



**GMUN 2020:
Press Corps**



Glenlyon Norfolk Model United Nations 2020

Letter from your directors:

Dear Reporters,

We are Mackenzie and Eya, Grade 11 students studying at Glenlyon Norfolk School, and it is our utmost pleasure to welcome you to GMUN 2020 as the Directors of the International Press Corps (IPC). We attended our first conference three years ago, and it resulted in an absolute passion and our avid participation since. Our experiences as delegates have been a remarkable highlight during our time in high school, and we are thrilled to be staffing for the first time. It is our sincerest hope that you will uncover a similar passion for Model United Nations in this committee.

We started Model United Nations in Grade 9 together and have since attended many local conferences, normally as a double delegation but always in the same committee. Although we have never been delegates in IPC, we are very excited to be directing it this year at GMUN 2020!

The press is an essential part of both democracy and the United Nations as it allows for diversity in perspectives. Worldwide, the press serves as an essential link between the ongoings of the United Nations and the global population because the press is an essential link between the ongoings of the United Nations and the global population, the [ability of reporters to speak freely] is a necessary civil liberty.. In IPC, it is vital for the press to analyze what is being said in committees, consider the facts and investigate the core issues in negotiations by asking the difficult questions and pursuing a story that embodies our organization's values and perspectives. IPC is a great way to improve language skills, learn about journalism and experience Model United Nations conferences in a unique way.

This background guide can be used as delegates start their preliminary research. It covers rudimentary information on the topics, along with some guiding, and thought-provoking questions. However, we encourage you all to further research the topic and your assigned news agency. Doing so will help you understand your news agency better and therefore be a better representative by having a more focused position in the committee. Please don't hesitate to contact us via email if any questions or concerns arise.

We look forward to seeing you all in December for a fun and incredible experience. We wish the best of luck to all of you with your journey in diplomacy during GMUN 2020!

Sincerely,

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What to Expect:

The Glenlyon Norfolk Model United Nations Press Corps is a gathering of reporters, each of whom represent a news agency. Rather than representing countries in peace negotiations, reporters take on the important task of summarizing and disseminating news about conference events. Through the blog and on other platforms, reporters play a crucial role by making our representation of the actual United Nations accessible to onlookers, just as the press contributes to the success of the actual United Nations.

In our 2020 GMUN Press Corps committee, reporters can expect a significant difference from the other committees that the conference has to offer. We will avoid formal caucuses and instead encourage reporters to shift towards a seminar-based style. For beginners, expect field investigations during extended unmoderated caucuses within the conference times. These unmoderated caucuses are meant as time to take advantage of the Press Corps' informal writing and debating.

The committee specifics are as follows:

Aside from in-committee seminars, field investigations take place as well. A field investigation occurs when a reporter motions for an extended unmoderated caucus for the sole purpose of field reporting (there are unmoderated caucuses in the Press Corps to write and debate on the informal level). Reporters must motion to have a field investigation. It is meant for:

1. Finding out more about the specifics of the committee topics and what countries are discussing.
2. Seeing what different countries believe should be done, what their policies are, and what the main opposing viewpoints are.
3. Conducting interviews with countries or the Dais regarding their viewpoints and possible solutions that they would be in favor of or against.
4. Writing about the Working Paper(s) and cover the differences and similarities if there are more than one being debated and what the committee is doing to move forward
 - a. reporters will be able to submit blurbs and articles to the Editors.

Since there are several reporters, more than one reporter can conduct research and write on the same committee or issue. All reporters should keep in mind that if they find a story with a lot to cover, highly debated, and/or crucial to GMUN, they should consider it to put it on the GMUN press corps social media.



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Position Paper Policy:

Position papers are a formal document that includes a brief description of your news agency and an example article. Although there is no set formula for a position paper, it should include a summary of the agency's history, their biases, the subjects they usually cover, and where they are geographically based. The position paper should be written third person (reporters should avoid using personal pronouns).

IPC position papers differ from regular position papers as there are two parts. The first is a summary of your news agency. This should include a brief description of the agency's history, the tone and style they write in, and any other relevant information. The second section should be an example article written by your agency reporting on a current event. When choosing your event and writing the second-half of the paper, you should keep in mind what you learned from your research (i.e. any biases your agency consistently has).

All delegates at GMUN are required to submit a position paper. Delegates who do not submit position papers will not be considered for awards. Position Papers should be submitted by midnight on November 30 . Please attach your position paper as a file and email it to both of us at 22heanem@gnsmail.ca and 22ibrahe@gnsmail.ca. Each position paper will be reviewed and considered for the Best Position Paper award, and will inform decisions for other awards.

Formatting:

- The first section should not exceed 300 words.
- The second section should not exceed 400 words.
- Both sections should be typed in Times New Roman font, size 11 with 1.5 spacing.
- Both sections should include a Works Cited (which will not be counted in the word count).
- The file should be saved as your name, your news agency, and the committee name (Ex: Jane Doe, New York Times, IPC).