



Advisory Panel Guide for Panelists

TASMUN 2018

Advisory Panel on the Question of Human Migration

- Measures to address internal migration, with an emphasis on mitigating the consequences of rural to urban shifts in less developed countries
- Facilitating the assimilation and protecting the rights of newly-arrived refugees and asylum seekers in Western Europe
- Evaluating the legal status of environmental migrants

President: Donna Chen

Deputy President: Trevor Bridgeland

Deputy President: Longan Su

Advisory Panel on the Question of Sustainable Development of Artificial Intelligence

- Addressing the economic implications of weak Artificial Intelligence
- Regulating autonomous weapons systems
- Methods to foster global coordination on Artificial Intelligence research and development

President: Phillip Wei

Deputy President: Christina Chang

Deputy President: Kenrick Brown

General Information:

The Advisory Panel is, as its name suggests, an advisory body in which panelists of the involved countries and organizations propose solutions to other committees. It is, by its nature, **non-binding**, which must be considered in debate. The Advisory Panel is a compact, small committee. Members of the panel must keep in mind that they are not representatives of their countries' interests, but experts of the country's stance and involvement in the issue. Panelists' goal is to produce a feasible solution that the countries would agree to, not to fight for their countries' interests.

Each Advisory Panel rotates around one theme. In TASMUN 2018, the two Panel themes are **Human Migration** and **Sustainable Development of Artificial Intelligence**. Each topic would deal with a specific aspect of the theme. A primary reason why the Advisory Panel is considered an advanced committee is because of the specificity of the topics, pressing for its panelists to understand each topic in great detail.

Procedure:

The Advisory Panel differs greatly from other committees in its procedure, especially in the following ways:

- 1) The Advisory Panel is debated clause-by-clause
- 2) The Advisory Panel debates its clauses in open-debate format
- 3) The Advisory Panel is based on consensus, with the exception of president's discretion to overrule

OPENING SPEECH:

- All panelists are expected to prepare a **2~3 minute** opening speech.
- Opening speeches will be delivered on the first day when committee session begins
- **Right of replies** are permitted, which means after every 5 speeches, the President will entertain panelists to make short comments on the speakers' stances to express desire for cooperation, etc.

LOBBYING:

- Panelists go directly into lobbying after opening speeches.
- The room is split into the three topics and panelists should work in the topic they specialized in
- Each group is expected to come up with clauses that all members of their group agree on, but each topic can have groups with different stances
- Panelists can move between topics if they have prepared clauses in multiple topics
- Clause submission need not go through the Approval Panel, but needs to be approved by the Presidents

PROPOSAL:

The Advisory Panel **does not produce resolutions**. Panelists are expected to prepare **individual clauses**. Because clauses are **debated and voted on individually**, there is no guarantee that any clause would be passed. Therefore, when preparing clauses panelists are to keep in mind that **clauses CANNOT refer to actions in any other clause** unless it has already been passed in committee debate. This means that clauses should contain much more detail than clauses in normal resolutions. Each panelist **can submit multiple clauses** and can submit clauses to more than one topic. Each clause will have a clause submitter. The number of clauses submitted for each topic will be decided on the chairs discretion, and will be announced during the conference lobbying time, so panelists should merge their clauses and organize accordingly. Clauses in a topic should not have repeating ideas - panelists are expected to merge their clauses during lobbying. Clauses with contradicting ideas are permitted but should be eliminated during debate.

Joint Communiqué: After all topics and clauses have been debated, all clauses passed will be put together in a **Joint Communiqué** and will be debated and voted on by consensus as a whole proposal in the end. Here panelists are allowed to make amendments such as adding new clauses, which includes bringing back tabled clauses as amendments.

When preparing clauses, panelists must keep in mind that the **bolded** headings are permitted in the Advisory Panel but not the *italicized* ones:

Advises	Hopes	Strongly urges	<i>Accepts</i>	<i>Calls upon</i>	<i>Proclaims</i>
Congratulates	Invites	Suggests	<i>Affirms</i>	<i>Confirms</i>	<i>Requests</i>
Encourages	Proposes	Supports	<i>Approves</i>	<i>Declares accordingly</i>	<i>Resolves</i>
Expresses its satisfaction	Recommends	Trusts	<i>Asks</i>	<i>Deplores</i>	<i>Strongly affirms</i>
Expresses its hope	Regrets	Transmits	<i>Authorizes</i>	<i>Designates</i>	<i>Urges</i>
Further recommends	Seeks		<i>Calls for</i>	<i>Endorses</i>	

DEBATE:

The Advisory Panel debates in **open-debate format**. This means that any panelist can take the floor when the President opens the floor and speak for or against the clause.

AMENDMENTS:

- Amendments are conducted in closed-debate format.
- Amendments are entertained during time against the clause but can be submitted during time for
- Second degree amendments are allowed, also entertained in against time of the amendment debate.
- Friendly amendments are not allowed
- Amendments are voted by consensus, see procedures for voting for further information.

VOTING:

All clauses in the Advisory Panel are **passed by consensus**. Voting on clauses will be conducted by the question: “Are there any objections to this clause?”. Objectors are expected to make a speech as to the reason why they object, and the President will decide the validity of the objection. Objections should only be pertaining to feasibility, not countries’ interests. The **President can override** the objection if they deem the objection unreasonable. However, objectors are expected to have made an effort to amend the clause before objecting.

General Procedure:

- When the floor is open all panelists are allowed to request the floor by raising his or her placard.
- Each speech should be no longer than 1 minute and 30 seconds
- After each speech the speaker can choose whether they would like to entertain points of information
- Requests for follow-ups are allowed in the Advisory Panel but the President grants the request by their discretion

- Each speaker can choose to yield the floor to any other panelist or back to the President unless the President requests otherwise
- Information about general debate procedure and terminology can be found here under DEBATE: <http://tasmun.org/resources.html>

Miscellaneous

Note-passing

- Note passing between panelists is allowed during the sessions.
- Note passing is done through members of the administrative staff; all notes from panelists are screened. However, notes from/to the Presidents will not be screened.
- The President may suspend note passing if he/she feels that it detracts from debate.
- Note passing is also suspended during any form of voting.

Others:

- Mobile phones must be switched off during sessions.
- Active laptops are permitted during debate. However, the administrative staff will be monitoring laptop screens to ensure panelists remain focused.
- Any action that will interrupt the debate is out of order.
- Eating and drinking during debate is out of order. Water is an exception.

Dress Code:

- All male panelists should wear their ties and blazers at all times. Speaking will only be permitted if those conditions are met
- Female panelists may use their discretion to dress appropriately, formally and professionally.

Plagiarism:

- Presidents check clauses for plagiarism after they have been submitted.
- The restatement and/or copying of previous MUN and UN resolutions are considered plagiarism. Advisory clauses found to be plagiarized will not be debated.