

# Crisis v. General Assembly

## **What makes a crisis committee different than a general assembly?**

Crisis committees are different than general assemblies (GA) in several ways. First, they are much smaller; a GA might have a hundred people in it, whereas a crisis committee will typically have 15-20 and no higher than about 30. Crisis committees are more dynamic than GAs; GAs focus on one topic of debate for the entire conference, whereas Crisis committees are about constantly shifting conditions and quick, decisive reaction.

## **Who is represented in a crisis committee?**

In a crisis committee, the delegates can be facing any conceivable scenario, which means they can represent any conceivable person or position. In some cases, there will be a UN Security Council committee, where the delegates represent countries. In other cases, there might be a committee about the United States government, in which case the delegates might represent generals and secretaries of different government departments. This means there is a lot more variety when it comes to the types of roles you, as delegates, get to play.

## **How do I behave in a crisis committee?**

Debate, negotiation, and directives are all as important in crisis as they are in a GA. However, crisis has an added element you can work with. Instead of all actions being through directives, you as a delegate also have significant portfolio powers and can do a lot on your own; all you have to do is write a note to crisis. This can be anything from holding a ball where you're going to poison your political rival to moving armies around to stealing money from your treasury. This process gives you a lot more individual power and flexibility, use it to your advantage.

## **Why is the situation always changing?**

Because crisis committees allow you much more flexibility and power, you can shape the course of the committee. If you declare war on another country and invade it, then the other members of the committee must react to that action. If you undermine the world economy and cause a global recession, the other committee members must react to that as well. The committee might start the conference talking about rising sea levels and end it fighting a world war over the livable land that remains. Adding this dynamic makes committees more engaging and gives every delegate the power to stretch their imagination and effect change.