



Dear MUN Director/MUN Advisor,

Tuesday March 11th, 2025

On behalf of my fellow MUNISH Board of Directors, it is my great honor to invite you and your students to the 35th annual MUNISH conference. MUNISH 2025 will be held from **Friday, November 7, to Sunday, November 9, 2025**. The MUNISH conference is aimed at delegates between the ages of 14 and 19. The theme for MUNISH 2025 is **"From Conflict to Consensus: Diplomacy in a Polarized World"**.

The MUNISH mission statement declares that MUNISH is "A conference run by youth, for today's youth, to benefit the youth of tomorrow." Keeping these values in mind, MUNISH strives to embody the purest form of Model United Nations, providing students with a weekend filled with debate, discussion, and the evaluation of solutions for a brighter future. With over 1,200 participants, students from around the world step into the roles of diplomats, reinforcing change by critically examining the issues shaping our world today. Participants leave MUNISH with a fresh perspective on global affairs and their role in shaping the future. Additionally, MUNISH is affiliated to The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN). As such, it promotes THIMUN's educational aims and operates in accordance with its by-laws and procedural rules.

The selected theme for the 35th annual MUNISH conference, **"From Conflict to Consensus: Diplomacy in a Polarized World,"** invites us to step back and reflect on the direction we, as global citizens, wish to take. It calls upon us to find common ground, forge shared aspirations for a prosperous world, and commit to transforming those collective ideals into reality. In an era marked by polarization and conflicts, this theme challenges us to transcend conflict—not by deepening divides, but by fostering cooperation to achieve meaningful progress for all.

With this in mind, the 22 committees and councils of this conference have been carefully selected to focus on issues that align with the theme. Among them are several advanced committees: **The Historical Security Council** will focus on the year 1985, examining the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan—considering veto power as a blockade to diplomatic progress—as well as the Nicaragua Contra Conflict (details on Page 3). For more experienced delegates, **the Advisory Panel on the Question of the Panama Canal (APQPC)** offers a unique and insightful perspective on the situation in the Panama Canal. **The International Court of Justice (ICJ)** is ideal for students with a general interest in law or those considering a legal career. This committee will tackle the case Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa vs. Israel). We are also excited to announce the return of **the Crisis Committee (CC)**, which will address an unforeseen crisis—one that will remain unknown until the day of the conference. Due to the complexity and depth of these committees, we strongly recommend that only the most experienced delegates take part. Additionally, **the MUNISH Press Team** provides valuable opportunities for students interested in journalism or photography. All such students are encouraged to apply (see Page 13).

The deadline for submitting **the School Registration Form is Tuesday, April 15, 2025**. To ensure we can accommodate all potential participants, it is essential that the form is submitted by this deadline. While individual participant names are not required at this stage, we do need the provisional number of delegation(s) you would like assigned to your school.

The School Registration Form (Form 1) and **the Student Officer and Press Team Applications** must be completed and submitted digitally. Links to these forms can be found on pages 12–15 of this mailing. Once submitted, the Board of Directors will allocate member states, non-member delegations, and Student Officer positions, which will be published in the Second Mailing in mid-May. You will then be able to assign students to your delegations through our digital registration system (Form 2), which will be available from mid-May through September 2025.

In alignment with our school's financial policies, we kindly inform you that all MUNISH 2025 invoices must be **paid electronically** this year. We do not accept cash transactions for any payments. Please ensure that all fees and invoices are settled using one of the approved electronic payment methods.

We look forward to welcoming you and your students to our school in The Hague, the City of Peace and Justice, in November 2025 for an enriching, inspiring, and memorable experience.

Yours sincerely,

Katerina Volokitin
Secretary-General | MUNISH 2025



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Please return the **School Registration Form (Form 1)** no later than **Tuesday 15th April, 2025**. The **Student Officer** and **Press Team** application forms are also due on **Tuesday 15th April, 2025**. The **School Registration Form (Form 1)** and the **Student Officer** and **Press Team** applications will be **filled in and submitted digitally**. The links to these forms can be found on pages 12-15 of this mailing. Any questions can be emailed to munish.secretariat@ishweb.nl.



Important Dates and Deadlines

- **Student Officer Form due:** Tuesday 15th April 2025
- **School Registration (Form I) due:** Tuesday 15th April, 2025. (<http://munis.thimun.org/munish/>)
- **ICJ Application Form due:** Friday May 9th 2025
- **Press Team Application Form due:** Friday May 9th 2025
- **Conference Cancellation Deadline before:** Monday 8th September 2025 to avoid a €150 cancellation fee
- **Registration of participants due (Form II):** Monday 15th September 2025
- **Deadline for ordering subsidized travel cards:** Monday 15th of September 2025
- **Deadline for payment of fees:** Friday October 10th 2025
- **Conference Dates:** Friday November 7th - Sunday November 9th, 2025

All forms must be filled in and submitted digitally. The digital links to these forms can be found on pages 12 - 14 of this mailing.



