



# Constitution of DanMUN

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## § 1. Name and physical affiliation

- § 1.1. The association's name is Danish Model United Nations (henceforth DanMUN).
- § 1.2. The physical homestead of the association is the Copenhagen Municipality. This implies, above and beyond the physical address, that DanMUN has its primary activities in Copenhagen Municipality. However, DanMUN retains the right to participate in tournaments, courses, events, workshops and the like in other places in Denmark. The association also allows for the membership of individuals residing in other municipalities.
- § 1.3. The association recognizes its origin to be the Danish United Nations Association.

## § 2. Purpose

- § 2.1. The association is a non-profit organisation. The primary purpose is the creation of a platform for spreading knowledge on the United Nations and affiliated Model United Nations-concepts in Denmark.
- § 2.2. The association's secondary purpose resides within the parameters dictated by the legislation on volunteer popular awareness associations. DanMUN's aim - by means of its annual conference, by participation in the organization thereof and by means of an active member community - is to strengthen the span and degree of knowledge diffusion on the United Nations, and thereby members' capacity and incentive to take responsibility for their own lives and to participate actively and in a dedicated fashion in their community.
- § 2.3. The predominant forum for DanMUN's knowledge diffusion is, and shall remain, an annual conference during which participants are lectured on the functioning of the United Nations, the parameters for the given topic at hand and during which one or more of the United Nations' organs are simulated. This simulation will abide by the international parameters for the Model United Nations-concept.
- § 2.4. Other initiatives - supporting the diffusion of knowledge on the UN, or the Model United Nations concept, as well as initiatives of broader socio-political interest - shall not and may not, from the association's perspective, be deemed necessary for the association's rightful existence. Such secondary activities may, furthermore, not be engaged in at the expense of the aforementioned conference.
- § 2.5. A tertiary purpose for the association is to strengthen its staff, both the organizers and the Board, insofar as personal competences (social and professional alike) are concerned. Essentially, DanMUN acts as a material enhancer of its participant's present and future job profiles.

## § 3. Membership

- § 3.1. DanMUN is open to any and all members who will pay the membership fee and who express

interest in supporting the association's purpose.

- § 3.2. The association reserves itself the right to have passive members as well as honorary members, including but not restricted to past members of the Board.
- § 3.3. Should a member be in violation of the constitution and/or the code of conduct, the board can temporarily exclude aforementioned member. The member can appeal the exclusion at the following General Assembly. The reasons for member exclusion can be found below:
- Serious violation of member obligations
  - Lack of membership fee payment for a period above 6 months
  - Ignorance or lack of reply to 3 warnings from the board with regards to late fees
  - Miscellaneous matters approved unanimously by the Board
- § 3.4. The decision to exclude a member will be decided by the board, with the final conclusion being reached at the following General Assembly, where the member in question will be allowed to participate and give his/her point of view/arguments.

## § 4. General Assembly

- § 4.1. The General Assembly is the association's highest authority.
- § 4.2. The Board will issue a call for a General Assembly with a minimum of 14 days notice. The Ordinary General Assembly must be held annually and no later than the end of March.
- § 4.3. The Meeting Agenda for an Ordinary General Assembly must, at a minimum, post the following entries:
1. Election of a General Assembly Chairman and approval of the agenda
  2. Approval of any power of attorneys
  3. Presentation of the annual report as well as approval thereof
  4. Presentation of the ledger, next year's budget and annual subscription fee as well as approval thereof
  5. Addressing issues pertaining to potential temporarily excluded members
  6. Handling of submitted agenda issues
  7. Election of the Board
  8. Election of Auditor
  9. Election of Department Chairmen
  10. Miscellaneous
- § 4.4. Agenda issues must be submitted 1 week before the General Assembly at the latest.
- § 4.4.1. Such adjustments, as well as an updated agenda must, within the limits of the possible, be in the hands of the members of the association no later than 24 hours before the General Assembly is held.
- § 4.5. All decisions at a General Assembly will be made by a regular majority vote, with the exception of alterations to the constitution (§ 9) and the dissolution of the association (§ 12).

- § 4.6.1 All members having paid their annual subscription fee have the right to one vote.
- § 4.6.2 Tallies will be made as a result of an open vote, with raised hands and will be led by the General Assembly Chairman.
- § 4.6.3 In case of a tie of votes, a new tally will be collected. If there is once again a tie, the final decision will be made by means of random selection drawing. The General Assembly Chairman will oversee this process by collecting the tallies, and the current Chairman/-woman will conduct the random selection.
- § 4.6.4 Temporarily excluded members do not have the right to vote.
- § 4.7. Any able and voting member can choose to pass his vote to another able and voting member by means of a power of attorney.
  - § 4.7.1. This power of attorney must be dated and signed by the non-able and voting member, and assigned to a single able and voting member (whose name must be clearly stated).
  - § 4.7.2. The Power of Attorney must be approved by the General Assembly Chairman in accordance with §4.3. before it is fully valid and binding.
  - § 4.7.3. No member may be assigned more than 3 votes in total. This means that no able and voting member can accept/have validated more than 2 powers of attorney per General Assembly

## § 5. The Board

- § 5.1. The daily leadership of the association is conducted by the Board of the association, and is elected at the General Assembly.
- § 5.2. The Board is constituted of 5 members: A Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, a Treasurer as well as two ordinary members.
- § 5.3. The Board will be re-elected once a year and the constitutive members will be chosen by direct vote. The tally will be conducted in an identical fashion to other DanMUN tallies, including the General Assembly tally with the exceptions listed below:
  - § 5.3.1. Should it occur that there be more than 1 candidate for a given post, each candidate will be awarded a speaking time of minimum 1 minute (maximum 10 minutes) to address the General Assembly. The challenger will be allowed to take the word first. Should both candidates be new candidates (i.e. there is no challenger), the youngest of the candidates will be allowed to speak first.
  - § 5.3.2. Should it prevail that there are more than 2 candidates, or that a tie of votes should occur between two or more candidates, the vote will be conducted once more, in which only the candidates with the most votes in the first round will be allowed to run. All able and voting members will therefore be allowed to vote once more.



