

# Moscow Youth International Model Arctic Council (MAC-2017)

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## RULES OF PROCEDURE

*(The document is worked out with taking into account the consultative recommendations of representatives of the Arctic Council)*



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There is no doubt, that a solid guarantee of even more successful future of the Arctic region is firm friendship and extensive cooperation among the Arctic Youth. **The Arctic Youth** should be defined here as all involved young citizens of the Arctic States: not only those who can call the Arctic region their home, but also those who associate their work, activities or sphere of studies with the Arctic region and are going to put a lot of their time and effort in its development.

It seems that one of the most efficient formats of **getting the Arctic Youth involved** is to hold various youth models of the Arctic Council throughout the Arctic region. (Which, in particular, on the initiative of the Director of MAC-2017 Secretariat has been included into the policy recommendations from the “Future Arctic Leaders” youth workshop, held by the Arctic Council under the Canadian Chairmanship in Ottawa, April 2015).

**The Arctic Council** is the leading international forum for cooperation in the Arctic region, where 8 Arctic States (including of course the Russian Federation) and 6 organizations of the Arctic indigenous peoples (including the Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North) take part.

**Model Arctic Council is a role-playing game**, aimed at simulating different forms of the Arctic Council work. Since the Arctic Council has a well-balanced representation structure and also conducts researches in all essential fields of studies, its simulation makes it possible for very different groups of active young professionals, activists, volunteers as well as young representatives of the Arctic indigenous peoples to get relevant and highly rewarding experience. Numerous Arctic Council Models have already been held at local, national, and even international levels: by the United Nations Association in Canada (2010), the University of Tromsø (2013), NArFU, Russia (2014, 2015), NEFU, Russia (2015). The Arctic Student Research Club of Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO-University) has also successfully held a Model Arctic Council in MGIMO-University on April 7-8, 2015.

**Moscow Youth International Model Arctic Council (MAC-2017)** is planned as an international conference, which can give an additional drive to the inter-regional and international cooperation among the youth from all the Arctic States, young representatives of the Arctic indigenous peoples. We also believe, that MAC-2017 will establish a precedent of successful Model Arctic Council arrangement, **started and carried out by a group of engaged Arctic Youth by themselves.**

*The project of MAC-2017 is arranged by the MGIMO Arctic Student Research Club on the platform of International Institute of Energy Policy and Diplomacy (MIEP) MGIMO with financial support granted by the Russian Federal Agency on Youth Affairs and MGIMO Endowment Foundation.*

*The arrangement of MAC-2017 is a result of cooperative work between the young citizens of the Arctic States with the leading role of the MGIMO Arctic Student Research Club.*

*The realization of the MAC-2017 project is timed by its organizers to coincide with the Arctic Council twentieth anniversary and declared by President of Russian Federation V. Putin the Year of Ecology 2017.*



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## PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**In the spirit of the Declaration on the Establishment of the Arctic Council of September 19, 1996 and the Arctic Council Rules of Procedure (as revised in 2013), the Moscow Youth International Model Arctic Council (hereinafter “MAC-2017”) adopts the present Rules of Procedure in order to regulate the process of simulating the Arctic Council work.**

### 1.1. MAC-2017 OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSES

**The central objective of MAC-2017** is to assemble the talented and engaged youth of the Arctic States, Arctic indigenous peoples, create a platform for their exchange of knowledge, ideas and experience and give an additional drive to their inter-regional and international cooperation.

#### **MAC-2017 goals are:**

- 1) To popularize among the Arctic youth the knowledge about the strategical importance of the Arctic Region development, as well as information about the goals, objectives, structure, activities and current agenda of the Arctic Council as the leading international forum for cooperation in the region;
- 2) To promote the students’ research activities related to the Arctic Region issues;
- 3) To intensify inter-regional and international cooperation between the Arctic Youth in the form of joint projects and researches focused on the Arctic Region development;
- 4) To raise among the Arctic Youth the interdisciplinary awareness of different aspects of the Arctic Region development, as well as foster their ecological consciousness and active civic position.



## 1.2. MAC-2017 RULES OF PROCEDURE

The present Rules of Procedure shall guide the proceedings at the MAC-2017 sessions (simulated events: Joint Meeting of the Arctic Council Working Groups, Meeting of Senior Arctic Officials and Ministerial Meeting).

