



**INDIAN INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS
INTERNATIONAL PRESS GUIDELINES**

The members of the International Press act as unbiased journalists who report the proceedings of each committee which is simulated in the conference. The IP members are divided into two broad categories which include reporters and photographers who are together required to cover the conference through drawing upon the discussions during caucuses, investigating the debate proceedings, editing the articles and conducting interviews of the delegates and the Executive Board. The work of the International Press is published in IIMUN Press release 'The Indian' and is documented in the 'After Movie' of the conference.

The members of the International Press will be assigned a committee each. The role of each category under IP is specified herein

REPORTERS

The Reporters are required to study the background of the agenda being discussed in the committee assigned to them. The purpose of having reporters is to keep in spotlight every discussion and deliberation that is made in the committee. The reporters are responsible for observing the debate as it unfolds and are required to cover important points and motions raised during the debate.

Further, the reporters also act as interviewers and bloggers and keep a trail of events that happen outside the committee sessions. They host group and personal interviews of the delegates and the Executive Board and cover their experience in and outside the Committee. The Reporters also help in introducing the emergencies in the Committee with the advice of the Executive Board.

The report prepared by the members is a compilation of the subjects discussed during the committee sessions along with a write-up on the way of the committee proceedings. It also includes

Publishing Timeline:

Report 01: A report of approximately 250 words needs to be submitted to the IP Head at the end of Day One. The report is a compilation of the happenings the beginning of the Opening Ceremony and will go onto Lunch session of the next day.

Report 02: The second article of 500 words is a continuation of Report 01 wherein the proceedings post the lunch of Day One till the lunch break on the last day are covered. The Report has to be submitted to the IP Head by the end of Lunch Break on day 02.

The marking scheme

1. Language- A quality report should include quotes and relevant facts about the situation. Humour in a positive spirit is appreciated. The language of the report should be unbiased.
2. Vocabulary/ Choice of words- The words used in the report submitted must observe the dictate of diplomatic courtesy.
3. Coverage of proceedings- A good report must answer the basic questions needed to understand an event: What was going on? Who were the key players in committee? What were the implications of what happened in committee? Was everyone in agreement or were there many dissenting opinions?

The Press release also includes creative, witty, humorous or critical conference updates. However, the reporters should remember to keep it positive and appropriate.

1. Grammatical Accuracy- A fine piece of writing has to be grammatically correct.
2. Style of presentation- A good report must present a strong opinion in the opening paragraph which should be supported with evidence-based arguments. When organizing 'The Indian' it is extremely important to maintain consistency with respect to usage of style. The appearance of the report should be uniform in the choice of Font, size of font, picture size and headline formatting.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

The photographers will be assigned a particular committee. The conference participation for the photographers starts from the Opening Ceremony as they are required to cover that event as well. The pictures and videos are to be submitted to the IP Head at the end of each session.

The Photographs must submit, at the end of each session:

- At least 20 photographs showing all members of a council/committee, with different perspectives
- At least five of them should be at the time of a moderated caucus or a procedural vote when placards are raised.
- At least one video of an on-going debate or heated discussion must be covered.

The pictures will also be judged by the Press Head on the following basis:

1. Technical excellence (blur, lighting, contrast, angle, colour balance, exposure, sharpness, colour and tonal rendition)
2. Originality (post-production is generally frowned upon, no edits, no watermarks) the idea of taking pictures in a creative manner
3. Clear and impactful focus on the subject
4. Composition of the photo, I.e., what is being covered and the colour balance is maintained or manipulated to give a better picture
5. Visual and aesthetic criteria (framing of the picture, elements and the principle, visual impact and background)
6. Content (emotion, information, ideology, feeling, mood, communication meaning and subject impact)
7. Style
8. Validity
9. Photographic vision
10. Interest
11. Activity during the conference (how much does the photographer move, does the photographer create any kind of disturbance during the committee sessions, whether every part of the conference is covered or not.

ROLE OF IP HEAD

The IP Head is responsible for selecting the best report submitted by the Reporters and compiling the reports to shape the IIMUN Press Release ‘The Indian’ which shall be reviewed and approved by the Director General before it is released. The points mentioned under the marking scheme shall be taken care of while preparing ‘The Indian’ alongside taking utmost care in making any corrections to spelling, grammar, or style for the report. The final report shall observe diplomatic courtesy and must cover all important matters within the Committees simulated. The report has to be of at least six sides with around five pictures. The deadline for the same will be Post the Lunch on the Second Day of the Conference.

On the last day, the IP head is also required to prepare an ‘After Movie’ which shall be shown in the Closing Ceremony of the Conference. The After Movie is the compilation of the pictures and video taken by the photographers throughout the Conference.

SUBMISSIONS

IP members along with the IP Head/HoJ need to write reports on:-

1. The conference as a whole
2. One of the agendas and what they feel about it(Only IP member's)

Note that the above report has to be submitted to the Secretary General of the conference.

The best report will be uploaded on the IIMUN Blog.

