



The Interstellar Council

The MontessoriMUN'25 Special Committee

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President's Letter

Dear Delegates,

My name is Mira Gharaibeh, a student at The International Academy - Amman, and it is my honor to welcome you to this year's Interstellar Council. Special committees have always stood out to me because they feel less like walking into a set path and more like stepping into something unpredictable. They give you space to debate fiercely, build secret alliances that you wouldn't have expected to make, and sometimes watch those alliances crumble just as quickly. No two sessions ever look the same, and that's what makes them exciting and what personally drew me to them.

When I was in your place two years ago, I didn't know what to expect. I walked into my first special committee with what felt like a combination of curiosity, excitement, and naturally slight fear. By the end, I left with a new perspective, not only for MUN, but for myself. I realized how much can happen in a few days when you're pushed to think differently, trust your instincts, and shift your perspective completely.

This year, you'll find that the Interstellar Council is as much about the people around you as it is about the issues at hand. The moments you share, the debates you drive forward, and the risks you take will shape the atmosphere of the committee more than anything else. MontessoriMUN special committees have always had a special place in my heart and this year is no different.

That's what I hope this Interstellar Council becomes for you: a space where you surprise

yourself, where you take risks, and where you leave with memories worth holding on to.

I look forward to seeing how you make this committee your own.

From the Gallery, watching your every move,

Mira Gharaibeh

President, Interstellar Council

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Introduction: What is the Interstellar Council?

★ Welcome everyone to The Interstellar Council. A committee where a historic trial will determine the fate of humanity.

★ Will you fight for independence and agree to reform and try to fix the current state of the world, or will you concede to alien rule? This verdict will shape Earth's future.

★ Get ready to engage in one of the most critical decisions in human history!

★ For billions of years, humans have been treating earth as a resource rather than a responsibility, a commodity rather than a covenant. This continues to lead to the collapse of ecosystems and the erosion of biodiversity.

★ *Humanity has failed and an extraterrestrial entity has taken note.*

★ So, after centuries of this systemic injustice, an extraterrestrial power known as the “Reinforcers” introduces itself to mankind, claiming that humanity’s governance has failed.

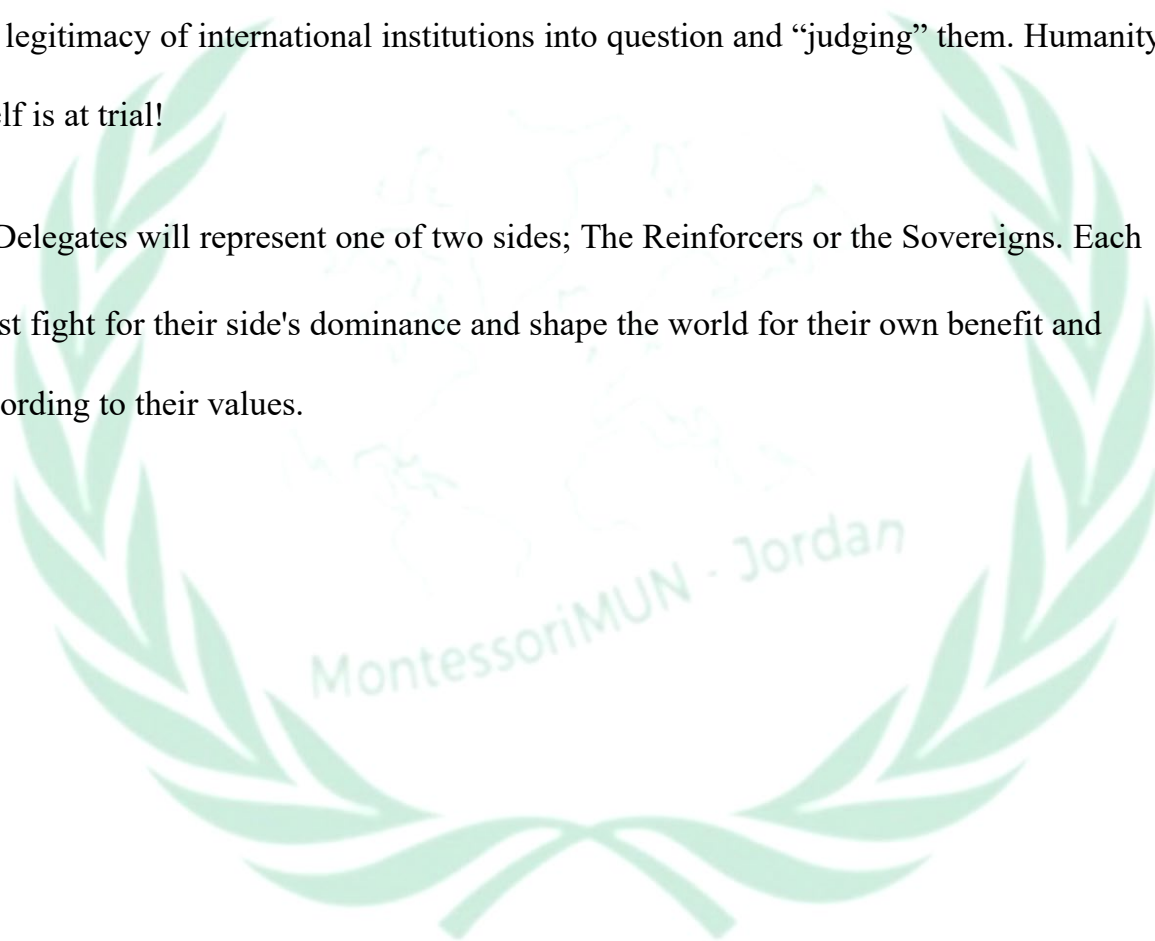
★ Though the Reinforcers (militarily and technologically superior) claim that they come in peace, their presence feels uncomfortably like colonialism. With this peace comes a condition: the restructuring of humanity.

