Debating Global Governance: “Model UNPO” role play

Student Follow-up sheet

Task Outline:
This sheet aims to give you a few pointers about how you can prepare for the UNPO debate.

You should have received a two-page fact sheet on the UNPO members who are taking part in the debate. Please look through these fact sheets to think about which other polities have similar goals and objectives to you. During the debate, you could try and build alliances with some of the other polities.

In addition, you should have received a draft resolution. This resolution is made up of some of the draft clauses which have been submitted by your class. The debate will focus on amending the resolution before the group votes on whether to accept the resolution. During the debate, you should try to amend the resolution so that it best represents your interests. Below are a few tips on things to consider:

- Think about the language that has been used. Is it too strong or does it not go far enough?
- Does the resolution address your priorities?
- Is there anything missing from the resolution that you want added?
- Does the resolution contain any clauses that may be detrimental to your polity’s cause?

Procedure for the moderated debate:

a) No delegate may address the floor during the moderated debate without first obtaining the permission of the President (by raising their hand)

b) The President shall maintain a speakers’ list for the topic under discussion. Delegates may ask the President (by raising their hand) to be placed on the speakers’ list.

c) Time limits for contributions from delegates may be set by the President. It is at the President’s discretion to cut short these speeches to allow for other delegates to contribute.

d) If the discussion addresses a particular subject, the President can bring to order a speaker whose remarks do not relate to that subject

e) Attacks of a personal nature, or against a particular nation, are prohibited.

f) At the discretion of the President, a delegate so attacked may be granted an immediate Right of Reply.

Voting on clauses to be included in the resolution

a) Each UNPO member shall have one vote.

b) Votes on clauses of the resolution require a simple majority (greater than 50 percent) to pass, expressed by a raising of hand