



### **Topic Synopsis** Security Council, Open Agenda

**Attention!** Unlike most conferences that state they are Open Agenda yet offer suggested topics this Security Council will be slightly different. The difference is that no suggested topics will be provided. This means that delegates will have the option to write a position paper on any topic of their choice with the topics focusing on situations that are pertinent to the Security Council. The reason behind this is that it requires the delegates to be well researched on a variety of topics when they come in to committee. Committee will begin with the taking of role and will be structured in the manner of the Security Council in that delegates will be seated in alphabetical order and will give speeches in a Round Robin matter with unlimited speaking time. After role has been taken the delegates will receive an automatic unmoderated caucus of 10 minutes in length in order to discuss which topics to set the agenda with. This is a test of the delegates ability to persuade others to adopt issues they want presented and as well will test how well researched these delegates are in all areas of concern in the world for the Security Council has a myriad of global concerns. Position Papers will be written in the standard format provided and the required length. Any outstanding concerns can be addressed to [mvsecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:mvsecretariat@gmail.com)

### **Chair Information**

Hello everyone! My name is Michael Hession and I will be your head chair for the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Mission Viejo High School conference. I am very excited because I have often done Security Council myself and so I look forward to a high level of debate between the delegates. I myself play water polo and have been in MUN for four years. I expect delegates to be well versed in their research and to have a grasp of worldly issues so that they can best handle any



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*“Through the Fire the Spirit is Forged”*

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topic brought before the council. Delegates must also focus not just on how much information they know but how they present the information and work with other delegates for MUN isn't just about dominating debate but working with others constructively in order to build a solution that helps the world. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Hello and welcome to Mission Viejo High School Model United Nations Conference! My name is Josh Don, and I will be your Vice-Chair for this upcoming conference. I am a junior at MVHS and this will be my third year in MUN. For me, MUN offers a truly unique experience – a place to discuss far-ranging issues and create solutions to problems that may not necessarily affect us here in the United States. Building an outward looking world view is thus one of the most important aspects of MUN in my opinion. It is my hope that this conference will not only expand your knowledge about some of the most important topics being debated in the United Nations today, but also help you to see some of the issues from more than just one point-of-view. Those delegates who are best prepared and are the most diplomatic will hold the highest chance of earning awards for they best represent those that attend the United Nations. Since this is an advanced committee, I expect that the competition will be much higher than that of other committees especially since this is the Security Council. Nevertheless, I entreat you all to remember that the goal is to work *together* – delegates are graded not only on how many times they speak or how many facts they have, but also by how well they organize and work with other delegates. I wish you all good luck in your research and look forward to meeting you in January!