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# **CRISIS**

# **HANDBOOK**

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# Introduction

Honourable delegates,

Welcome to the MainMUN 2023 conference in Frankfurt am Main. We are looking forward to having a great and productive conference together with all of you. This year MainMUN will again simulate an interconnected crisis that is affecting multiple committees. We, the crisis team, worked hard over the last months to develop a crisis scenario that poses challenges to the delegates at MainMUN 2023 and can only be solved by working together and coming up with diplomatic solutions to the problems you will be presented with.

This short crisis manual will explain the hierarchy of country delegations at this year's MainMUN and will also inform you about how to send directives to the crisis team, as well as detailing what kind of directives can be sent.

We hope you will have a lot of fun during the conference and that you are as thrilled as we are to start this conference. If any questions or problems should arise at any time, either before or during the conference, please feel free to contact the crisis team in person, via the Ryver App or our mail address: [mainmuncrisis@gmail.com](mailto:mainmuncrisis@gmail.com).

We hope you will have a great time at MainMUN 2023 and are looking forward to seeing you all in Frankfurt.

The Crisis Team

## Quick Link to Directives Form

<https://mainmun.de/directives/>

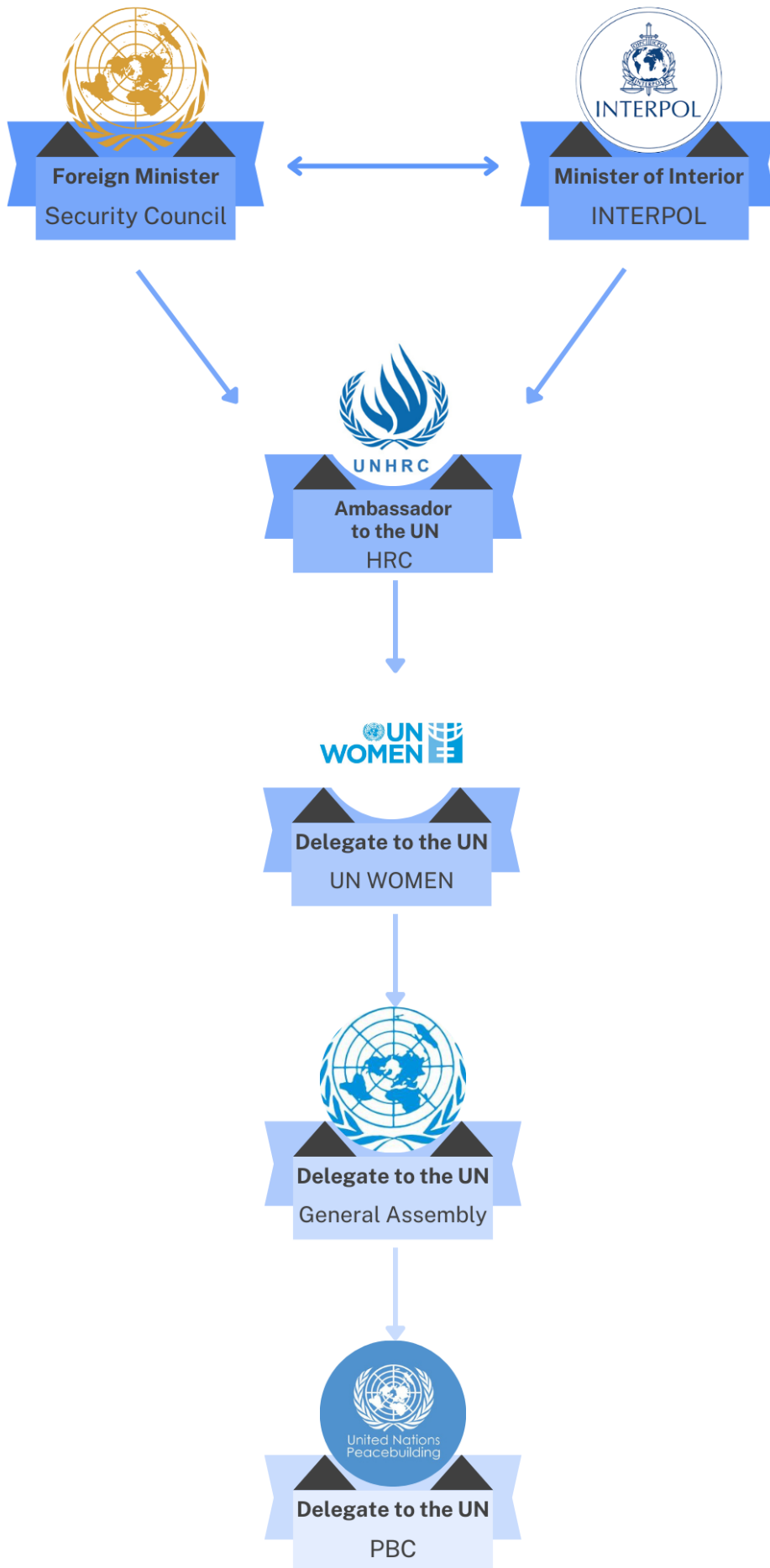


# Delegation Hierarchy

At MainMUN 2023 all committees are interconnected. This means that you will not only work as a single delegate of a country within your committee but also stay in contact with the other delegates representing your country in other committees. Daily there will be country meetings, where you have the opportunity to meet with your fellow country delegates and coordinate the policies of the country you represent in the different committees. Furthermore, you will have the possibility to communicate with other delegates representing your country via our messaging platform “Ryver”. We are very much encouraging close cooperation within your country delegation and hope that this will make this conference even more realistic.

