

Terms and conditions of the youth parliament Montevideo 2010

Introduction:

With 100 youths from Latin America, Europe and Africa, the Goethe-Institut Uruguay arranges in cooperation with the "Pasch-initiative" (www.pasch-net.de) from 5 - 11 July 2010 the first International Youth Parliament in Montevideo, which is to 80% financed by subsidies of the European Union and which brings as the worldwide first Goethe-project of the action "Youth for the world" pupils from 10 nations together.

Multilingualism and a sustainable political education on an international level are the emphases of this one-year future-factory with the aim that the youth can achieve an insight into the global process of integration and that they become aware of being globalists of a common people-unifying identity. "No Excuse 2015" is both the slogan as well as the guideline for the multicultural Youth Parliament, which will discuss and present new solution strategies for the realisation of the Millennium development target.

In the preparation phase, there will be presimulations and workshops from January 2010 in among others Mexico, Uruguay, Argentina and Ivory Coast.

General facts:

§1 Function

We see the **Youth Parliament as a flagship project**, which realizes and stimulates the role of autonomic, open to criticism and consensus in an international exchange program. Linguistic and social skills instruction play as well an important role as the advancement of changing and innovation among the youth. Great store is set to the diversification of cultures and languages, as well as to the fact that diversity doesn't separate, but enriches our art of living and our thinking and broads our horizons.

The model of the Youth Parliament works out and decides resolutions for different tasks belonging to the 8 Millennium development targets. For realizing that, a session week will be convoked, in which committees can be founded and plenum sessions can be hold. The work in a session week will be done on two levels: In the committees and in the plenum session. In the committees, resolutions will be worked out, and afterwards, they will be discussed and voted in the plenum session.

§2 Delegations and committees

The Youth Parliament is classified in delegations of the participating schools. Every single delegation represents a country. It consists of 60 pupils for the committee and the attendant docent. The delegates vote for one representative among them, which represents the delegation to the exterior. He or she presents at the opening of the session week his or her

school and city, but above all the country which the delegation is going to represent. The presentation is allowed to be entertaining, but it shouldn't last more than 5 minutes.

Every committee group votes after the team creation for a chairman/a chairwoman and for an assistant. The chairman/the chairwoman conducts the committee-work, coordinates requests to speak and functions as a secretary in the creation of a resolution.

The representative of the country takes on the chairmanship in a plenum session and calls the committee chairmen and speakers for the introduction speech and the presentation of the corresponding millennium target. They coordinate statements of delegation members in the plenum and announce the vote result.

§3 Preparation

The preparation takes place in the participating schools. Every school is advised with the committee subjects and possible questions and tasks before the session week starts. The whole material is available in a dossier on the website www.google.de/jugendparlament 2010. The focus of work will be on the development of solution strategies belonging to the 8 Millennium development targets.

During the preparation of the plenum session, every country delegation assigns a country representative, with the following tasks:

- a.) presentation of country and school in the Parliaments opening ceremony
- b.) a speech in the closing event

§4 The committees

The committees work one resolution concept for every pretended task (8 development targets). An active and issue-related discussion in a polite attitude which conducts to a fast development of the subject-related resolution is desired.

Every committee votes within the framework of teambuilding for a chairman/a chairwoman. She or he presents the resolution in the plenum session. Furthermore, the committee has to vote for a speaker, who will hold an introduction speech in the plenum session.

The delegates of the participating schools are divided up equally into 8 committee-groups. The composition is going to be decided in June 2010 by the project team, the subject drawing will be the 5th of July.

§5 Rights of committee-members

Every single committee-member has a right to speak, a right to file applications and the right to vote, except as limited by other terms of these bylaws.

§6 Committee experts

Every committee will be assigned by a so-called “expert”, who will be at the participants command for consulting and help. The experts, who donated by the partner organisations, are lawyers, political scientists and experts in economics, environmental and social affairs.

§7 List of speakers

7.1. The committee chairmen or the assistants keep a list of speakers.

7.2. The committee members will be given the floor in order of their requests to speak.

7.3. The maximum of speaking time is 3 minutes. It can be changed by a conclusion of the committee.

7.4. Participants will be addressed by name, name of the country and the committee they are representing.

7.5. Particular parts of the resolution will be voted on by hand raising.

§8 The plenum session

Task

The plenum sessions task is to discuss and to decide about the resolution concepts fetched by the committees.

Leadership

The plenum session will be lead by the country representatives. The country representatives of every single continent vote for one speaker. The 3 speakers will establish the presidency of the plenum session.

During the plenum session, all the delegates will deliberate on and vote for the resolutions. Every delegate has one vote. The plenum assembly will work according to an certain and for every resolution discussion obliging schema.

8.1. The presidency will call the committee chairmen and the speakers to read their introducing speech and resolution.

8.2. Invocation for open discussion

8.3. Invocation for changes

8.4. Vote for the changing application

8.5. Vote

8.6. Final speech of country representatives on the project (max. 5 minutes)

Requests to speak

The delegates request to speak with their vote cards. The delegates will be called in common with the represented country and say their name loudly for the protocol before starting their contribution.

Votes

Every delegate has one vote. The committee chairmen collect the committee votes and inform the leadership about it (for example “committee 1 counts 10 pro-votes, no cons and 2 abstentions”)

Applications and resolutions are accepted if there are more pro- than con-votes (relative majority). Abstentions aren't counted as con-votes.

The presidency informs the plenum about the vote result.

§9 Other

9.1. Behaviour

It is estimated that the delegates behave on one's own authority and equitable in their role as a representative of their country. They have to conform with the instructions of the attendant teachers, the project leadership, their committee chairmen and the presidency of the plenum sessions. Smoking and any alcohol is strictly forbidden. In case of malpractice, the participation will be aborted. The delegate has to travel home at his own expense and without any compensation of outlay, just after the information of the parents.

9.2. Clothing

For the opening ceremony and during the plenum sessions, the delegates have to be dressed in a formal way (sack coat or something comparable, no jeans, no trainers/sneakers). In committee sessions, it's allowed to be dress in a more informal way (jeans and trainers/sneakers allowed).

Glossary:

Presidency of plenum session: The country representatives assign for one speaker. The 3 speakers (Africa, Latin America and Europe) form the presidency of plenum session.

Country representative (=Country speaker): presents during the opening of the session week his or her school and city, but above all the country that will be represented by the delegation. They overtake the chairmanship in the plenum session. 3 representatives form

the presidency, which call the committee chairmen and the speakers for their introducing speech as well as for their presentation of resolutions.

Committees: The delegates work out on every task (8 development targets) one resolution concept. Every committee consists of delegates, a chairman, speaker and assistant.

Committee chairman/woman: He or she conducts the committee work and presents the resolutions during the plenum session.

Speaker: holds an introducing speech about the Millennium-development target.

Assistant: helps the chairman/chairwoman with committee work.