



**43<sup>rd</sup> Model OAS General Assembly for High Schools of the Hemisphere**  
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***Leaving No One Behind: A Youth-Centered Approach to Bolstering Human Security and Fostering Inclusivity in the Americas***

**43<sup>rd</sup> MOAS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS: CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Introduction**

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, constitute an agreement on the part of the student and academic 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. To that end, the GS/OAS reiterates the importance of observing and respecting these guidelines in order to uphold the integrity and objectives of the MOAS.

**GENERAL DECORUM**

**Article I. General Decorum**

- a. Participants in the MOAS must observe the diplomatic protocols of the Model at all times, both in-person and virtually, including on social media. This includes 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. All participants must communicate in a respectful manner, avoiding using vulgar, abusive, or discriminatory language. 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, bullying, or harassment of any participant via any medium will not be accepted.

- c. All Participants must wear business attire during the MOAS, meaning trousers (no jeans), business dresses/skirts, dress shirts or blouses, ties and blazers/jackets. 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.

### **Article II. Respect for Property**

- a. Any mistreatment, damage, or disfiguration of property of the Organization of American States (OAS) or any other location where MOAS activities take place is strictly prohibited. This includes hotels where participants are staying during the duration of the MOAS. Any repairs due to acts of vandalism shall be the sole responsibility of the participants involved.

### **Article III. Personal Electronic Devices and Decorum in Sessions**

- a. All participants must silence and put away mobile devices during MOAS Sessions.
- b. During discussion sessions and when not making an intervention, one should refrain from chatter with other delegates or speak discreetly. Personal electronic devices should not interrupt sessions, unless it is for accessibility reasons.

### **Article IV. Inclusion and Non-Discrimination**

- a. 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.
- b. All participants shall contribute towards an inclusive and respectful environment; recognizing and valuing diversity of all forms.

### **Article V. Physical Behavior**

- a. Any form of physical violence, or harm done to oneself, another individual, or a group will not be tolerated.
- b. To guarantee the safety and well-being of all participants, the possession or use of any type of weapon during the MOAS is strictly prohibited. This includes but is not limited to firearms, sharp objects, or any other object that can cause physical harm.

### **Article VI. Consumption of Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco**

- a. The consumption, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, illicit drugs, or products derived from tobacco (including vaping) is strictly prohibited during the duration of MOAS.

## ACADEMIC HONESTY AND ELECTORAL INTEGRITY

### Article VII. Academic Honesty and Electoral Integrity

The GS/OAS expects participants to act with honesty and integrity during the MOAS, particularly in the drafting and presentation of resolutions and the electoral process of authorities of the MOAS.

- 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 use 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--verbatim, 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 or citations.
- c. Participants are expected to conduct themselves with honesty, transparency, and respect during the electoral process. Any intent to manipulate the results, including the initial offering and subsequent deliberate withdrawal of support from a candidate to harm their campaign, is considered a violation of the Code of Conduct.

## GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

### Article VIII. Responsibilities and Sanctions

- a. This Code of Conduct shall complement the Codes of Conduct established by the institutions attending the MOAS.
- b. Participants that do not respect the guidelines shall be subjected to disciplinary actions and sanctions established by the Codes of Conduct of the respective institutions.
- c. Faculty Advisors are responsible for overseeing 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. Additionally, they are requested to notify GS/OAS officials of any incident that may require intervention, in line with the provisions of this Code of Conduct.
- d. The GS/OAS will not be held responsible for any actions taken during the MOAS which affect the integrity and/or wellbeing of other participants. The institution of the student(s) perpetrating the actions will be held responsible and shall enforce disciplinary action in accordance with their institution's Code of Conduct.

e. 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.

**Declaration of Commitment:** The members of the delegation have read and understood the current Code of Conduct and are committed to abide by it.

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

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Faculty Advisor's Name	Signature

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Faculty Advisor's Name	Signature

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**(DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2024)**

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

**SIGNATURES OF PARTICIPANTS:**

**DELEGATION 1:**

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Chief of Delegation/Head Delegate of the General Committee	Signature

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General Committee-Alternate Delegate	Signature

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CAJP-Head Delegate	Signature

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CAJP-Alternate Delegate	Signature

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CHS-Head Delegate	Signature

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CHS-Alternate Delegate	Signature

**DELEGATION 2:**

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Chief of Delegation/Head Delegate of the General Committee

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General Committee-Alternate Delegate

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CAJP-Head Delegate

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CAJP-Alternate Delegate

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CHS-Head Delegate

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**DELEGATION 3:**

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Chief of Delegation/Head Delegate of the General Committee

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General Committee-Alternate Delegate

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CAJP-Head Delegate

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**DELEGATION 4:**

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Chief of Delegation/Head Delegate of the General Committee

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General Committee-Alternate Delegate

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

_____ Name	_____ Signature
_____ Name	_____ Signature
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**SIGNATURES OF COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (if applicable)**

_____ Name	_____ Signature
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**SIGNATURES OF COMMITTEE SECRETARIES (if applicable)**

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**SIGNATURES OF GENERAL SECRETARIAT MEMBERS (if applicable)**

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