Each country delegation will have one or several head delegates, depending on the committees your country is represented in. The committees at MainMUN 2023 are separated into 5 tiers (see diagram on the next page). Tier 1 is comprised of INTERPOL and the Security Council, tier 2 is the Human Rights Council, tier 3 is UN Women, tier 4 is the General Assembly and tier 5 is the Peacebuilding Commission. In the tier 1 committees two delegates are paired to work together to represent one country in a committee (“Double delegation”), they represent the Foreign Ministers (at the Security Council) or the Minister of Interior (at INTERPOL) of their respective countries. **The members of a country delegation who are representing the country in the highest tier will be the persons coordinating country policies and are also the persons who can send directives to the crisis team and who will receive the answers to directive-requests.**

For example, the heads of the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland - which is represented in all committees - would be the delegates in the Security Council and INTERPOL (tier 1). The head of the delegation of Albania would be the delegate in the HRC (tier 2), as it is not represented in the tier 1 committees. The crisis team will tell you if you are the head delegate.



# Directives

## 1.1. Types of Directives

Directives are the main tool with which the heads of a country delegation will be able to influence crisis events at MainMUN 2023. Directives are used to react to crisis events, to issue statements, to request diplomatic meetings with other delegates or to handle your country's policy. There are five different types of directives:

An **Individual Action Order** is used to influence your country's policy, to react to crisis events and to explain what your country wishes to do. Individual Action Orders may only affect your country and need to be within the scope of what your country is capable of doing (e.g. a country with no standing army can't send troops to another country). Individual Action Orders are best used to react to crisis events and to help in dealing with current situations.

A **Group Action Order** is similar to the Individual Action Order, the difference being that the actions described within the directive are carried out by a group of countries. This could for example be a joint military operation by two countries or a coordinated disaster relief effort carried out by several countries. When submitting a Group Action Order please include all the participating countries at the end of the directive text and be aware, that the crisis team will check with all countries named if they agree to the group action order.

An **Information or Intelligence Request** is used to request further information on the situation from the crisis team. This can be used to find out more about events, that are happening in the news or to request intelligence briefings on a specific situation from your country's intelligence services.

The **Diplomatic Communication** is used if you want to make contact with a delegate from another country's delegation, who is not present in your committee. The crisis team will forward the request and arrange a meeting if the delegate from the other country agrees to a meeting.

A **Press Release** can be used to issue an official statement from your country's government on a specific topic. Press releases will be forwarded to the press team and may also be published on the news feed.

## 1.2. Sending Directives

Directives can be sent to the crisis team via a Google-form. The link to this Google-form is found here: <https://mainmun.de/directives/> (case sensitive). You can also find it on the first page of this document.

In the first two fields of the form please state your specific country (e.g.: Crisis Committee – UK).

For the "Password"-field please choose a personal codeword when first sending a directive. Afterwards please always use that same codeword when sending further directives. This is to prevent people from sending directives to other countries and for making sure that the directives are actually sent by the person that is allowed to send directives. Do not use a password that you use in any other accounts.

Next, please choose the kind of directive you want to send and then type in your directive text. Please always make sure that your directive text is formulated as detailed as possible so that the

crisis team can give you a quick answer to requests. In the very last field please type in the name you have selected on “Ryver”. Answers to directive requests will always be given via “Ryver”. That Name should be @Country\_Committee which you represent. Please do not forget to include the “@” as this is helpful for the crisisbackroom.

### **1.3. A Note on Writing Directives**

At MainMUN 2023 we are trying to give you the best experience possible and the crisis team will work hard to handle every request and directive as fast and sufficient as possible. For this, to work, there are some general rules that you should keep in mind when writing directives and waiting for answers.

As a general rule: You are only allowed to send in another directive after you received an answer to your previous directive from the crisis team. This is to make sure that the crisis team can deal with all the directives that are sent in and also that you as a delegate know to which directive you just received an answer from the crisis team.

As stated before, please make sure your directive is formulated as detailed as possible and always take into account the capabilities of the country you are representing. The crisis team will decide if a directive passes or if it is denied. If it is unclear why your directive has been denied an explanation can be given, but the decisions of the crisis team are final. Please be aware, that you are not representing the ultimate governing power in your country and it is always possible that policies within your country or actions of your countries government may lead to directives not passing.

We hope these general rules will make the MainMUN conference as realistic as possible and are looking forward to working together with you to have a great conference and hopefully a lot of fun.