



# G.D. GOENKA MODEL UNITED NATIONS'22

## INTERNATIONAL PRESS

### BACKGROUND GUIDE



# LETTER FROM THE EB

Dear Delegates

We hope you are doing well and we can't wait to meet you all. We can't wait to meet the future journalists and savior of democracy. Everything which is required to be followed is mentioned in the background guide, so kindly go through it.

As a Head of Journalism, I expect you to be honest in your reports and I want you to question everything you think is not right.

ALL THE BEST

Regards,

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Dear members of the International Press,

It gives us immense pleasure to welcome you all to the International Press team of GDMUN 2022. Today, the power of mass media is tremendous and it is a well-known fact that with great power comes great responsibility. Therefore, we urge you to exercise your voice not with restraint but with integrity, sensitivity and with an open mind without any presumptions.

This guide gives a gist of your roles and responsibilities along with a few regulations for this conference. We will do our best to guide you at all possible times and push you to get the best output possible. We hope that this conference proves to be an enriching experience for all of you and you get numerous opportunities to learn new things. It is necessary for all the members of the International Press to understand that you as reporters, or photographers are representing the international media. Everything a delegate says is a statement of a state official in a public forum and has repercussions in the international community. Therefore, it is the job of the press to process all the statements and analyze them.

In order to make the International Press a success in this conference, it is necessary to have a well-researched team. Just as delegates need to research, it is equally important for the press to be well researched. This not only applies to reporters but also to photographers. Being well researched will lead to better understanding of the ongoing discussion and would also subsequently lead to politically correct and thought-provoking articles, photographs and caricatures. One of the most suited ways to research on any given agenda is as follows:

- Firstly, break down every word of the agenda yourself and make a note of concepts that you think are pertinent to them.
- Secondly, read the background guide. Please note that just as the background guide is a basic tool for delegates, it is merely one aspect of your research.
- Thirdly, develop a literal understanding of the agenda.
- Fourthly, study the political, legal, social and economic aspects of the agenda.
- Fifthly, go through articles, research papers or any relevant documents.
- Lastly, a thorough knowledge and understanding of contemporary events is a must. This ensures that your articles stay relevant.

Reporters,

Journalism is one of the strongest mediums and gives the most impact in the contemporary world. The power of International Press and Mass media

combined is marvelous. So, we urge you to not restrain your power and voice in the committees.

The vision here is to create a journal of reports which clearly defines the power of journalism. Articles which empower the opinions and happenings in the committees. The very basic roots that this draft is based on, are research and a strong value of transforming the role of press.

This guide will give you a guide of what your roles are, what is surely to be mentioned in your journals, and other regulations in a conference. It is advisable to go through each section of the background guide. In case of any query, please contact the undersigned.

May the force be with you and you experience numerous opportunities to learn new things!

## **Rules**

- There will be delegates assigned in every committee and the work of the delegates to sit and listen to the deliberation going on.
- There will be a question-and-answer session after committee sessions between the press, chairpersons and the delegates.
- The delegates from the press will write a report after the question-and-answer session and submit it to the Head of Journalism.

### **What is expected out of the question answer and answer sessions?**

- The entire purpose of the press is to openly ask substantial questions from the delegates to protect democracy.
- Media being the most important pillar of democracy, is supposed to reach out to the delegates who did not give much input in the sessions and ask for their opinions because everyone matters.
- If the press feels something was said wrong in the committee and the chairperson accepts the statement, the people from the press are allowed to question the chairperson.
- The press has all the rights, the free is free.
- Decorum is a must.

## **Format of the Report**

- The delegates of the international press are required to submit 4 minimum reports everyday belonging to four different committee sessions
- A good headline is required on each report.
- The report should be of minimum 500-600 words.
- An ideal report which is expected from delegates should consist of three paragraphs.
- The first paragraph is an introduction, should consist of 7-8 lines followed by a body and conclusion.
- The conclusion should be an opinion of the Journalist.