

Committee Overview:*Purpose:*

The Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC) is the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly. This committee allows UN members to debate issues of disarmament and security in an environment of equality, in order to take necessary measures for the prevention and/or the reduction of international hostilities and conflict on matters are not discussed by the United Nations Security Council. In the UN Charter, the DISEC Committee is called upon to “consider the general principles of co-operation in the maintenance of international peace and security” (Chapter IV, Article 11).

Members and Voting:

By participating in the DISEC Committee, you will have an exclusive opportunity to participate in the formulation of the global security agenda, contributing to provide recommendations and solutions to various forms of disarmament and security policy related matters.

Powers:

DISEC participates in the formation of the global security agenda, and contributes to provide recommendations and solutions to various forms of disarmament and security policy related matters. This committee does lack the authority to declare war or forcefully impose its recommendations upon other nations or groups. The powers of the First Committee are restricted to those specifically enumerated in Chapter V of the UN Charter, and the committee has the added distinction of representing members of all 192 member states, as well as certain observer groups.

Limitations:

DISEC does not have the power to impose sanctions or permit armed interventions like the Security Council, however it serves as the initial level of discussion for most recent issues in the disarmament and security sphere; thereby giving more liberty to states to fully develop their positions. The First Committee produces resolutions which are non-binding on member states.