Further details and notifications will be included in the **Second Mailing** and posted on the MUNISH Website (www.munish.nl) The **Issues on the Agenda** for each committee will be posted on our website in mid-May. In the meantime, should you have any questions please contact us.

Committees & Councils

General Assembly (GA)

- 1st Committee (International Security and Disarmament)
- 3rd Committee (Humanitarian, Social, and Cultural)
- 4th Committee (Special Political and Decolonisation)

Special Conference on From Conflict to Consensus: Diplomacy in a Polarized World

- 1st Sub-Commission
- 2nd Sub-Commission

Commission on Narcotic Drugs (**CND**)

Economic and Social Council (**ECOSOC**)

Environment Commission (**EVC**)

Human Rights Council (**HRC**)

Group of Twenty (**G20**)

PeaceBuilding Commission (**PBC**)

United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (**CSTD**)

North-Atlantic Treaty Organization (**NATO**)

World Health Organization (**WHO**)

ADVANCED COMMITTEES

Please only put your **most experienced delegates** in the committees below:

Historical Security Council 1985 (**HSC**)

- The Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan
- The Nicaragua Contra Conflict

Security Council (**SC**)

Crisis Committee (**CC**)

Futuristic United Nations Security Council (**FUNSC**)

Advisory Panel on the question of the Panama Canal (**APQPC**)

International Court of Justice (**ICJ**) Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (*South Africa vs. Israel*)



Delegations Available for MUNISH 2025 (Delegation Sizes & Distribution)

The minimum and maximum restrictions on delegation size are as follows:

Member States Delegations

PLEASE REVIEW DELEGATION SIZES [HERE](#)

When completing **Form 1** on our database, you will see all the available delegations for this year's conference. You can also use **page 4, 5 and 6** above for further support.

Please note that the following committees are compulsory and must be fully assigned. Before allocating delegations to your delegates, please first verify the designated committees on our database. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Compulsory committees if assigned on your Form 2:

- **GA1** with 1 delegate
- **GA3** with 1 delegate
- **GA4** with 1 delegate
- **SPC1** with 1 delegate
- **SPC2** with 1 delegate
- **G20** with 1 delegate
- **ECOSOC** with 1 delegate
- **EVC** with 1 delegate
- **PBC** with 1 delegate
- **CCPCJ** with 1 delegate
- **CND** with 1 delegate
- **WHO** with 1 delegate
- **NATO** with 1 delegate
- **CSTD** with 1 delegate
- **HRC** with 1 delegate

Advanced Committees

Please assign only the most experienced delegates to the following committees:

- **SC** with 2 delegates
- **FUNSC** with 2 delegates
- **HSC** with 2 delegates
- **CC** with 1 delegate
- **APQPC** with 1 delegate

Non-Member Delegations (as listed in 'Non-Member Delegations Available on page 6 above')



Security Council (SC) & Crisis Committee (CC)

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**.

<p>Security Council (SC)</p> <p>PERMANENT MEMBERS</p> <p>China (PM)</p> <p>France (PM)</p> <p>Russian Federation (PM)</p> <p>United Kingdom (PM)</p> <p>United States of America (PM)</p> <p>NON-PERMANENT MEMBER</p> <p>Algeria (2025)</p> <p>Denmark (2026)</p> <p>Greece (2026)</p> <p>Guyana (2025)</p> <p>Pakistan (2026)</p> <p>Panama (2026)</p> <p>Republic of Korea (2025)</p> <p>Sierra Leone (2025)</p> <p>Slovenia (2025)</p> <p>Somalia (2026)</p>
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Advisory Panel on the question of the Panama Canal (APQPC)

One delegate from each member state must be assigned to the **Advisory Panel on the Question of the Panama Canal**.

1. Australia	16. Norway
2. Brazil	17. Palestine
3. Canada	18. Qatar
4. China	19. Russian Fed
5. Egypt	20. Saudi Arabia
6. Eritrea	21. South Africa
7. European Union (EU)	22. Turkey
8. France	23. United Kingdom
9. IMO	24. Ukraine
10. Iran	25. UNOCT
11. Israel	26. United States of America
12. Japan	27. Venezuela
13. Jordan	28. World Bank
14. League of Arab States	29. Yemen
15. Lebanon	

Historical Security Council (HSC)1985

The Historical Security Council is composed of the members in the UN during the indicated year. **Two delegates** from each member state must be assigned to the **Historical Security Council**.