§ 5.4. There will be a selection of 2 adjuncts to the Board, in accordance with the parameters cited under § 5.3.

§ 5.5. Internal tallies in the Board will be decided in an identical fashion to those held in the General Assembly, with the exception of the points listed below:

§ 5.5.1. A member can only be temporarily excluded by a unanimous vote.

§ 5.5.2. Only the General Assembly can exclude a member of the Board.

§ 5.5.3 An unanimous board can unseat a Department Chairman, but can instate a new Department Chairman at any time granted that the position is vacant if there is not a majority against it.

§ 5.6. The Board can at any time create working groups dependent on needs.

## § 6. Departments

§ 6.1. The operations of the association shall be handled in an egalitarian fashion, shared by the relevant departments and the Board. It is therefore in the interest of the association to constitute these departments directly. The Board shall delegate tasks to the departments as they see fit.

§ 6.1.1. The Departments, constituted as per the General Assembly, are as follows (in alphabetical order):

Communications Department  
External Relations Department  
Logistics Department  
Media Department  
Information Technology Department (IT Department)  
Scenario Department

§ 6.1.1.1. The retired Board as per 4.3 shall make suggestions with regards to the establishment of relevant Departments. Thereafter, any members wishing to make further suggestions shall be afforded a maximum of 5 minutes to address the General Assembly to present their case.

§ 6.1.1.2. In the absence of a dissident majority (to the proposition forwarded by the Board), the proposition is to be considered accepted. Ulterior suggestions shall be passed as per the standing rules for voting procedures.

§ 6.1.2. Following the establishment of the Departments, respective Department Chairmen are to be elected. This shall be executed as per the standing rules pertaining to the election of the Chairman of the Board.

§ 6.1.2.1. Should the Chairman of the Board and the Treasurer need an exemption from the 2/3 of the General Assembly, such an exemption shall be deemed standing until the next Ordinary General Assembly is held.



§ 6.1.3. Should a Department Chairman retire within his/her term, the Board can elect a pro temporis Chairman of said department (conferring by the voting requirements under § 5.5.3.) or call for an Extraordinary General Assembly to elect a new one as per § 6.1.2.

§ 6.1.3.1. Should a Department Chairmen retire before the end of his/her term, and should the Board decide to elect a pro temp Chairman, this intention must be made explicit to the members of the association no later than 5 days before appointing a replacement.

§ 6.1.3.2. If, at any time, 1/7 or more of the members of the association (with the right to vote) cast a vote of no confidence for any temporarily appointed Department Chairman – an Extraordinary General Assembly must be called.

## § 7. The right to legally bind the association

§ 7.1. The right to legally bind should be understood as the right to sign on behalf of the association.

§ 7.2. The right to legally bind DanMUN befalls the Chairman treasurer

§ 7.2.1. In the absence of the Treasurer – the right to legally bind befalls the Chairman.

§ 7.3. In the event of large purchases (larger than DKK 10,000), pawning or sale of assets, the signatures of the entire Board of Executives will be required.

## § 8. Annual Subscription Fee

§8.1. The annual subscription fee must be decided on at the General Assembly for the next coming year.

§8.2. The board can, on a case-by-case basis, allow exceptions where individual members to pay their annual subscription fee through alternative means. This requires a unanimous vote in the board.

## § 9. Alterations to the Constitution

§9.1. Any change in the Constitution shall require a 2/3 majority in the General Assembly.

§9.2. A unanimous board can – should it be required by the association's imminent needs– make alterations to the constitution. This exception shall be limited to § 6 and the members of the association shall be given a minimum of 7 days notice prior to the alteration. Any such alterations must be recognized and approved during the next General Assembly as per § 9.1.

§9.3. Any change in the Constitution must be published and made available to all members no later than 48 hours before the ensuing General Assembly.

## § 10. Extraordinary General Assembly

§10.1. A call for an Extraordinary General Assembly shall be issued should a majority of the



Board so wish or should 1/3 of the members so require.

§10.2. If 1/3 of the members of the association are dissatisfied with the work of the Board or wish a case of a principle nature resolved, an Extraordinary General Assembly can be called.

§10.3. The tally and voting procedures at the Extraordinary General Assembly shall be the same as those listed for the General Assembly.

## § 11. Finance

§11.1. The accounting year for the association is January 1- December 31.

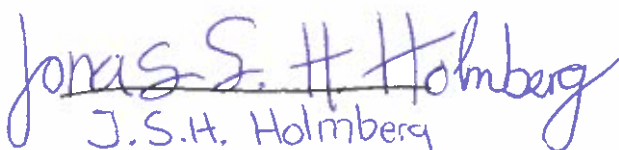
§11.2. The closed accounting ledger as well as the budget for the upcoming shall be sent to the members of the Association no later than 14 days before the Ordinary General Assembly, and no later than 48 hours before an Extraordinary General Assembly.

§11.3. Revision of the accounts shall take place once a year, following the closing of the accounting year. The auditor can make unannounced account inspections at any time.


## § 12. Dissolution


§12.1. Dissolution of the association shall require 2/3 of the present, able and voting members (of a given General Assembly or Extraordinary General Assembly) to vote positively for such dissolution. The dissolution must thereafter be recognized by an Extraordinary General Assembly to be material.


§12.2. Should the association be in possession of assets at the time of dissolution, the funds shall be donated to a humanitarian organization chosen by the Board.

  
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