

# Charter of the European Model United Nations Network (EMUNNET)

## Preamble

*The EMUNNET is a non-profit organization that acts as a platform for Model United Nations organizations within geographical Europe. Its purpose is to facilitate cooperation between its members and to promote the idea of MUNs towards political institutions and the civil society in general.*

## 1 Functions

The functions of the EMUNNET are divided into an internal and an external part.

### 1.1 Internal functions:

- i. Direct cooperation between Members of the EMUNNET (*hereafter Members*), examples include:
  - 1) Exchange of relevant information, for example on key personnel like “Chairs” and “Best Delegates”
  - 2) Mutual promotion efforts
  - 3) Access to institutions and other entities
- ii. Retain experience and Know-how within the network through an Alumni-body

### 1.2 External functions:

- i. Promotion of the idea of Model United Nations (*hereafter MUNs*) in general
- ii. Support the creation and organization of new MUNs
- iii. Lobbying with institutions and organizations as well as handling partnerships with those organizations

## 2 Membership

2.1 Membership is open to MUN organizations which fulfill the following criteria:

- i. Organization of at least one university level MUN conference per year
- ii. The number of participants at the main conference is 50 or higher
- iii. No nationality is represented with more than two-thirds of the total number of participants present at the main conference
- iv. The main conference lasts at least three consecutive days
- v. The main conference is located within geographical Europe

2.2 Each Member has the right to one Member Representative (*hereafter MR*) which is chosen by the Member independently. This MR has the right to speak and vote at the EMUNNET assemblies. Each group therefore has only one vote, size and importance of the group has no influence on the voting procedure.

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2.3 The General Assembly (hereafter GA) votes upon admission of new members.

2.4 The membership can be revoked by the GA.

### **3 General Assembly (GA)**

3.1 The GA is composed of all MRs.

3.2 The GA meets at least once a year.

3.2 If not indicated otherwise in the Charter, decisions are taken by a two-thirds majority of the MRs present at the GA. MRs which cannot be present have the right to submit their vote in written form in advance.

3.3 The main functions of the GA are:

- i. Approval of the yearly report
- ii. Distribution of the MR's tasks until the next GA
- iii. Revision of current projects
- iv. Decision on new projects
- v. Possible revision of the Charter
- vi. Vote on the next presidency

3.4 A simple majority of the MR's votes is required for an extraordinary GA. It has to be held within three months after the decision.

### **4 Presidency**

4.1 The Presidency is the executive organ of the network and is elected by the GA for the term of one year. If possible, the Presidency should rotate each year. It can be carried out by either one Member alone or two Members in cooperation.

4.2 The Member or Members which hold the Presidency are responsible for the operation of the network, including::

- i. Organization of the GA;
- ii. Public relations;
- iii. Yearly report;
- iv. Communication within the EMUNNET and distribution of information;
- v. Inform the Members about all activities of the EMUNNET;
- vi. Representation of the EMUNNET.

4.3 All decisions made by the Presidency can be altered by a two-thirds majority of the MRs.

### **5 Partners**

5.1 The EMUNNET actively seeks partnerships with political institutions and organizations, such as MUNs outside of Europe, other MUN-networks, student organizations and NGOs.

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**6 Communication between Members**

6.1 An EMUNNET-website will serve as central platform of communication and information .

**7 Finances**

7.1 Members are not obliged to contribute in any financial way to the network.

**8 Signatory**

8.1 The signatories of this charter manifest their will to cooperate and express their full agreement with the content of the Charter.

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