The present Rules of Procedure shall be interpreted by solely MAC-2017 Secretariat.

## 1.3. DEFINITIONS

In the present Rules of Procedure:

«**Arctic States**» means the members of the Arctic Council, namely Canada, the Kingdom of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, the Russian Federation, Sweden and the United States of America;

«**Permanent Participants**» means 6 organizations of the Arctic Indigenous peoples, namely Aleut International Association (AIA), Arctic Athabaskan Council (AAC), Gwich'in Council International (GCI), Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC), Russian Association of the Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON) and Saami Council (SC).

«**Working Group**» stands for any of the 6 Arctic Council Working Groups (Arctic Contaminants Action Program (ACAP), Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP), Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF), Emergence Prevention, Preparedness and Response (EPPR), Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME), Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG));

«**Working Group Project**» means a proposal on joint and cooperative work of the Arctic States in a certain field for the attainment of their common goals in the Arctic Region, drawn up by an Arctic Council Working Group, approved by the Arctic States' governments and implemented on their own territories;



«**Model**» means the Moscow Youth International Model Arctic Council (MAC-2017);

«**Secretariat**» means the MAC-2017 Secretariat – *for details see the present Rules of Procedure, & 1.5.*;

«**MAC-2017 Working Group Project**» means a proposal on joint and cooperative work of the Arctic States in a certain field for the attainment of their common goals in the Arctic Region, draw up by a group of MAC-2017 Participants, simulating the work of a certain Arctic Council Working Group, with the project's structure and contents simulating the structure and contents of a real Working Group Project.

#### 1.4. MAC-2017 WORKING LANGUAGES

Russian and English shall be the working languages of MAC-2017.

All required bilingual translation is the responsibility of the MAC-2017 Secretariat.

#### 1.5. MAC-2017 SECRETARIAT

The MAC-2017 Secretariat shall be comprised of the Members of the MGIMO Arctic Student Research Club and is responsible for preparing the Model, as well as arranging the event along its entire length.

The MAC-2017 Secretariat is led by **the Director of MAC-2017 Secretariat**. The Director of Secretariat shall represent the Secretariat at the MAC-2017 simulation sessions, as well as moderate them.

The Director of Secretariat shall appoint **the MAC-2017 Executive Secretaries** to be responsible for the event management.

The Director of Secretariat shall appoint **the MAC-2017 Academic Secretaries** to be responsible for moderating the preparation of different MAC-2017 Participants' groups to the event (the participants shall be grouped according to their roles at the Model – *for details see the present Rules of Procedure, & 1.8., 2.1.*). The MAC-2017 Academic Secretaries shall also act in the respective groups as one of the Modelist-Participants.



The Director of Secretariat shall appoint **the MAC-2017 Secretary for the Rules of Procedure** to be responsible for monitoring the observation of the present Rules of Procedure during the simulation sessions – *for details see the present Rules of Procedure, & 2.2.*

#### 1.6. MAC-2017 PRESIDIUUM

The MAC-2017 Presidium shall be comprised of scientists, experts, heads and employees of different governmental and commercial organizations, specialized in certain issues of the Arctic Region development. The Members of the Presidium shall be invited to the MAC-2017 sessions to comment on the Participants' presentations and evaluate them, as well as deliver lectures or conduct workshops within the MAC-2017 educational program.

The Members of the MAC-2017 Presidium shall not be in session at once, but separately, in groups, formed under the principle of necessary correspondence between their spheres of expertise and the simulation sessions' specifics and agenda. The Members of the MAC-2017 Presidium present at one of the MAC-2017 sessions shall be called "**the MAC-2017 Session Presidium**".

At each simulation session, a certain time shall be devoted to the comments from the Presidium Members, as well as consideration of their essential recommendations and making amendments to the MAC-2017 materials if needed.

The MAC-2017 Presidium is expected to recommend the best works of the MAC-2017 Participants to be subsequently elaborated and published as articles in scientific journals.

#### 1.7. MAC-2017 ACADEMIC ADVISOR

The MAC-2017 Academic Advisor is a scientist, Professor at MGIMO-University, an expert in the International Relations in the Arctic Region, agreed to undertake the function of academic advising of the MAC-2017 Secretariat while the process of preparation to the Model is under way.



