

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Historical Crisis Committee is the most intimate, imaginative and crisis-oriented committee of ATSMUN 2018. It requires delegates to respond quickly and decisively to crises and allows each member of the committee to play a critical role in the topic while advancing his or her own interests, providing peaceful and innovative solutions.

The Historical Committee is a continuous crisis committee, making it quite different from other committees.

Instead of resolutions, delegates construct “**directives**”. Directives are simple documents with one to five clauses. Delegates may propose directives by themselves or cooperate with others through note passing or requests to meet privately. The President will decide whether these requests to meet privately will be entertained. Directives may be proposed at any time during debate. They will be debated and voted on by the committee following the regular MUN procedure rules. When the body passes a directive, its effects and results are brought to the body almost immediately through news articles and speakers. The topics will continue to change and evolve based on the actions the body does or doesn't take.

At the end, individual delegates can determine their domestic actions by writing notes to their governments, which will be delivered to the presidency. In this case the chairs will play the role of government officials when replying to these notes. So delegates in HCC are not going to debate about resolutions but directives, which will not be prepared before the conference but they will be written after reading the article or hear the news of the crisis.

Directives and crisis articles will be known to everyone, however personal messages will be known only by the presidency and the delegate who writes it.

Usually, the beginning of committee is a short discussion of everyone's opinion and thoughts on the issue as a whole. Before you know it, however, the first crisis has been announced. From experience, crises are largely surprising and difficult to prepare for beforehand. This is what is truly special about crisis committees and separates it from any other committee in

the MUN world. You need to be able to rapidly and efficiently come up with solutions as problems present themselves.