

Crisis Handbook MainMUN 2026

1. What is the MainMUN Crisis?

Honourable delegates,

Welcome to MainMUN 2026!

At MainMUN, we will simulate a fictional crisis that you can react to and interact with. **Importantly, the crisis is not related to real world events.** Any and all real world events happening after the opening ceremony will not affect the crisis simulation.

In this handbook, you will find all the necessary information for dealing with the crisis including the delegation hierarchy, which determines your possibilities for direct involvement in the crisis, as well as all information you might need about directives, which are the means of interacting with the crisis, the types of directives and how to send them.

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At the MainMUN 2026 conference, we use the platform Ryver for all types of communication including the crisis. You will receive access to Ryver via an invitation link a couple of days before the conference. You can also find a Ryver Guide on the MainMUN website.

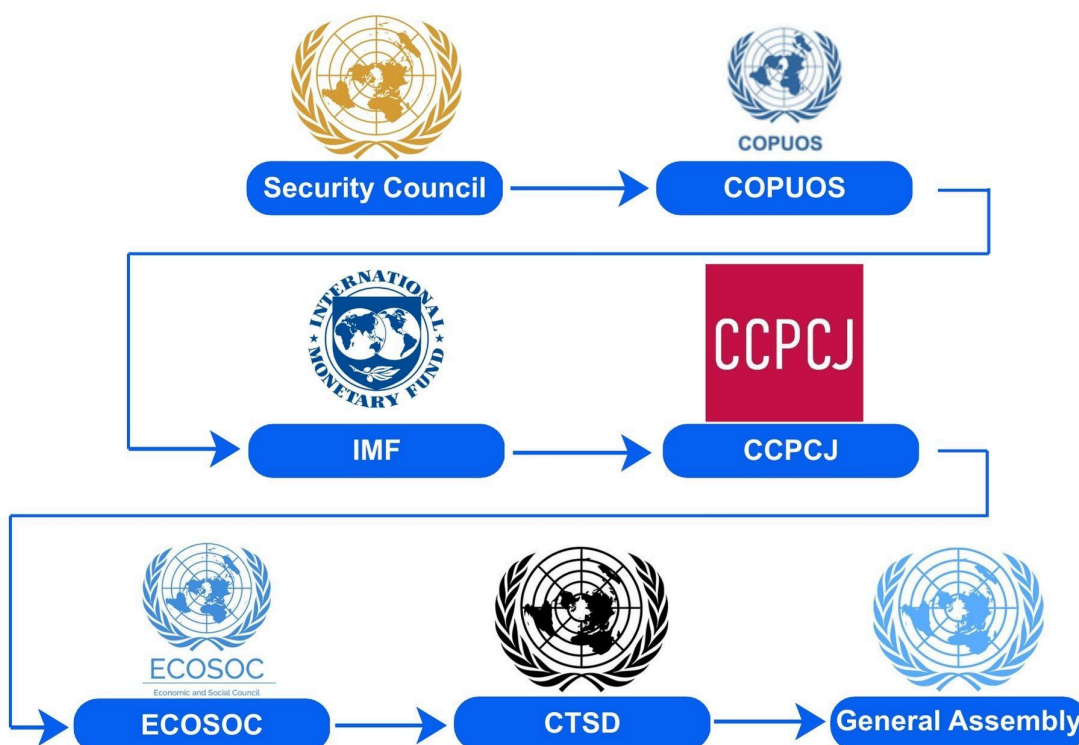
We are looking forward to having a fun and productive conference together with all of you!

2. Delegation Hierarchy

At MainMUN all committees are interconnected. This means that you will not only work as a single delegate of a state within your committee but also stay in contact with the other delegates representing your state in other committees. To coordinate your country's policy and actions, you will regularly participate in delegation meetings.

Each delegation has one or two head delegate(s) who are determined by the committee hierarchy at MainMUN (see graphic below). **The delegate(s) of your country in the highest-ranking committee will be your head delegate(s).** Your delegation has two head delegates if your state's highest committee is the Security Council because there are two delegates for each member state of the security council.

The head delegates are the link between your delegation and the crisis team and therefore responsible for sending directives (see chapter directives).



3. Directives

3.1 What is a directive?

The head delegates will be able to communicate with the crisis team and to directly influence crisis events at MainMUN. **Directives are the main tool to communicate with the crisis team.**

Directives are used to interact and 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, all of which are explained including examples below.

Make sure your directive is phrased as detailed and precisely as possible and always take into account the capabilities of the state you are representing.

The crisis team will check if a directive can be passed or has to be denied on the grounds of missing capabilities or if it's against the political line of your represented government. In both cases, one of the crisis team members will contact you via Ryver and inform you of the status of your directive.

Please note that the decision of the crisis team is final!

