

Dear CTC Delegates,

Welcome to the Counter Terrorism Committee and Midwest Model United Nations! My name is Andrew Gegg. I am an MBA student online at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. My current field is General Management, but I am debating changing to Entrepreneurship. I would eventually like to work internationally, with a large interest in Eastern Europe and Eastern Asia. I would most likely end up as a teacher at a university.

I have been involved in various Model UNs since 1996, when I was in high school. I have attended Model UNs on the local, collegiate, and national levels, and would like to attend a Model UN in another country someday. I have served as secretary, legal, and chair. I have mostly been involved in Security Council, HSC, and GA1st. I also prefer the small committees, as there is a better chance to know people and there is less clutter and noise. As I am fascinated with history as well as international culture, I am looking forward to delving into a different area of the Middle East than has been covered by the other Security Councils.

Those of you who are new may want to check out the New Delegate Guide and Delegate Handbook, especially for the rules on parliamentary procedures. We also offer delegate training sessions immediately following opening ceremonies. We do not allow pre-written work at MMUN, so please do not bring any. Additionally, if you have a laptop, and would not mind bringing it, please do. While there will be one available at the dais and conference services, the more laptops the merrier!

It is of the utmost importance to do proper research into your country's positions as well as any noteworthy experience or historical milestones your country may have with our topics. While our topic guides are a good place to start, do not hesitate to go outside of them. [A cautionary note about Wikipedia](#): while Stephen Colbert, Michael Scott, and I all agree it is the best thing ever, Wikipedia is only a starting point. The best part of Wikipedia is its collection of outside references, all in one convenient location. It is in your best interest to not take the wiki entry at face value, and do your own follow-up. Given that the three topics all revolve around terrorism, researching the terrorism-related history of your country would be the most important thing to know, specifically what activities have affected your country and how your country would (or what your country is doing) to stop it.

While negotiation can often place us on opposite sides of a conflict, we do encourage delegates to work together as much as possible. Last year when I chaired HSC, delegates really took the initiative and extended superior diplomatic courtesy. A good example is when delegates would yield excess time to those who did not get as many chances to speak. As those who attend MMUN are already of a high caliber, I am sure this year's delegates will impress me even more. Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, or need any assistance, never hesitate to ask. My email address is below, and we at MMUN all pride ourselves on being approachable in-conference as well. If I am unable to help you, the other dais and staff members would be glad to. I look forward to our committee and to meeting all of you, good luck and have fun!

Sincerely,

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