



INTERNATIONAL PRESS CORPS

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IPC BACKGROUND GUIDE

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Letter from the Executive Board

Greetings Reporters!

We would like to start by thanking you for participating in the International Press Corps as a journalist at APL MUN'24. It is our great pleasure to welcome you to a platform where the written word holds immense power.

We are excited to introduce our take on IPC at this year's APL MUN. Here, we hope that each reporter becomes a real life journalist, or as close to it as possible. As such, we aim to bridge the gap between the seasoned reporters and novices by introducing newer aspects such as the closed room brief.

We expect consistent and impeccable writing and conduct, along with honesty and integrity, during the two day conference.

We look forward to receiving nothing less than stellar submissions.

Regardless of your previous IPC experience, we hope you all enter the committee with thorough research and knowledge of the agenda at hand. Be respectful of all delegates and chairs, but ensure you stay bold, confident, and diplomatic.

As the Executive Board, we are excited to see your submissions and are always around, if you need any support. Do not hesitate to ask us any doubts you may have, however insignificant you may think they are. We are here to ensure the conference is an engaging learning experience for all.

Finally, make sure to have fun! Incorporate elements of satire and humor in your reports, and interact with the other reporters and delegates.

We look forward to an immersive, productive, and enjoyable conference.

Sincerely,

Chara Shree Katare (Chairperson)

Turiya Kalyan (Vice Chairperson)

SUBMISSIONS

OPINIONATED EDITORIAL (600-800 words)

Probably the most important written submission. This contains your stance on the agenda of the committee assigned while dissecting the agenda provided here. Opinions must be irrefutable, backed with factual evidence- while providing insight on the matter at hand. This article does not require any addition of committee proceedings and is written before the committee begins.

BEAT (350-500 words)

Essentially, a magnification of an important or controversial moment in committee. It is a crisp and concise document that covers a specific event or topic in committee. As it is a record of committee proceedings, reporters must make sure that no personal bias applies.

FEATURE (unlimited)

Sky's the limit for this submission. A creative piece, the feature showcases the reporter's ingenuity to portray aspects of the two combined agendas in an expressive manner. Reels, edits, poetry, prose- anything goes. Reporters need not abide by the conventional format as explained in the guide.

CLOSED ROOM BRIEF (TBA)

Akin to how an actual press conference takes place in real life. Reporters will have the chance to pose questions to a personality regarding the agenda. The motive is to extract information while staying diplomatic and asking the right questions.

TIMELINE (200-250 words)

A chronological representation of key events that happened in committee. Feel free to utilize design and other software to visually enhance the submission. It must contain at least six events.

PRESS CONFERENCE (5 minutes)

Reporters will have the opportunity to pose questions to delegates, to point out fallacies and extract information. The reporter has free reign over follow-up questions, unless specified by the chair. Avoid asking yes/no questions or generic ones that are already clarified in the committee.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE TAKING

Reporters must have a notepad or an appropriate device to take note of verbatim, speeches and other material in the flow of committee. This will help in beat articles, press conferences and more. Take advantage of shorthand writing to save valuable time.

GRAMMAR

Reporters are expected to re-read their reports a few times before submission. Lack of grammatical sense will only cost marks. Make use of the built in spell check and punctuation guides to refine text.

Due to the introduction of paraphrasing AI in Grammarly, it is not permitted for use.

DEADLINES

Deadlines are strict and non-negotiable unless for a valid reason. Reporters are encouraged to submit them earlier than the deadline- it only marks the last possible time to do so. Submissions after the deadline will not be considered.

Moreover, other articles will not be considered for grading if previous articles are not submitted.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is strictly against policy. All submissions must be the reporter's own work. Usage of paraphrasers like Quillbot or the Grammarly AI are not permitted.

Any usage of ChatGPT and other such AI will result in immediate disqualification. We will not be grading work that no reporter could be bothered to write.

FORMATTING

- **TYPE:**
All submissions must be made in PDF format. Others will not be taken into account and graded.
- **NAME:**
The document must be named in the following format-
YOUR AGENCY _COMMITTEE ASSIGNED _NAME OF ARTICLE

- **FONT:**
Times New Roman OR EB Garamond, maybe Comic Sans if you're bold enough! This does not apply for features and creatives.
- **TITLE:**
Must be bold, size 15 and centre aligned
- **BYLINE:**
Must be bold, italicised, size 13 and centre aligned
- **BODY:**
Must be plain, size 12 and left aligned

EXAMPLE:

THE ROAD TO PLURALITY

Chara Shree Katare, affiliated with Fox News, opines on the American elections

In a world where leftism takes precedence, the natural right of an American- for democracy, seems to be in dire straits. The midterm elections in this instance, was the perfect guinea pig for Joe Biden and his bandwagon.

NUMBERS:

Numbers 10 and below must be written in words (one, two, etc) and the above must be expressed in numerals (100, 45, etc). Numerals must also adhere by the international number system with appropriate commas after digits. This does not apply to percentages or decimals. These will be expressed in numerals alone with the required symbols (50%, 0.34, etc).

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS:

An acronym must be predefined before its usage. They must not be separated by periods or commas. Note that only official acronyms and abbreviations must be used.

EXAMPLE:

The People's Republic of China (China)

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC)

CREDITS AND CITATION:

Credit must be given where it is due. Research materials available online- such as news articles and explanations- must be linked at the end of the submission document as the bibliography.

IMAGES:

It is encouraged to include pictures of committee, statistics and even caricatures in your reports. Keep in mind that these also have to be credited like so: [CREDITS: iowa.gov.org]

ITALICS:

Certain words may be italicised to provide a sense of stress. Sources, names of articles and other written works must also be italicised in the body. Never italicise more than a phrase.

CLOSING REMARKS:

WHERE TO SUBMIT:

All submissions will be done in a Google classroom (the link will be made available soon!)

TABLE OF SUBMISSIONS

For your ease, here are the submissions you'd expect over the course of the conference.

S.NO	SUBMISSION	WORD COUNT	DEADLINE	DAY
1	Op-ed	600-800	8:30 PM	Day 0
2	Feature	unlimited	1:00 PM	Day 1
3	Beat	350-500	4:30 PM	Day 1
4	Closed Room Brief	TBA	TBA	Day 1
5	Press Conference	5 minutes	TBA	Day 2
6	Timeline	200-250 words	12:30 PM	Day 2

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