

MeDMUN & MeDSeC Crisis Instructions

Welcome! This is a crisis committee, meaning that, for at least part of the day, you will be responding to crisis updates in real time, rather than working to pass resolutions.

Crisis is split into two main areas: front room and back room. Delegates, your moderator, & legal chair are in the front room—it is the public forum for the crisis where debate occurs and decisions can be made as a group. In the front room, you can engage in debate through:

- 1) A **continuous moderated session** in which the moderator recognizes those wishing to speak
- 2) An **unmoderated caucus** in which you can get up and move about the room.

Besides these two types of debate, in the front room you will also be periodically interrupted by crisis updates or to enter a short voting procedure on a directive. A crisis update is a speech, news article, letter, tweet, etc. assembled by the back room that pushes the crisis forward.

But how do I as a delegate influence a crisis update?

You impact a crisis update by working as a committee to pass a **directive** or by writing **crisis notes** to the back room.

- 1) Directives are action-oriented products that the committee collaboratively works on. Directives are worked on in the front room and voted on publicly.
- 2) Crisis notes are actions that you are taking in the backroom. You write the notes, in secret in the front room and then send them to the backroom where they make their impacts. Crisis notes often contain actions you want to take in secret; but just because you want something to remain a secret does not mean it will remain a secret.
 - a. At MeDMUN and MeDSeC, unlike many conferences, we require delegates to submit their crisis notes on predetermined forms. We require the use of these forms as the forms layout exactly what information the back room needs in order to implement your action.
 - i. The backroom will not accept all your actions in the crisis note and they might write back to you seeking clarity on the note—so be prepared to answer questions the backroom might have.

Through directives and crisis notes, you can impact the crisis updates and drive the crisis in a direction that is favorable to your character/country or their goals.

It is important to note that the crisis might not always be explicitly relevant to your country/character, if that is the case, it is your responsibility to get involved in the process, this can be done by authoring/contributing towards directives or writing crisis notes that seek to subvert the actions being taken by other delegates. As a committee, your job is to work together to fix crises that threatens the committee's goals, regardless of the topic's relevance to your specific character/country.