

Guide for the International Press Delegation

Hello! So you are a delegate of the International Press Delegation? Welcome! You are about to enter the world of journalism and learn how to cover all the important stories of AZMUN 62. You are taking on the role of the brave reporters from around the world covering the United Nations and international affairs. This document (along with your Background Guide) will give you all the information you need to succeed!

Before the Committee

- Delegates should research and read in advance several articles from the media assigned to them. Students should also be familiar with major international issues and have the habit of reading the news, to have plenty of examples.
- Don't forget to read their Background Guide
- Write your position paper. At the end of this document, you will find more instructions and an example.

During the Committee: The Process

- During your first session at AZMUN 62, your chair will give you an overview of what you're going to do and the basics of journalism. You'll learn a little bit about what journalists do and how they do it. I'll also be able to answer your questions and help you generate ideas.
- Delegates will be given a guide to which committees are in each room, and will be allowed to move freely between committees, as they wish. In the sessions, they should try to be discreet (as journalists do). They can observe the debate, take notes, record audio, and conduct interviews.
- Pitch stories: Journalists should brainstorm the type of story they want to write first. Delegates will be able to write informative and opinion pieces. We expect to publish at least 4 stories per post/delegate. That's about 2 a day.
 - Pro Tip: Research and Note-Taking Are Key
- Delegates can present their ideas for the feature to the Chair/Director and receive advice on how to cover them. Be creative!

- Remember: you are acting from the perspective of the newspaper that has been assigned to you. Consider what issues are important to your media and their country, and what their perspectives would look like.
- Conducting interviews: Delegates may conduct interviews during a caucus without moderation, or they may ask delegates to come out into the hallway for an interview if a formal debate is going on. During interviews, delegates are required to take notes and may record audio of the interview if the interviewee agrees.
 - Pro tip: Always check your spelling!
- Delegates should have at least 3 sources for an informative article and at least 1 source for an op-ed.
- Example interview questions:
 - What is your stance on this issue?
 - What is your country doing to influence this committee?
 - Why is this issue important to your country?
 - How is the process of drafting the resolution going? When do you expect to vote on this resolution?
 - What is the most important thing you want to achieve today?
- Press Conferences: We will not hold formal press conferences at AZMUN 62, but delegates from any committee will be able to fill out a "reporter request" form. When I receive an application, I will notify the IPD delegates and they will be able to conduct an interview and fill that committee, if they wish.
- Now it's time to write: You can write your story in English or Spanish. Your editor will guide you on how to write a news article and will be able to make suggestions and corrections before publication.
- Once reviewed and edited, the articles will be published in a newsletter on our website, arizonamun.org. Students will also have the opportunity to share their work on our Instagram.
- Remember some key principles of journalism: Include all points of view. Check the facts. Cite your sources. We will go over all of these principles in depth at the beginning of the conference.

After the Committee

- You can see the results of your hard work in a special section of our website and show them to all your family and friends.

FAQ

How will my performance on this committee be evaluated?

There is no strict rubric for articles, but delegates will be evaluated largely based on the work they do. Delegates should also keep in touch with the chairs and participate in the review process. I'm also going to watch reporters in action, when possible, though it won't be possible to see everything that happens.

Here are some general guidelines for articles: at least 5 paragraphs, at least 3 different sources or 1 source for opinion pieces, clear mention of the committee and the topic discussed, the relevance to the country/newspaper represented is illustrated, the media is faithfully represented. These guidelines can be flexible.

What is the required format or length for my articles?

You'll have a lot of creativity and flexibility. In terms of format, you have the option to write informative news or opinion pieces. Op-eds should be about one page long, and news stories can be very variable in length, as long as all the necessary information is included. You can also write in other formats, such as Q&A or a profile of a specific delegation or country. We'll talk more about this in person.

Examples of news reports:

<https://www.bbc.com/mundo/noticias-america-latina-64421389>

<https://cnnespanol.cnn.com/2023/01/26/presidentes-colombia-mexico-tanques-ucrania-orix/>

<https://news.un.org/es/story/2023/01/1518117>

<https://apnews.com/article/noticias-603ddb875d914591552d10e2197f190>

Examples of op-eds:

<https://www.nytimes.com/es/2023/01/03/espanol/opinion/lula-amazonia-brasil.html>

<https://elpais.com/opinion/2023-01-28/tropieza-la-digitalizacion.html>

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/01/18/opinions/shakira-bzrp-music-session-53-beltran-quan-kiu-ctrp>

<https://www.npr.org/2023/01/07/1147619623/opinion-unesco-consider-the-bagel>

What equipment will I have access to?

Students are encouraged to bring laptops for taking notes and writing and mobile phones for taking photos. However, we will do our best to make equipment available to students and will reserve laptops for them. We will also provide you with at least one DSLR camera.

Posture Test:

- Include a description of the newspaper's background: brief history, ownership, political opinions, etc.
- The committees and topics for AZMUN 62 can be found on the FIELSC website. Students will need to read these topics and explain which committees would be most relevant to their newspaper.
- Analyze what topics your media outlet has covered recently (what appears on the website's homepage?). In particular, students should seek coverage of UN-related issues and analyze how their media outlet talks about the UN.
- Analyze what kind of articles appear on your media outlet's website. Are they informative, editorial, reportage? Consider what kind of items you'd like to imitate at AZMUN.
- For some newspapers, it can be difficult to find much information online. The best way to do your research is to read the news source itself.
- Approximately 300-500 words

Example of a Posture Essay:

Founded in 1851, The New York Times is one of the most famous and influential newspapers in the world. It is a morning newspaper published in New York City and read around the world in print and digital formats.

The Times was originally founded by Henry Jarvis Raymond, a journalist and politician, and George Jones, a journalist and former banker. Today it is owned by The New York Times Company. A.G. Sulzberger is the current president of the company and publisher of the newspaper. The New York Times tends to reflect a more liberal political viewpoint in America, but it is also one of the

leading examples of global journalism, with a long-standing commitment to truthful investigation and accurate reporting.

The New York Times is especially known for its editorial board, which publishes op-eds on topics ranging from politics to fashion. Although headquartered in New York, the newspaper covers topics from all over the country and the world. Their website has sections ranging from business to the arts, books to cooking as well. The Times has been at the forefront of major American political issues for years, most recently covering scandals such as Hillary Clinton's email controversy and Donald Trump's tax dollars.

In general, The New York Times tends to lean toward the political left, especially in its opinion section. The Times' editorial board tends to reflect more Democratic and progressive beliefs about American politics. His most recent editorials include "How a Faction of the Republican Party Enables Political Violence" and "America's Toxic Gun Culture."

The Times covers important UN-related issues around the world. Recently, he has written about UNESCO's protection of Odesa, the controversy over an oil executive's participation in the COP28 conference, and disputes over UN peacekeepers in Mali. Op-eds in The New York Times are often pro-U.N., but are quick to point out areas for improvement. Some articles criticize the UN for not taking stronger action on climate justice or for allowing countries with poor human rights records to participate in the Commission on Human Rights.

The New York Times has very extensive coverage and would probably be interested in covering most of the AZMUN 61 committees. However, as an American newspaper, it is also especially concerned with covering everyday life, news, and entertainment in the United States.

The most relevant committees for The New York Times would probably be the World Health Organization, the Food and Drug Regulatory Agency, the United Nations High Committee on Refugees and the Security Councils. The Times should also be aware of what the delegates representing the United States on the various committees are doing, as the paper's American audience will want to know what action their country is taking.