

Distinguished delegates,

It is our great honour to welcome you to MUIMUN 2012 and we wish you a thrilling experience in the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly (Legal). Model United Nations is a simulation of the United Nations System and its participants include people of various academic backgrounds, mainly law, international relations and politics. MUN has been referred to as a life experience for those keen on political debates and interested in world politics and current affairs. MUIMUN is a Model United Nations conference taking place at Muenster University, in Northwestern Germany. It simulates a wide range of UN Committees amongst which is the Legal Committee.

The Legal Committee is part of the General Assembly, one of the principal organs of the UN. Our Committee is responsible for proposing solutions concerning legal problems, treaties and legal aspects of political problems. No Committee of the GA is authorised to impose sanctions on States. Thus, our committee is only able to make solid proposals referring to the assigned agenda items.

The first agenda item is "Redefining the Requirements for the Recognition of New and Independent States". From time to time we have seen advances in conservative concept to state recognition mainly because recognition is based on amalgamation of international law and State policy.

The second agenda item is "The Legal Status, Involvement and International Recognition of NGOs within the UN System". NGOs are a vital part of world civil society and there has been heated debate about their role in setting world politics agenda.

Both agenda items are closely related to the motto of MUIMUN 2012, "Societies in Transition-Shifts in Balance of Power". Below you are provided with two research reports that will be an essential tool for your orientation. We therefore wish you good luck with the position papers and we strongly encourage you to contact us in case of questions (ga6@muimun.org).

Kind regards,

Elena and Bilal.