

# APPROVAL PANEL: Instructions for MUN Advisers/Teachers

(Adapted from The Hague International Model United Nations Rules).

Approval panels were introduced in order to improve the quality of the resolutions with a view to:

- i) facilitating good debate: delegates can now concentrate on the issues rather than on misunderstandings arising out of poorly worded resolutions,
- ii) Speeding up the process of editing and publishing the resolution booklet for the General Assembly.

## **Approval Panel Assignments**

Advisers/Teachers will find their approval panel assignments in their registration pack on arrival. ***It is essential that you make note of and are present at the appointed time*** to facilitate the efficient operation of the panel. Every attempt has been made to make certain that there is an even balance between first time Advisers/Teachers and veterans. If for some reason you are not available at the time noted you are asked to take responsibility for finding a substitute.

**\* ALL APPROVALS WILL BE DONE ON THE RMS COMPUTER SYSTEM\***

## DOs and DON'Ts

### DO

- read the text of the resolution very carefully;
- correct minor errors (punctuation and spelling mistakes);
- check that only the pre-ambulatory clauses contain argumentation and evidence and that they begin with an adjectival or participle phrase;
- check that the operative clauses begin with a verb in the third person singular, present tense;
- check the syntax; the resolution must consist of one long but coherent sentence;

- check the grammar e.g. subject/verb agreement, dangling participles, word order, forms and tenses of verbs;
- check the vocabulary; the resolution must be written in the appropriate register for a United Nations resolution i.e. it should contain no slang or colloquialisms;
- check the orthography; either British or American standard spelling is acceptable;
- check the punctuation putting in or erasing commas, semicolons as necessary;
- reject any resolution which has a series of errors of whatever kind;
- explain clearly, on the resolution, the reasons for rejection;

### **DON'T**

- check the format of the heading of the resolution; this has been done by the secretaries at reception;
- make any judgements at all about the content of the resolution; this is the committee's job;
- reject a resolution without making it perfectly clear why.