

Mini Crisis

Featured Committees: IAEA, OAS, Arab League, U.S. Labor Summit, Iranian Majles

Functionality:

Returning in a more formalized form this CNYMUN will be a mini-crisis. Last year these were offered in all committees, however, this year they will only be present in the intermediate and advanced committees listed above.

Mini-crises serve as a disruption to the normal flow of debate and will start with a CNYMUN staff member entering your committee room and interrupting the debate to give a speech. These staff members will be in character, representing either an individual or another organization or UN body. While this scenario is entirely fictional, it will be connected to and force the committee to consider your topics from a different, more grounded point of view. Oftentimes the dias will simultaneously present a fictional news article or report relevant to the speech.

After the dias and staff member have explained the situation, delegates will be offered a six-minute Q&A period. Note that any number of questions may be asked in that period. After the Q&A period, the dias will often look favorably upon a moderated caucus to discuss the speaker and its possible effect on any working papers.

These events will help you understand the committee's topics from a different perspective and spice up the debate. As CNYMUN hopes to increase its ability to force delegates to consider all possible perspectives (both of states and global citizens), mini-crises function to increase CNYMUN's capacity to reach these goals.

Please Note That:

While it says that a mini-crisis will be featured in a committee, that is not a guarantee. Chairs and CNYMUN staff will utilize mini-crises at their discretion to help supplement debate. We advise delegates to be aware of mini-crises and their implementation but please refrain from expecting one nor requesting one.

Also, while they bear the name crisis, as mini-crises will be presented in non-crisis committees, no aspect of a crisis committee will be implemented. Delegates will not have access to personal powers and crisis notes, nor will they be expected to write directives. The goal of a mini-crisis is to influence the creation of a working paper by presenting an opinion or aspect of the topic different from what is currently being discussed.

