

# STUDENTS' LEAGUE OF NATIONS

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## Additional Information

**At 9:30 a.m. on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, the General Assembly will hear an inaugural speech by Ms. Tatiana Valovaya, the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva** (You must make every effort to be in the assembly room no later than 9:20 am; if you are late, you must slip in and sit quietly at the back of the room until the speech is over). **Ms. Valovaya will refer to the resolutions to be debated and there will be an opportunity for questions following her speech.** Participants are obviously expected to listen quietly and respectfully to all keynote speeches that will take place during the General Assembly.

The United Nations security personnel have a complete list of all the S.L.N. participants, but **delegates must be in possession of the same official document (national I.D. card or passport) they used to register, and the UN Event QR pass they have received in order to collect their badges from the Security ID Section at the Pregny Gate.** Participants are expected to allow plenty of time to go through security and reach the assembly room in time for the inaugural speech. Badges must be worn at all times when on UN premises.

Delegates are reminded to be polite and respectful at all times. Behaviour deemed inappropriate, by any member of the Secretary General, Conference Secretariat or UNOG staff, can result in immediate and permanent exclusion from the General Assembly.

**Mobiles, tablets, iPhones, iPods etc. must be switched off at all times in the General Assembly room. Laptop computers may be brought to the General Assembly but can only be used during breaks. Laptops must be switched off during speeches and debates.** The Secretary General can take no responsibility for the safety of any devices left in the assembly room.

After the first 30 minutes of a debate, communications between delegations may take place in the form of written messages only, collected and delivered by officially designated messengers. **Messages should be directly relevant to the resolutions under debate; they will be delivered only if they indicate clearly and accurately the name of the country that is sending them.** To send a message, please write it on a piece of paper and hold it aloft, whereupon a messenger will retrieve it for delivery. No delegation may transmit more than 5 paper messages at one time. Messages will be kept confidential

from other delegations but may be read by messengers or representatives of the Secretary General in the course of their delivery. **Abuse of the messenger service can result in temporary or permanent exclusion from the General Assembly.**

**Research Centre: a research team with internet access will be available for consultation by delegation members during debates. Questions must be sent via the messenger service, by addressing the message to “Research Centre”.** Messages to the research team should be short and precise requests for information which will be answered directly by reference to on-line sources. You may then cite this factual information in the course of the debate, and quote the appropriate source, assuming the veracity of the responses received.

Delegates are reminded that the Chairman/Chairwoman/Chairperson has, at all times, the authority to interpret any ambiguities or omissions in the Rules and Regulations according to his/her judgment. Occasionally, he/she may find it necessary to overrule the established procedure in the interests of expediency or to ensure the widest possible exchange of views during the proceedings.

Delegates should not leave the assembly room, unless instructed by a member of staff assisting or representing the Chairman/Chairwoman/Chairperson and Secretary General, during pauses intended for inter-delegation contacts or discussion of amendments.

Students should dress in a sober fashion; jackets and ties would be considered appropriate. **Casual footwear (except for messengers), revealing clothing and sportswear, is strictly prohibited.**

**Neither food nor drink (other than water) may be brought into the assembly room at any time.** In accordance with World Health Organization guidelines, smoking is prohibited both in the assembly hall and its vicinity.

The UN’s large self-service cafeteria provides lunch at a reasonable price. There is no time at any stage of the General Assembly for delegates to leave the UN premises.

**Coffee and croissants will be available for the delegates at the entrance of the Assembly Room from 8:45 a.m. on the first day.**

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