

# Coornhert Model United Nations Gouda

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of February - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Secretariat, I would like to cordially invite you to the eighth Coornhert Model United Nations. The conference is set to take place from February 9th until February 11th, 2024, at the Coornhert Gymnasium in Gouda.

COMUN is a three-day conference that focuses on personal development alongside the traditional MUN debates. Our aim is to provide students with a platform to not only debate global issues but also enhance their leadership, public speaking, critical thinking, and negotiation skills. Our conference underscores the value of interpersonal engagement, enabling enriching cross-cultural insights and learning experiences.

This upcoming conference will be led by the theme "Shattered Vows: Tracing the Devastation Caused by Violating Human Rights". This theme explores the far-reaching consequences that result from violating fundamental human principles and obligations. Through this exploration, we gain insight into the dire consequences of neglecting our shared duty to uphold the principles of humanity.

The Coornhert Gymnasium is known for its academic excellence, offering an ideal setting for intellectual discussions and personal growth. The school bears the name of the distinguished Dutch humanist Dirck Volkertszoon Coornhert, who during the Renaissance advocated for tolerance, education, and human rights.

Gouda, the city where the conference will take place, is a gorgeous and well-known city that has won the award for most beautiful smaller Dutch city on several occasions. The Secretariat of COMUN 2024 endeavours to connect COMUN with the splendour of our city. We firmly hold the conviction that by immersing participants in this legacy, we are able to forge meaningful connections between global affairs and a sense of cultural and historical rootedness. We will provide more details on how we will fulfil this soon.

Our goals additionally encompass a wider range of activities around the conference for those interested, that are both specific to and take place in Gouda. Those will be activities such as an interactive tour of the historic city centre. By having additional activities around the conference, we want all participants to discover the beauty of our city, making our conference an even more wonderful experience.

We intend to create another distinctive experience for each participant at the upcoming COMUN conference. Registration completed before the 15<sup>th</sup> of October will receive an early-bird discount of €5 on the participation fee. All registration forms are attached to and located at the conclusion of this letter but can also be found on [our website](#). Registrations for Student Officers will close the first of November, while delegate registrations will close the first of December.

The participation fee consists of €50 for delegates, Student Officers, and MUN Directors. This fee includes entrance to the conference, lunch on Saturday and Sunday, and access to the party on Saturday night. Additionally, we offer a housing program from Thursday until Sunday for a small supplementary fee of €5. While we strive to accommodate all requests, precedence will be accorded to individuals travelling longer distances or who would otherwise encounter participation constraints.

The entire conference will be structured similarly to and based on the actual United Nations; the leading language is English, and the debates are formal and constructive. COMUN 2024 will be divided into multiple fora including the General Assembly, Security Council, Crisis Committee and Economic and Social Council. Notably, this year introduces the Historical Security Council, reflecting our commitment to innovation and enrichment. The selected fora have a broad appeal inviting both first-time delegates and experienced delegates.

The General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council are the councils best suited for delegates who are relatively new to the world of MUN conferences. For more experienced delegates, we offer in further detail the following councils: The Crisis Committee simulates real-time and evolving situations, where delegates respond to rapidly changing scenarios. These can range from war to epidemics and from tsunamis to nuclear catastrophes. The Security Council delves deeper into contemporary issues that are affecting the safety of the citizens of the world. The Historical Security Council, on the other hand, delves into revisiting and deliberating past events, offering a unique lens to examine contexts and decisions through the perspective from the past.

The Historical Security Council will focus on the issue of the Yugoslav Wars. By examining the Yugoslav Wars in the context of the conference theme, delegates can explore the devastating consequences of failing to uphold humanity's vows to protect and respect the rights and dignity of all individuals.

Additionally, we would like to invite student officers from various countries to participate. Therefore, we would like to request that the most qualified MUN students apply for a Student Officer post. These students are expected to be proficient in MUN Rules of Procedure and ready to preside over a debate. Student Officers will also have to write research reports on the issues that will be debated in their committees.

For details regarding participation, practical information, and the most recent updates, we kindly invite you to explore our website. To access the site, please refer to the following link: <https://www.comun.nl>. We additionally encourage you to interact with us through our social media platforms listed on our website, where we share both fun and informative visuals and updates. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out at [secretariat@comun.nl](mailto:secretariat@comun.nl). We look forward to welcoming you to Gouda this February.

As the Secretariat, we eagerly anticipate the arrival of COMUN 2024. Fuelled by a profound passion for Model United Nations conferences, we are committed to ensuring that this year's COMUN becomes a memorable experience for all participants.

Yours sincerely,

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