



## MODEL ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR STUDENTS OF THE HEMISPHERE (MOAS)

### 34<sup>th</sup> MOAS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS: CODE OF CONDUCT

The Model OAS General Assembly (MOAS) seeks to promote a strong sense of scholarship and leadership, as well as a commitment to the principles of honesty, fairness, respect and accountability. Participants shall commit to uphold these principles in all MOAS activities, and to promote a culture of integrity and respect for diversity.

In order to achieve the goals of the MOAS, the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) has established the following guidelines related to the expected behavior of the participants. The registration of a delegation, and the signature of each member of the delegation, including Faculty Advisors, constitutes an agreement on the student's part and the institution to observe these procedural norms. The GS/OAS reserves the right to evaluate inappropriate conduct that may warrant the possible suspension of one or more participants from the Model.

### GENERAL DECORUM

- a. Participants in the MOAS must behave and respect the diplomatic protocols of the Model at all times, including appropriate verbal and body language, and behavior that is courteous and respectful to all delegates, participants, elected authorities, MOAS staff and support personnel. Any behavior or disorderly conduct that disrupts the smooth operation of the MOAS exercise, or is potentially or inherently unsafe to other persons or their real or personal property, will result in the suspension from the Model of the offending individual or individuals.
- b. The use of vulgar, profane, or abusive language indicates a lack of respect for others and will not be tolerated. GS/OAS Staff, Faculty Advisors and other participants should be referred to and addressed in a polite and respectful manner. Slander of any participant will not be accepted.
- c. All Participants must wear business attire during the MOAS. Men shall wear trousers (no jeans), dress shirt, tie and blazer in neutral colors. Women may wear business dresses, trousers, skirts, dress shirt, and jacket or blazer in neutral colors. Dresses or skirts may be no more than 2-inches above the knees. Faculty Advisors are responsible for enforcing the dress code on the days of the MOAS.
- d. Participants may not wear clothing and accessories that display or suggest profanity; obscene or foul language; symbols of violence; discriminatory messages; gang or gang-like symbols; sexually suggestive messages; alcohol, tobacco, or drugs; vulgarity; are offensive to any ethnic or cultural groups; and/or contain images that promote the above.

- e. Students who deface, mark, or damage OAS property, or any other venue where official MOAS activities take place, will be responsible for the cost and/or cleaning of the property. Such acts of vandalism will result in the dismissal from the MOAS.
- f. In order to maintain an optimum environment for all participants, cell phones and texting will not be permitted during the sessions of the committees and/or the MOAS Plenary Sessions. Cell phones must be turned off and not be visible during the sessions.
- g. Students and groups are expected to be considerate and respect the rights of others at all times. During discussions, participants should be quiet or speak in a low voice. Ipods, MP3 or other music players, video games, and other items that may disrupt the smooth development of the MOAS are not permitted.
- h. Any sign of discrimination or harassment based on gender, sexual orientation, race, country of origin, age, religion or any kind of disability, will not be tolerated during the MOAS.
- i. Any physical abuse, fighting, and/or endangerment to an individual or group are specifically prohibited. This behavior includes, but is not limited to: physical violence (initiated or in response to) or attempted physical violence against another person or group. This includes fighting; threats of physical violence against another person or group; any action that endangers the health, safety or welfare of a person or group; and/or attempting to, or actually harming oneself.

#### **ALCOHOL DRUGS AND TOBACCO POLICY**

- a. During the MOAS sessions, the use, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, illicit drugs, tobacco, or any other tobacco product is strictly forbidden. The use, possession, or distribution of these products at OAS facilities or in any place associated with the OAS, will result in the suspension from the Model of the offending individual or individuals.
- b. The educational institutions and their representatives shall respond in the event that any student under their supervision consumes drugs or alcohol or damages any property, particularly in the OAS Headquarters and the hotel facilities.
- c. Violators are subject to their school's disciplinary actions, as established on the institution's Code of Conduct.

#### **ACADEMIC HONESTY**

The GS/OAS expects participants to act with integrity during the MOAS, particularly in the drafting of resolutions.

- a. Participants will conduct themselves honorably during the MOAS. They will not lie, cheat or steal in any MOAS activities.

- b. Plagiarism-the intentional or unintentional taking of the writings or ideas of another and presenting them as one’s own- will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to, copying someone else’s work--word by word, turning in another student’s work without that student’s knowledge, summarizing without acknowledging a source, representation of work taken from internet paper “services” as one’s own, copying materials from a source text, and supplying information without the proper use of quotation marks.

**GENERAL UNDERSTANDINGS**

- a. This Code of Conduct shall be complemented by the Codes of Conduct established by the institutions attending the MOAS.
- b. Faculty Advisors are responsible for the behavior of their students in accordance with this Code of Conduct, and they are responsible for enforcing the disciplinary guidelines established by the institution they represent. Accordingly, Faculty Advisors shall obtain any required parent/legal guardian authorization needed to discipline students under this Code of Conduct. In addition, if necessary, Faculty Advisors are responsible for instructing students to change their attire to comply with paragraphs “c” and “d” of the General Decorum Section in this Code of Conduct. Faculty Advisors shall inform GS/OAS Staff of any situation requiring action, per the guidelines established in this Code of Conduct.
- c. The GS/OAS will be held free of any responsibility related to any actions that may take place during the MOAS that affect the integrity and/or wellbeing of other participants. The institution of the student(s) perpetrating the actions will be responsible and shall respond in accordance with its Code of Conduct. The institution shall impose the respective disciplinary action on the student(s) involved.
- d. GS/OAS Staff reserves the right to prohibit a student from continuing his/her participation in the MOAS for violating the guidelines established in this Code of Conduct.

**NAME OF SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Faculty Advisor’s Name

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Signature

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Faculty Advisor’s Name

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Signature

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**NAME OF SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURES OF PARTICIPANTS:  
GENERAL COMMITTEE**

_____ Name of Chief of Delegation	_____ Signature
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Email of Chief of Delegation

_____ Name of Alternate Delegate	_____ Signature
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**FIRST COMMITTEE**

_____ Name of Head Delegate	_____ Signature
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_____ Name of Alternate Delegate	_____ Signature
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**SECOND COMMITTEE**

_____ Name of Head Delegate	_____ Signature
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_____ Name of Alternate Delegate	_____ Signature
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**NAME OF SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**THIRD COMMITTEE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Head Delegate

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Signature

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Name of Alternate Delegate

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Signature

**FOURTH COMMITTEE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Head Delegate

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Signature

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Name of Alternate Delegate

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Signature

**PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

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Signature

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**NAME OF SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURES OF MOAS AUTHORITIES (if applicable)**

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Name

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Signature

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Name

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Signature