Award Criteria

The Chair of each committee awards the prizes of Best Delegate and Honorary Mention to the most successful participants. In each committee, there will be one Best Delegate and two Honorary Mention awards that may be given. To ensure a fair process in the selection of the winning students, the Chairs will base their decision on the following guidelines when choosing the awarded delegates:

I. Preparation: The delegate must know the position of his or her country on one or two world issues. This includes knowing about historical events related to the subject, as well as knowing the different views of the people of their country, the previous actions of the government on the situation, and the current state of the conflict being discussed. Overall, the delegate must have a clearly defined direction when addressing the issue at hand and where the committee should be headed regarding a solution.

II. Position Papers: To meet award eligibility, position papers must be turned in the respective committee form on time, without plagiarism and without AI. Failure to meet these criteria will automatically disqualify delegates for an award. Furthermore, position Papers must demonstrate that the author has a firm position on the issue, consistent with the policies of the country it represents. Such documents should be written properly, and must state why the topic being discussed concerns his or her country. Additionally, the delegates must provide solutions that apply to the committee as a whole, satisfying the majority. Position Papers serve as a resource for delegates; therefore, the views expressed by the delegates in their position papers must be consistent with their statements during the sessions.

III. Argumentative skills: The delegate delivers specific and elaborate arguments that highlight the position of his or her country in the debate. In addition, participation in such debates should serve the purpose of stimulating the level of discussion and inspire fellow delegates to express their country's views. Ideally, the delegate should persuade other participants to change their opinions to reach a consensus. It is essential that the delegate dominate the art of debate and argumentation.

IV. Leadership: The award for Best Delegate will not be awarded to participants who took an aggressive stance against fellow delegates. The Best Delegate does not try to attract attention nor does he or she remain obstinate to their argument; rather, the delegate hears others' points of view and incorporates them into a solution that satisfies the majority. The delegate must lead the committee in developing an appropriate resolution to the issue being debated; for this reason, the Best Delegate, besides being circumspect, should facilitate the participation of all delegates, in order to gather as many opinions on the subject.

V. Resolution: The Best Delegate must assume a prominent role during the drafting of the resolution(s). Although it is not required that the Best Delegate actually write or implement the final resolution, they should contribute some of their solutions and ideas, consistent with the position and aspirations of their country. When developing the resolution, it is imperative that the Best Delegate adheres to the principles of the United Nations and seeks, as the main aim of the resolution, to encourage the creation of a global community that lives in harmony.

VI. Participation: It is required that the distinguished, awarded students attend all two days of the event. However, if an eminent delegate fails to attend one or more sessions due to a justifiable situation, do not take this into account when making the final decision. However, in order to win an award, the delegate must attend at least one session per day.

The Chair should consider the importance and specific role of each country in their respective committee. For example, if a delegate representing Costa Rica contributes in an engaging manner during a discussion of the Civil War in Syria, they could outperform (in terms of scoring) a delegate from Syria in the committee. This is due to the