The MAC-2017 Academic Advisor is responsible for advising the MAC-2017 Secretariat on the accordance of the MAC-2017 simulation process to the Arctic Council specifics and the established standards of youth simulation of different international organizations and forums.

The MAC-2017 Academic Advisor enjoys the status of the MAC-2017 Presidium Member.

### 1.8. MAC-2017 PARTICIPANTS

All young citizens of the Arctic States, young representatives of the Arctic indigenous peoples are eligible to take part at MAC-2017.

The process of applying for the participation at MAC-2017 shall be conducted on the platform of the MGIMO Arctic Club official website ([www.arctic-mgimo.ru/?page\\_id=950](http://www.arctic-mgimo.ru/?page_id=950)) or by sending the applications directly to the MAC-2017 official e-mail ([org.mac2017@gmail.com](mailto:org.mac2017@gmail.com)). The official confirmation letter, information on the given roles and the following preparation assignments shall be sent to each Participant via e-mail.

The Modelist-roles distributed among the MAC-2017 Participants shall be: the Arctic States' representatives in the Arctic Council Working Groups (8 Modelist-Participants in each of the 6 Working Groups), Senior Arctic Officials of the Arctic States (8 Modelist-Participants), Representatives of the Arctic Council Permanent Participants (6 Modelist-Participants), Ministry-representatives of the Arctic States at the Arctic Council (8 Modelist-Participants).

While distributing the Modelist-roles among the Participants, the information on their profiles and professional interests, previously presented by the Participants while applying to the MAC-2017, shall be the determining factor.

The final decision on the Participants' shortlisting and distributing the Modelist-roles among them is subject to the approval of the MAC-2017 Academic Adviser.

A MAC-2017 Participant may not be given a role of a representative of an Arctic State, coinciding with his or her citizenship.



## 1.9. MAC-2017 AGENDA

The MAC-2017 agenda shall consist of two parts.

In order to elicit and record the point of view of the Arctic Youth on the current Arctic Council activities and the most pressing issues of The Arctic Region, the first MAC-2017 agenda item shall be: **“The Arctic Region Challenges and Opportunities”**.

In order to elicit and record the point of view of the Arctic Youth on the possible and desirable midterm strategies for the Arctic Region, the second MAC-2017 agenda item shall be: **“Strategies for the Arctic-2030”**.

## PART 2. THE SIMULATION PROCESS

### 2.1. PREPARATION OF PARTICIPANTS

The preparation of the MAC-2017 Participants assigned the roles of the Arctic States’ representatives in the Arctic Council Working Groups, Senior Arctic Officials of the Arctic States, Representatives of the Arctic Council Permanent Participants and Ministry-representatives of the Arctic States at the Arctic Council shall be conducted separately, in groups, on the platform of certain Internet resources. The moderation of the preparation process is the responsibility of the Director of MAC-2017 Secretariat and the MAC-2017 Academic Secretaries.

The process of the MAC-2017 Participants’ preparation to the Model shall last **3 weeks**, and start on **November 1, 2017**.

While preparing to the Model, each group of Participants assigned the roles of **the Arctic States’ representatives in a certain Arctic Council Working Group**, shall develop one MAC-2017 Working Group Project (*for details see the present Rules of Procedure, & 1.3.*) on the topic of their own choice, but in keeping with the MAC-2017 first agenda item “The Arctic Region Challenges and Opportunities”. Each group of Participants given



the roles of the Arctic States' representatives in a certain Arctic Council Working Group, shall register the topic of their MAC-2017 Working Group Project by informing the Director of MAC-2017 Secretariat of it (directly or through their Academic Secretary) **not later than on November 5, 2017, 23:59 Moscow time (UTC +3:00).**

While preparing to the Model, the Participants assigned the roles of **Senior Arctic Officials of the Arctic States**, as well as those given the roles of **Representatives of the Arctic Council Permanent Participants**, shall write a paper on what stand the respective Arctic State / organization of the Arctic Indigenous Peoples has on the issues, **chosen by all of the 6 MAC-2017 Working Groups as their project topics.** The Director of MAC-2017 Secretariat shall communicate those topics to the Participants given the roles of Senior Arctic Officials of the Arctic States, as well as those given the roles of Representatives of the Arctic Council Permanent Participants, **not later than on November 6, 2017, 23:59 Moscow time (UTC +3:00).**

While preparing to the Model, the Participants assigned the roles of **Ministry-representatives of the Arctic States at the Arctic Council**, shall write a paper on what objectives the respective Arctic State can suggest as desirable to be attained under the aegis of the Arctic Council by joint efforts of the Arctic States and the organizations of the Arctic indigenous peoples by 2026 (*in keeping with the MAC-2017 second agenda item "Strategies for the Arctic-2030"*).