★ This force deems the current global order and institutions unfit, intending to reshape

global power dynamics under their supervision by nullifying all international treaties and suspending the UN. They claim that their rise to power is benevolent, a natural outcome; it is up to whether the humans will welcome their rule or defend their own sovereignty.

★ This theme ties into the issues of colonialism, the implications of post-colonialism, and sovereignty vs supranationalism; this connects to MontessoriMUN'25's theme by putting the legitimacy of international institutions into question and “judging” them. Humanity itself is at trial!

★ Delegates will represent one of two sides; The Reinforcers or the Sovereigns. Each must fight for their side's dominance and shape the world for their own benefit and according to their values.



Procedure overview

★ The committee procedure combines court elements and crisis procedure, with a final verdict in the end! This verdict reveals the true intentions of the reinforcers.

★ The chairing panel is referred to as “The Gallery.”

★ Prosecution (Calling for alien restructuring) vs Defense (Defending humanity and sovereignty).

1. Setting the stage → Day 1, Session 1

- a. The first session will be dedicated to finding allies and combining arguments, negotiations, finalizing affidavits and drafting alliances.
- b. Delegates will also be given their secret agendas, special powers and resource list during this session

2. The session of judgement → Day 1, Session 2

Delegates will vote on which charges are to be entertained and which are unworthy of discussion (shortlisting indictment charges). Reinforcers will debate to have topics discussed while Sovereigns will fight to table them and deem them unworthy.

3. Opening phase

- a. Opening Statements → Each council has 5 minutes to present their opening statements.

b. Indictment → A formal, written list of charges against humanity are submitted by the Reinforcers team.

■ Structure of the indictment

- Charge.
- Main argument/Reasoning.
- Relevant witnesses/testimonies. (not always)

4. Formal debate phase

- a. Accusations → Moderated caucus regarding ONE of the given topics (Arguments and accusations, builds foundation)
- b. Heated debate → Unmoderated caucus regarding contract negotiation, compromise, etc.

5. Direct/Cross-examination phase

- a. Delegates can directly question one another court-style.
- b. Delegates call upon witnesses (within the committee) for questioning.

6. Verdict rounds.

Instead of a single final verdict on all charges, the committee will consist of verdict rounds, with small verdicts per charge.

7. The Final Judgment.

Delegates draft final directives/treaties and submit them to the chairing panel. The final verdict will be decided based on the rulings of the majority of the charges.



Objection List

Key:

Evidence Questioning → Blue

Witness Questioning → Yellow

Both Questionings → Green

Ambiguous (Vague, Misleading Questions)

Questions asked must be precise enough in order for the witness to answer correctly.

Argumentative

Questions Must be asked in the form of a question.

Asked And Answered

Previous questions which were asked and answered may not be repeated again.

