Tech Policy

Although VMUNC acknowledges that technology may be a valuable resource in fostering collaboration and writing, we believe that it cannot substitute preparation, discussion, or participation in committees. In all committees, research during committee sessions is prohibited. Delegates are expected to come prepared and ready with their researched topics, notes, and any additional resources before starting VMUNC VIII. In addition, using cell phones is not recommended as it is unprofessional unless stated otherwise by the committee staff. There are 3 types of tech committees at VMUNC VIII:

Tech Committees- In tech committees, delegates may use laptops and tablets to draft documents collectively during committee sessions. The use of tech is supposed to happen strictly for committee-related actions, including drafting of any working papers, resolutions, amendments, directives, or crisis documents. If necessary, chairs may check the history of editing or activity in order to verify any possible pre-writing, plagiarism, or inappropriate use of AI.

Unmod Tech Committees- Delegates in Unmod Tech committees can use their laptops or tablets solely during Unmoderated caucuses to draft documents collectively in committee. During moderated caucuses, tech should be put away. Delegates are expected to have their research notes ready both for moderated and unmoderated sessions.

Non-Tech Committees - No usage of technology is accepted during committee sessions in Non-Tech committees. All working papers, resolutions, directives, and additional committee material are expected to be handwritten unless the chair or Secretariat grant exceptions to this rule. Delegates in non-tech committees need to prepare research notes beforehand in a printed version or hand-written form. Inappropriate use of technology, including off-topic browsing, messaging, additional research when not allowed, AI use, plagiarism, or accessing prewritten materials, may result in action at the discretion of the Secretary General. Delegates will never be penalized for not bringing technology, and having technology cannot guarantee stronger committee performance.