*While preparing to the Model, all Participants are encouraged to seek informal guidance from faculty members and other experts.*

**The process of the Participants' preparation to the Model shall come to the end on November 24, 2017.**

**As a result of the preparation process:**

- Each group of Participants assigned the roles of **the Arctic States' representatives in a certain Arctic Council Working Group**, shall produce 1) a MAC-2017 Working Group Project on the previously registered topic in .doc format; 2) a PowerPoint presentation in .pptx format, covering the contents of the developed project for the Group to



use while presenting their work at the Model. These materials should be sent to the Director of MAC-2017 Secretariat (directly or through their Academic Secretary) **not later than on November 24, 2017, 23:59 Moscow time (UTC +3:00)**.

- Each group of Participants assigned the roles of **Senior Arctic Officials of the Arctic States, Representatives of the Arctic Council Permanent Participants and Ministry-representatives of the Arctic States at the Arctic Council** shall produce a position paper on their Modelist-position in .doc format. These materials should be sent to the Director of MAC-2017 Secretariat (directly or through their Academic Secretary) **not later than on November 24, 2017, 23:59 Moscow time (UTC +3:00)**

*All the materials sent to the Director of MAC-2017 Secretariat shall coincide with the sample templates given to the Participants in advance by the Secretariat.*

## 2.2. SIMULATION PROCESS

MAC-2017 shall last three days, December 5-7, 2017.

The simulation sessions shall be organized in strict accordance with the present Rules of Procedure and the MAC-2017 Program, drawn up by the MAC-2017 Secretariat and approved by the MAC-2017 Academic Adviser.

The Director of Secretariat and the Secretary for the Rules of Procedure shall be responsible for **monitoring the observation** of the present Rules of Procedure during the simulation sessions.

## 2.3. REPORTS OF PARTICIPANTS

In the course of the Model the groups of MAC-2017 Participants assigned the roles of the Arctic States' representatives in the Arctic Council Working Groups, as well as each of the MAC-2017 Participants assigned the roles of Senior Arctic Officials of the Arctic States, Representatives of the Arctic Council Permanent Participants and Ministry-representatives of the Arctic States at the Arctic Council may deliver **one official statement** within the given time-limit.



Each of the MAC-2017 Participants can ask questions and take part in the discussions. The questions shall be asked and answered within **2 minutes**.

- The presentations of each group of the MAC-2017 Participants assigned the roles of **the Arctic States' representatives in a certain Arctic Council Working Group** on their MAC-2017 Working Group Project shall be delivered in the first day of the Model, December 5, 2017. Each group will be given 7 minutes for their presentation (in the meantime, the MAC-2017 Secretariat shall display their presentations on the screen). After each presentation, the rest of the MAC-2017 Participants will have an opportunity to ask their questions (6 minutes for the discussion), the Members of the Session Presidium are expected to give their expert comments (7 minutes for the comments). *Those organizational aspects on the group presentations not specified in the present Rules of Procedure (including the number of speakers) are permitted to the Participants' discretion.*

- The presentations of the MAC-2017 Participants assigned the roles of **Senior Arctic Officials of the Arctic States**, as well as those given the roles of **Representatives of the Arctic Council Permanent Participants**, shall be based on their position papers and delivered in the second day of the Model, December 6, 2017. Each Participant will be given 7 minutes for their presentation. After all of the presentations, the rest of the MAC-2017 Participants will have an opportunity to ask their questions (25 minutes for the discussion), the Members of the Session Presidium are expected to give their expert comments (7 minutes for a comment).

