

## **SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Security Council is one of the principle organs of the United Nations system and has the highest authority in the United Nations as well as MUN. It is responsible for maintaining international peace and security. The council debates complicated, challenging and controversial issues and has the authority to establish peacekeeping operations, international sanctions and military action. It consists of 15 members, 5 of whom are permanent members (P5) who can strike out any clause or resolution without question or use their VETO power. P5 countries are:

- FRENCH REPUBLIC
- PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
- RUSSIAN FEDERATION
- UNITED KINGDOM
- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The other 10 members of the Security Council are elected by the General Assembly for two-year terms.

When the Security Council is debating a topic directly concerning a member country that is not represented in the Security Council, they may call in the ambassador of such country as a guest to provide insight and enrich the debate; however the ambassador only serves as an observer and has no voting rights. They can only participate in the debate and present their view to the Security Council.

Clauses are debated and voted on one by one. Open debate is the norm and rules of procedure of Model United Nations are adhered to throughout debate sessions.