Authenticity

Sources must be authentic and credible sources; evidences also may not contradict their sources.

Badgering

Councils may not intimidate a witness in any way while maintaining respect for the witness (Screaming).

Bias

Evidences may not be biased, examples being governmental sources for the evidence.

Calls For Conclusion

Witnesses may not be asked questions that require them to conclude something, “In your opinion, do you think Mao Zedong is Guilty?”

Calls For Speculation

Questions which require the witness to make a guess, causing them to speculate. “What did Putin think about when he woke up?” This is an example of a question that requires a witness to speculate.

Note: Expert Witnesses Can be asked to speculate based on their expertise.

Compound Question

Councils can only ask one question at a time to a witness, “Who are you? What do you want?” This is an example of a compound question.

Hearsay

Witnesses can only be asked about observations that they made, not for information received from an outside source. “What did your boss tell you about the crime scene?”

This is an example of hearsay.

Competence

A question which the witness does not have the capacity or knowledge to answer.

Note: This objection is not applicable to expert witnesses if asked about their expertise.

Lack of Foundation

Advocates must familiarize opposing councils or witnesses with certain pieces of evidence or information before asking about it, hence they should familiarize witnesses with it before proceeding with their question.

Note: If evidence is also presented without a source, the objection Lack of Foundation also applies.

Leading Question

Advocates may not phrase their questions in a way which implies the answer they are looking for, an example being “You're a witness, are you not?”, Instead, the correct way to phrase it would be “Are you a witness?”. Leading Questions are not permitted during direct examination, however, during cross-examination, the use of leading questions is permitted and encouraged.

Narrative

Witnesses may not be asked to give a story; they are also prohibited from answering a question by giving a story.

Note: This Objection can occur on the question and the answer provided by the witness.

Privilege

Advocates must not ask questions which the witness is protected by law from answering or incriminating questions.

Relevance

All questions and evidences must be related and relevant to the case at hand.

Non-Responsive

Witnesses must answer all questions that have been asked without staying silent.

Nothing Pending

Witnesses must answer questions within the scope of the question to the best of their capability.

Example: “What is your Age?”, “I was born in Amman, Jordan.” This answer would be applicable to the objection, nothing pending.

Grounds for Impeachment

★ **Perjury** → When a witness says an obvious, fully incorrect lie, proven by a source.

★ **Relevance** → When a Witness is not relevant to the case at hand and has no acting role in it.

★ **Incompetence** → Witness does not have the capabilities to answer questions, whether through knowledge or their mental competence.

★ **Bias** → Witness is inherently biased, example “I am the defendant, me and my best friend had a fight and we are no longer friends”, this is an example of bias.



Relevance of Delegations

Sovereigns

- ★ **United States:** Military and economic superpower; central to sovereignty and defense.
- ★ **China:** Superpower challenging Western dominance; key in multipolar resistance.
- ★ **United Kingdom:** Permanent UNSC member; history of colonial power shapes credibility.
- ★ **India:** Rising nuclear power and Global South voice; pivotal for non-aligned states.
- ★ **France:** Permanent UNSC member; balances European and global concerns.
- ★ **Brazil:** Chair of BRICS 2025; represents emerging economies and South-South cooperation.
- ★ **Russian Federation:** October 2025 UNSC President; heavy influence on global security.
- ★ **António Guterres (UN Secretary-General):** Symbol of UN legitimacy; lead defender of international institutions.
- ★ **Annalena Baerbock (President of the UNGA):** Represents democratic legitimacy of all UN member states.
- ★ **Kristalina Georgieva (IMF Managing Director):** Influential over global financial stability.
- ★ **Mark Rutte (NATO Secretary-General):** Represents Western collective defense and alliances.

Reinforcers

- ★ **The Core Council of Order:** Central authority; main prosecution against humanity.
- ★ **The Outer Core (Deputy of the Council of Order):** Second-in-command; connects the Core to branches.
- ★ **Reinforcers' Peacekeepers Unit:** Military and technological enforcement arm.
- ★ **Reinforcers' Financial Management Agency:** Oversees economic restructuring and prosecutes corruption.
- ★ **Reinforcers' Bureau of Resource Management:** Controls natural resources and sustainability.
- ★ **Reinforcers' Institute of Healthcare:** Directs public health reform and crisis response.
- ★ **Reinforcers' Communication and Intelligence Network:** Manages information, cyber operations, and surveillance.