- The presentations of the MAC-2017 Participants assigned the roles of **Ministry-representatives of the Arctic States at the Arctic Council**, shall be based on their position papers and delivered in the third day of the Model, December 7, 2017. Each Participant will be given 5 minutes for their presentation. After all of the presentations, the MAC-2017 Participants assigned the roles of **Representatives of the Arctic Council Permanent Participants** will have an opportunity to express their positions (20 minutes for the discussion), the Members of the Session Presidium are expected to give their expert comments (5 minutes for a comment).



## 2.4. DECISION MAKING PROCESS

**All decisions taken at the Model shall be a consensus.**

In the event that certain differences appear during a discussion, the Director of MAC-2017 Secretariat may declare a consensus-building discussion (in addition to the planned time). Such discussion may not last longer than 5 minutes.

## PART 3. MAC-2017 RESULTING DOCUMENTS

### 3.1. TYPES OF MAC-2017 RESULTING DOCUMENTS

At MAC-2017, two resulting documents shall be adopted.

In order to elicit and record the point of view of the Arctic Youth on the current Arctic Council activities and the most pressing issues of The Arctic Region, the first MAC-2017 resulting document shall be: **“Moscow Youth International Model Arctic Council (MAC-2017) Declaration”**.

In order to elicit and record the point of view of the Arctic Youth on the possible and desirable midterm strategies for the Arctic Region, the second MAC-2017 resulting document shall be: **“Youth Agenda for the Arctic-2027”**.

### 3.2. DRAFTS OF MAC-2017 RESULTING DOCUMENTS

**“Moscow Youth International Model Arctic Council (MAC-2017) Declaration”** shall be drafted by the MAC-2017 Secretariat in advance, on the basis of the MAC-2017 Working Group Projects, as well as the position papers drawn up by the Participants assigned the roles of Senior Arctic Officials of the Arctic States, Representatives of the Arctic Council Permanent Participants and sent to the Director of MAC-2017 Secretariat.



**“Youth Agenda for the Arctic-2027”** shall be drafted by the MAC-2017 Secretariat in advance, on the basis of the position papers drawn up by the Participants assigned the roles of Ministry-representatives of the Arctic States at the Arctic Council and sent to the Director of MAC-2017 Secretariat.

The drafts of the MAC-2017 resulting papers are subject to amendments and modifications, adopted by the MAC-2017 Participants in the course of the simulation sessions’ special sections.

### 3.3. CONSIDERATION OF MAC-2017 RESULTING DOCUMENTS

**A draft of “Moscow Youth International Model Arctic Council (MAC-2017) Declaration” shall be submitted to the consideration** of the MAC-2017 Participants and Presidium Members **for the first time** by the Director of MAC-2017 Secretariat in the course of the simulated Meeting of Senior Arctic Officials, on December 6, 2017 (45 minutes for the discussion).

**An elaborated draft of “Moscow Youth International Model Arctic Council (MAC-2017) Declaration” shall be submitted to the consideration** of the MAC-2017 Participants and Presidium Members **for the second time** by the Director of MAC-2017 Secretariat in the course of the simulated Ministerial Meeting, on December 7, 2017 (10 minutes for the discussion).

**A draft “Youth Agenda for the Arctic-2027” shall be submitted to the consideration** of the MAC-2017 Participants and Presidium Members by the Director of MAC-2017 Secretariat in the course of the simulated Ministerial Meeting, on December 7, 2017 (50 minutes for the discussion).

While a draft resulting document is being considered by the MAC-2017 Participants and Presidium Members, the text shall be displayed on the screen (in both of the MAC-2017 working languages simultaneously), as well as read aloud by one of the MAC-2017 Secretaries.



*All the MAC-2017 Participants and Presidium Members are encouraged to actively take part in the process of the draft resulting documents' official consideration within the given time limit.*

*All the MAC-2017 Participants are also encouraged to discuss the draft resulting documents informally during breaks and downtimes.*

#### 3.4. ADOPTION OF MAC-2017 RESULTING DOCUMENTS

According to the present Rules of Procedure, & 2.4., the adoption of MAC-2017 resulting documents shall be a consensus.

A printed copy of the adopted MAC-2017 resulting documents shall be signed by all the MAC-2017 Participants at the formal closing event and subsequently published.

## Previous issues

1. Rules of Procedure. Moscow Youth International Model Arctic Council (MAC-2016) // MGIMO Arctic Club, February 17-19, 2016