

Vienna Convention of 1985: Simulation Documents

Simulation Information

This packet contains the background information you need to participate in the simulation. While the information in this packet is not complete – you will not find the answer to every question or situation that may arise – it is sufficient to guide your behavior throughout the simulation. As frequently occurs during real international negotiations, you may have uncertainty about the preferences of others and even about your own position. You should attempt to act according to your known preferences whenever possible and use your judgement otherwise.

You will find the following documents in your simulation information packet. Some of the information is shared among all participants in the simulation while some information is only known to you. The documents in this packet are intended for your use alone. Do not show other students any portion of your simulation packet. If you do not have all of the following, please notify the instructor immediately.

- Background Information
- Simulation Structure
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Background Information

This document is a memo circulated prior to the Vienna Convention which outlines the motivation of members. This document should provide sufficient background information about the subject and goal of the convention: protecting the ozone layer and evaluating the impact of human actions – such as the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) – on the environment.

Simulation Structure

This simulation has several phases in which you negotiate with other members both formally and informally. This document outlines each phase of the simulation and details what you should be doing at each point. Be aware that there is a very tight timeframe for the simulation, so you should keep track of the time left during each phase.

List of Roles

There are 16 members of the convention. The titles and a short description of each are included in this document. Also noted is the member's status, as not all members have voting power. Be aware that some roles are representatives which may be expanded to include several students. If there will be more than one student in the representative roles, the instructor will make an announcement.

Role Biography

Private

This is your most important document. The role biography contains all the information specific to the role you are simulating. While other members of the simulation may have more information about your role than provided in the list of roles, that information is not necessarily accurate and not as complete as your role biography. This document contains information about your preferences on the outcome of the convention, any private information you have, some details about other members, and further instructions about how you should proceed through the negotiations.

Nametag

Fill out your nametag with your role's title and your name. Be sure to place it where it will be easily visible so that others may easily find and identify you.