<p>Historical Security Council (HSC) 1985</p> <p>PERMANENT MEMBERS</p> <p>China</p> <p>France</p> <p>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</p> <p>Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)</p> <p>United States of America</p> <p>NON-PERMANENT MEMBER</p> <p>Australia</p> <p>Burkina Faso</p> <p>Denmark</p> <p>Egypt</p> <p>India</p> <p>Madagascar</p> <p>Peru</p> <p>Thailand</p> <p>Trinidad and Tobago</p> <p>Ukraine</p>
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Non-Member States/Official Observers (OOs)

- African Union (AU)
- European Union (EU)
- Holy See
- League of Arab States (LAS)
- Palestinian National Authority (PNA)

Non-Member Delegations

- Amnesty International
- Greenpeace
- Human Rights Watch
- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- International Organisation for Migration (IOM)
- INTERPOL
- North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)
- Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
- United Nations Conference on Trade & Development (UNCTAD)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime (UNODC)
- United Nations Office on Crime and Terrorism
- World Food Programme (WFP)
- World Health Organisation (WHO)World Trade Organisation



Conference Fees & Payment Deadlines

The deadline for payment of fees is **Friday October 10th 2025**.

Registration Fee per school (for Domestic and International Schools)	€ 65
Participation Fee per Person (Delegates and MUN Directors)	€ 89
Participation Fee per Person (Student Officers)	€ 89

Please address all your **invoice questions** to our Business Manager at:

munish.businessmanager@ishweb.nl

Deadline for payment of fees	Friday October 10th 2025
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Cancellation Deadline & Cancellation Fee

If for unforeseen circumstances a delegate or whole delegation is suddenly unable to attend MUNISH 2025, a cancellation must be e-mailed to the Secretariat (munish.secretariat@ishweb.nl) by **Monday 8th September 2025** to **avoid a €150 cancellation fee**. This will be confirmed in the form of a reply to the cancellation email.

Subsidised Travel Cards

Delegates arriving from countries outside the Netherlands may have the option of purchasing a travel card from us 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. This year, MUNISH will again be offering the “Congreskaarten”/travel cards that holders can use to take any public transport around The Hague (unlimited) for 3 - 7 days. These travel cards are a great success every year! The card will allow holders to take the trams or buses to and from school and to any other locations they may wish to see in The Hague. **These will be priced at €23 per person for 4 days** and will be available to anyone who takes part in the conference. This means that by using the travel card, cardholders could save up to €20 in travelling costs per person. **If some schools want the cards for an extra 5th day, they will need to pay an extra €5,30 per person for a total of €28.50 per person for 5 days.**

Number of Days	Price Per Person
3	€17.50
4	€23.00
5	€28.50
6	€34.00
7	€39.50



However, if you choose not to purchase one of these tickets you have two other alternatives: you could buy a ticket each time you travel which costs €4 and is valid for 2 hours, so if students were to take 2 trips a day (to and from the conference). This would cost €8 each day. There is also a day card which costs €7,10 per day for unlimited travel. The travel card we offer is therefore by car the cheapest alternative. Purchasing these cards, which we have specially negotiated with the travel company HTM, are also significantly cheaper to use in comparison to the conventional OV-chip travel cards.

The digital travel card request form will be included in the Second Mailing in June. You will then be requested to order the travel cards no later than **Monday 15th of September 2025**.

Hotels (No Community Housing)

Please note that there is no community housing. However, MUNISH has negotiated with local hotels to offer you the best rates and affordable accommodations. Information about hotel rates will be found in the Second Mailing. The nearest hotel to our school is NH Atlantic hotel, Kijkduin (www.nh-hotels.nl/hotel/nl-atlantic-den-haag).

In addition, on our MUNISH website we have provided information with regards to hotel prices and locations around The Hague at www.munish.nl/pages/hotels.php. More hotel options in The Hague can also be found at www.booking.com. Several hotels have offered discounted rates for MUNISH participants. The interactive map allows you to see what hotel is best for your delegation. Hotel price comparisons can be found below the interactive map of The Hague.

Please do not hesitate to address all your accommodation questions to the Secretariat. We will be pleased to help you with any queries and problems you may have. You may contact the Secretariat at: munish.secretariat@ishweb.nl.



Provisional Programme of Events

Please note that **lunch will not be provided** on **Friday 7th November**, however, it is available for purchase in the school canteen. Alternatively participants can **bring a packed lunch**.

