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KITCHENER-WATERLOO HIGH SCHOOL MODEL UNITED NATIONS SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMME & AGENDA

APRIL 2015

SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMME

- **One-day regional conference** (and pilot programme) featuring **three innovative UN committees** and **three topics** concerning the international community
- **KHSMUN 2015** will be held in parallel to **International Human Rights Day** (December 10) and mark the **70th Anniversary of the United Nations**
- **UNA-Canada** will facilitate training prior and during the KWHSMUN for selected **Balsillie School of International Affairs** graduate students [acting as volunteer “Conference Staff” (i.e., Directors and Chairpersons)] and for participating delegates from the **Waterloo Catholic School Board (WCSB)** and the **Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB)**.
 - In classroom support materials, research, development, planning and facilitation will be provided to delegates and teachers in preparation for KWHSMUN 2015
- Delegates will be assigned to write a **500-800 word “Position Paper”** prior to participating in the Conference in order to enhance their learning and academic experience.

Note: High School students are referred as “delegates” for the programme



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KWHSMUN COMMITTEES

UN Human Rights Council

47 delegates*
1 Director
1 Chairperson

UN General Assembly

58 delegates*
1 Director
1 Chairperson

UN Security Council

15 delegates*
1 Director
1 Chairperson

Note: The numbers of delegates provided are an approximation based on the numbers of expected students to participate in KWHSMUN



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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

- Established by the **General Assembly Resolution 60/251 in 2006**, which replaced the UN Commission on Human Rights
- Responsible for promoting universal respect for the **protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all**, without distinction of any kind and in a fair and equal manner
- It is mandated to **consider violations of human rights**, including gross and systematic violations, and to make **recommendations**
- It promotes the effective coordination and mainstreaming of human rights **within the UN System**
- The Human Rights Council (HRC) comprises **47 members** elected by a majority of General Assembly members (97 votes, whether or not members are present & voting)

www.ohchr.org/hrc/



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THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- Established in 1945 under the **Charter of the United Nations**
- The UN General Assembly (GA) consists of all **193 UN Member States** and may discuss **any questions or matters within the scope of the Charter** or relating to the powers and functions of any **organ provided for in the Charter**
- It may **make recommendations to UN members or the UN Security Council (UNSC)** or both on any such questions, except disputes or situations in respect of which the Security Council is currently exercising its functions
- GA decisions are generally made by **consensus** (usually by two-thirds majority of 193 Member States)
- The primary theme of this Committee will emphasize a **climate change** topic during KWHSMUN 2015*

www.un.org/en/ga



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THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

- **Most powerful decision making organ** of the United Nations established in 1945, commonly known as “the international policeman”
- It has the **primary responsibility** for the **maintenance of international peace and security**
- **The functions** of the UNSC fall mainly under two headings:
 - A. Pacific settlement of disputes
 - B. Action within respect to threats to the peace, breaches of the peace, and acts of aggressions
- **Substantive decisions** are made by an affirmative vote of **nine members**, including the **five permanent members** (P5) who enjoy veto power
- **Membership** consists of the “**P5**” (UK, USA, France, China, and Russia) and **ten non-permanent members** (whom are elected each year by the GA on a two-year term basis)

www.un.org/en/sc



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PROPOSED AGENDA

Thursday December 10, 2015 – Human Rights Day

17h00-18h30: KWHMSUN 2015 Opening Ceremonies

- Delegates, Parents, Faculty, VIPs, community leaders, and engaged citizens

Friday December 11, 2015

8h30-9h00: Delegate Check-In

9h00-12h00: First Committee Session

12h00-13h30: Lunch with Keynote Speaker

13h30-16h00: Second Committee Session

16h00-16h15: Health Break

16h15-16h45: KWHSMUN 2015 Closing Ceremonies and Awards



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