application Form:

Digital ICC Application Form: http://goo.gl/forms/kSDKjfli9K



International Court of Justice Application Form

Deadline: Monday 3rd April 2017

All ICJ applications must be submitted **by Monday 3rd April 2017.** As stated previously, this year all forms will be digital. In addition to completing the form, applicants' MUN Directors must email a written **letter of recommendation for each applicant** directly to <u>munish.academicadvisor@ishthehague.nl</u>. Any questions can be emailed to <u>munish.academicadvisor@ishthehague.nl</u>.

ICJ Application Form:

Digital ICJ Application Form: http://goo.gl/forms/k9gB1paB8L



Press Team Application Form

Deadline: Monday 3rd April 2017

All press applications must be submitted **by Monday 3rd April 2017.** As stated previously, this year all forms will be digital. Any questions can be emailed to <u>munish.press@ishthehague.nl</u>.

Press Team Application Form:

Digital Press Application Form: http://goo.gl/forms/ZyWvHes7zP