3.2 Types of directives

There are five types of directive that cover all the different ways in which you can interact with the crisis at the MainMUN 2026 conference.

Individual Action Order

An Individual Action Order is used to make political decisions and take action in order to react to crisis events.

These political measures can concern domestic and/or foreign policy and offer a wide range of possibilities including economic, military and cultural measures. Individual Action Orders need to be within the scope of what your state is capable of doing.

The crisis team does not automatically publish any action you have taken with an Individual Action Order. If you would like your actions to be announced to your fellow delegates, you can do so by announcing your actions and their results during a speech in your committee or by sending in a Press Release directive in which you explain what actions you have taken.

Example: Norway stops flights to Iceland following the recent eruption.
Germany dispatches 1000 THW personnel equipped with sand sacks to assist the Netherlands in dealing with the recent flooding.
Ethiopia dispatches 100 soldiers to the border of Somalia to prevent the transfer of weapons into Somalia.

Requirements: password, concise description of intended actions or policy measures

Group Action Order

A Group Action Order is used to make political decisions and take action TOGETHER WITH other states.

It includes the name of every participating state. All participating head delegates MUST send THE SAME directive. When using capacities of multiple states, make sure to specify each state's share and not to exceed combined capabilities. It can exceed the capabilities of one country, but not the capabilities of all countries combined.

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Example: Philippines and Australia launch joint sea patrols consisting of 3 coastal guard ships each in the South Chinese Sea.
China and Brazil strengthen their diplomatic relationship by opening a consulate in each other's states.
The USA and Canada agree upon a new free trade deal eliminating all tax regulations on cross-border trade.

Requirements: password, concise description of intended actions or policy measures, names of all states involved in the Group Action Order

Intelligence Request

An Intelligence Request can be used to gather information on topics relating to the gain intel about other states (actions).

Delegates should be aware that not all directives will always be successful or 100% accurate depending on the circumstances. It is very important to keep this in mind when writing directives and receiving answers from the crisis team.

Example: (From Finland) How many of the casualties in the recent earthquake in Greece were of Finnish nationality?
(From Egypt) Do any of the recent cyber attacks affect Egyptian infrastructure?
(From Russia) Did any of the NATO states reposition their troops on the NATO-Russian border?

Requirements: password, concise description of intended information or intelligence gain

Diplomatic Communication Request

The Diplomatic Communication Request is used to make an attempt to establish contact with another state's delegation or with a specific delegate of another state's delegation.

The crisis team will forward the request and arrange a meeting if the delegate or the delegation agrees to a meeting. The meeting can be open to the public or kept secret. The Diplomatic Communication Request may involve more than two states' delegations. In the case that the delegate who wishes to arrange a meeting is not the head delegate, they have to ask their head delegate to send in the Diplomatic Communication Request Directive for them. A Diplomatic Communication Request may also be used to speak to experts or states that are not present, both of which will be represented by members of the crisis team.

Example: South Africa (GA): We would like to meet with the SC delegate of the UK.
Crisis Team: The delegate of the UK in the SC committee agreed to meet you in 15 minutes, a member of the crisis team will fetch you from your committee.

Requirements: password, involved delegations or delegates and their committees, public or secret

Press Release

With a Press Release your state can issue official statements and communicate its stance toward current events or other states.

It may NOT be used to take action as a state but only to announce actions taken via an Individual or Group Action Order. Be aware that press releases are not verified or approved by the crisis team and will be published in the official newsfeed on Ryver. They do not necessarily reflect the state of current events. Press Releases must adhere to the official Code of Conduct, otherwise they will be rejected by the crisis team.

Example: (From Malta) Please publish the following press statement: "The Government of Malta is deeply worried by the current occurrence of piracy in the mediterranean sea and is open to any cooperation to tackle the issue."

Requirements: password, full press release (spell and grammar checked)

3.3 How to send 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).

Before you send your first directive, please send one of the members of the crisis team a private message via Ryver with your personal codeword.

Please always use that same codeword you have communicated with the crisis team when sending directives. This is to prevent people from sending directives posing as other states and for making sure that the directives are actually sent by the head delegate of your state.

Do not use a password that you use in any other accounts.

1. In the first two fields of the form, please state your specific country (e.g.: GA – USA).
2. For the “Codeword” field, please enter your personal codeword that you have sent to one of the members of the crisis team.
3. 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 and precisely as possible so that the crisis team can process the directives quickly.
4. In the very last field, please type in the name you have selected on Ryver. That name should be @Country_Committee corresponding to your role as a delegate.

Answers to directives will always be given via Ryver.

4. Closing Notes

In case of any questions or uncertainties, feel free to ask your fellow delegates, your chairs or message one of the crisis team members on Ryver. You can find them under @Crisis_NAME (e.g.: @Crisis_Foxtrott).

We wish you the best experience at MainMUN 2026!