Friday 7 th November		Saturday 8 th November		Sunday 9 th November	
09.00 - 11.00	Student Officer Briefing	08.30 - 09.00	Student Officer Briefing	09.00 - 09.30	Student Officer Briefing
10.00 - 13.00	Arrivals and Registration	09:00 - 10:00	Lobbying: SC, CC, HSC, APQPC, FUNSC, NATO	09.30 - 14.00	Approval Panel Opens
11.45 - 12.45	Workshop Session 1	09:00 - 10:00	In session: ICJ	09.30 - 14.30	All committees and councils in session
13.00 - 15.00	Lobbying: GA, ECOSOC, CND, HRC, EVC, PBC & SPC, CCPJ, G20, WHO, ICJ, CSTD	09.00 - 10.00	Opening Speeches: GA, ECOSOC, HRC, EVC, EVC, PBC, G20, SPC, CCPCJ, CSTD CND	11.00 - 14.00	Staggered Lunch
	In Session: SC, HSC, FUNSC & APQPC, CC, NATO	09:30 - 10:00	MUN Director's Approval Panel workshop	15.00 - 16.00	Closing Ceremony
13.30 - 14.00	MUN Directors Meeting (compulsory)	9.30 - 14:00	Approval Panel Open	16.00 - 16.30	Student Officers Debriefing
14.00 - 15.00	Approval Panel Open	10.00 - 17.00	All Committees and Councils in session		
14.00 - 15.00	Workshop Session 2	11.00 - 14.00	Staggered Lunch		
15.30 - 16.35	Opening Ceremony	17.00 - 17.30	Student Officers Debriefing		
16.45 - 17.30	Reception on Plaza	20.00 - 23.30	MUNISH Party Madurodam		
17.00 - 17.30	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.

1. General Conduct

Respectful Interaction: All participants are expected to treat one another with respect, regardless of nationality, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political views, or personal opinions. Discrimination, harassment, or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.

Professionalism: Participants must conduct themselves in a professional and diplomatic manner, both in formal sessions and informal interactions. This includes adhering to formal language during debates and maintaining appropriate decorum throughout the conference.

Collaboration: Delegates are encouraged to engage in collaborative dialogue, seek compromise, and demonstrate leadership by respecting diverse perspectives and contributing to constructive solutions.

2. Dress Code

Formal Attire: Delegates are required to wear business or Western formal attire throughout the conference. This includes suits, ties, dress shirts, blouses, dresses, or pantsuits. Traditional national attire is also permitted, provided it is respectful and in line with diplomatic decorum.

3. Rules of Debate and Participation

Adherence to Procedure: Delegates must follow the rules of parliamentary procedure as outlined by the conference. This includes speaking only when recognized by the chair, respecting time limits for speeches, and refraining from interruptions.

Active Participation: Delegates are expected to contribute meaningfully to the discussion, prepare adequately for their roles, and represent their assigned country's position accurately. Absenteeism and lack of engagement may affect a delegate's evaluation and standing in the conference.

No Disruption: Delegates must not disrupt proceedings. This includes unnecessary talking, using mobile phones during formal sessions, or engaging in off-topic conversations.

4. Harassment and Bullying

Zero Tolerance for Harassment: Harassment of any form, including verbal, physical, or emotional, is strictly prohibited. This includes inappropriate comments, unsolicited physical contact, threats, or exclusionary behavior.

Bullying: Any form of bullying, whether in person or through digital communication (cyberbullying), will not be tolerated. All participants should feel safe and welcome at the conference.

5. Integrity and Plagiarism

Original Work: Delegates must ensure that their position papers, resolutions, and other contributions are their own work. Plagiarism is strictly forbidden and may result in disqualification.

Honesty in Representation: Delegates must represent their assigned countries' positions truthfully and in line with the background research. Misrepresentation or falsification of information will result in sanctions.

6. Social Media and Public Communication

Responsible Posting: Participants must refrain from posting inappropriate, offensive, or misleading content related to the conference on social media. Any content that may harm the reputation of MUNISH or its participants will not be tolerated.

Confidentiality: Discussions within committee sessions should not be misrepresented or taken out of context. The privacy and intellectual integrity of fellow participants should be respected in all public communications.



7. Handling Conflicts and Complaints

Conflict Resolution: If any participant feels uncomfortable, harassed, or observes inappropriate behavior, they are encouraged to report the issue to conference staff or chairs. Complaints will be taken seriously, and confidentiality will be respected where possible.

