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**Abstract**

**Security Council No. 2 (SC2)**

**Crisis Committee**

## **The Crisis Committee**

This year's crisis committee is in some respects the flagship of our conference, therefore only delegates who have already gathered a lot of experience in the field of UN-simulations will participate. As the level of debate shall be the highest possible, a solid knowledge of the rules of procedure and comprehensive understanding of your country's geopolitical intensions, are absolutely vital.

The Crisis Committee will be a simulation of a Security Council meeting, the UN-organ responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security. Any state - even if it is not a member of the UN - may bring a dispute to which it is involved in front of the Security Council. First and primarily the Council must explore all possibilities of a peaceful resolution to any conflict it is faced with. One of the most important tools to secure peace and to prevent further violence is the deployment of international peacekeeping forces which can only be authorized by the Security Council. If the council is convinced that there is an imminent threat to international peace, or an act of aggression, it may call upon the UN members to apply diplomatic or economic sanctions against the aggressor. Only if all these methods prove inadequate, the UN-Charter allows the Security Council to take action against the offending party.

## **What to expect**

In light of this, it is important to note that a crisis committee differs from usual MUN-SC simulations in some very important ways. First of all, while the political framework, the historical background and the individual country positions shall be as close to reality as possible, some events occurring during the session will be fiction. You should expect uprisings, turmoil, terror and military confrontations as you participate in a committee that responds to incidents in real time. So you need to make swift decisions and keep up with the events as they occur.

Furthermore the agenda itself will be given to you only a couple of days prior to the session. In order to give you a proper introduction into the disputed topic, its historical background and the key player involved, we will prepare a short study guide for you. While this guide will explain the real scenario on the ground, during the session events will be made up by us that are not real, but are made as realistic as possible. Given the fact that you will have only a couple of days to research the topic, and that surprising events will very likely change the circumstances drastically, you should approach this crisis the same way you would any other unforeseen problem; with an open mind and competent improvisational skills.

## **How to prepare**

Due to the fact that you will have only little time to prepare for the crisis itself, it is of fundamental importance to know the country that you will represent very well. Therefore preparing basic information about your country prior to the conference will be of paramount importance. Your research should thereby be focused on your countries standing in the international community; its participation in regional organizations or alliances such as NATO or the African Union, its general power and influence, its main partners and opponents, its support or rejection of hard power in foreign politics and its most important goals and concerns. Hence you will be faced with unforeseeable developments you should always have a basic idea of what outcome would be in the best interest of your government.

If all of this sounds challenging and maybe even stressful, don't worry although we have planned to do a good job during daytime, VIMUN is famous for enjoying the evenings. If you have any questions regarding the schedule or your visit to Vienna in general, don't hesitate to ask us. As it is one of our main goals to make your participation in our committee a memorable event; we are always happy to answer all your questions.

Looking forward to see you in summer yours sincerely

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