Disciplinary Actions: Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in warnings, removal from sessions, or disqualification from the conference, depending on the severity of the breach.

8. Health and Safety

Personal Responsibility: All participants are responsible for their own safety and well-being. Delegates should notify the conference organizers if they feel unwell or encounter any health issues.

Emergency Procedures: In the event of an emergency, participants must follow the instructions of the conference organizers and staff to ensure the safety of all attendees.

9. Alcohol and Substance Use

Prohibited Substances: The use of alcohol and illegal substances is strictly prohibited during the conference, including both formal and informal settings.

Legal Compliance: Participants must comply with local laws and regulations regarding substance use. Violations may result in immediate expulsion from MUNISH.

10. Responsibilities of the MUN Director and Chaperons

The MUN Director plays a pivotal role in the success and integrity of the MUNISH. The following responsibilities outline the expected conduct and duties of the MUN Director:

- **Leadership and Coordination:** The MUN Director is responsible for overseeing the overall organization of the conference, ensuring that all events, sessions, and logistics are conducted smoothly. They must provide leadership to staff, chairs, and delegates, offering guidance where necessary.
- **Upholding the Code of Conduct:** The MUN Director is responsible for ensuring that all participants adhere to this Code of Conduct. This includes taking immediate and appropriate action when violations occur and fostering a safe, respectful, and professional environment.
- **Supporting Committees:** The MUN Director must provide continuous support to Approval Panel, and committee chairs, staff, ensuring they have the resources and guidance to manage their respective committees effectively.
- **Ensuring Safety:** The MUN Director must ensure that all participants are aware of emergency procedures and that safety protocols are in place. In the event of any emergencies, the Director is responsible for coordinating with local authorities or medical services if necessary.
- **Maintaining Communication:** The MUN Director must ensure clear and open communication with all participants before, during, and after the conference. This includes disseminating important information such as schedules, updates, rules, and any changes to procedures.
- **Ensuring Delegate Attendance:** The MUN Director is responsible for ensuring that all assigned delegates attend their committee sessions and participate actively. The Director must track attendance and follow up with delegates who are absent without prior notice. Continuous absenteeism without valid reasons may result in disciplinary actions or disqualification from certificates.

Consequences of Violations

Participants who violate this Code of Conduct may face disciplinary actions at the discretion of the conference organizers, including but not limited to:

- **Verbal Warnings**
- **Expulsion from Sessions or the Entire Conference**
- **Reporting to Schools, Academic Institutions or Organizations**
- **Disqualification from certificate**



School Registration Form (Form 1)

Deadline: Tuesday April 15th 2025

As stated previously, this year all forms are digital. The link to the School Registration Form (Form 1) can be found below. The deadline for submission of the **School Registration Form is Tuesday April 15th 2025**. In order for us to accommodate all potential participants, it is crucial that the form is submitted by this deadline. We do not need the names of these participants but the provisional number of delegation(s) you would like assigned to your school.

Any questions may be directed to:

munish.secretariat@ishweb.nl

*Please use page 5 to select your preferred delegations. We will allocate schools to country delegations and non-member delegations, based on, as much as possible, **the preferences listed on your Form 1 submission.***

Digital School Registration Form/Form 1: <http://munis.thimun.org/munish/>

Login through the MUNISH website: <https://munis.thimun.org/munish/entrance>



Student Officer Application Form

Deadline: Tuesday 15th April 2025

All StOff applications must be submitted **by Tuesday 15th April 2025**. 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: munish.academicadvisor@ishweb.nl

Any questions may be directed to:
munish.academicadvisor@ishweb.nl

StOff Application Form:

Digital Student Officer Application Form: <https://forms.gle/ay8fbLwJ53qZ3dcm6>



International Court of Justice (ICJ) Application Form

Deadline: Friday 9th May, 2025

This forum is best suited towards students who have an interest in law or would like to pursue a career in law at university. The case to be discussed at MUNISH 2025 will be:

Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa vs. Israel)

In addition to completing the form, applicants' MUN Directors must email a written **letter of recommendation** for each applicant directly to munish.academicadvisor@ishweb.nl.

Any questions may be directed to:
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ICJ Application Form:
Digital Application Form: <https://forms.gle/QjwBDcL6p3hj46e99>



Press Team Application Form

Deadline: Friday 9th May, 2025

All Press applications must be submitted by **Friday 9th May 2025**. As stated previously, this year all the forms will be digital.

Any questions may be directed to:

munish.press@ishweb.nl

Press Application Form

Digital Press Officer Application Form: <https://forms.gle/PBywvZ2j2oqkscgZ8>