



4th Special Political and Decolonization

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WELCOME LETTER TO DELEGATES

Dear Delegates,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 4th Special Political and Decolonization Committee (SPECPOL) of MUNMX Toluca 2026.

As your Chair, we are excited to accompany you throughout this experience and to see the ideas, perspectives, and solutions that each of you will bring to the committee. Model United Nations is not only an opportunity to represent a country, but also a space to develop skills in diplomacy, negotiation, public speaking, critical thinking, and cooperation.

Throughout this committee, we encourage you to approach both topics with an open mind and a willingness to understand perspectives that may differ from your own. Remember that diplomacy is not about having identical opinions, but about finding common ground and working together toward realistic solutions.

Our purpose as your Chair is to guide you through the debate and provide an environment where every delegate feels encouraged to participate, challenge ideas respectfully, and contribute meaningfully to the discussion. We will be here to support you throughout the process, while also challenging you to step outside your comfort zone and make the most of this experience.

We encourage you to prepare thoroughly, question what you know, and, above all, enjoy the process. Your participation and cooperation will be essential in creating a dynamic, respectful, and engaging committee.

We look forward to meeting you and witnessing the discussions, negotiations, and ideas that will shape our committee.

Welcome to SPECPOL. We hope you are ready to debate, negotiate, cooperate, and make your voice heard.

Sincerely,

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ABOUT THE COMMITTEE.

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (SPECPOL) is the Fourth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly. It addresses political and decolonization-related issues, including the remaining questions of decolonization, peacekeeping, special political missions, and international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space. Through multilateral discussion, the committee seeks to promote cooperation and address complex international challenges.

SPECPOL's work is rooted in the principles of the United Nations Charter, particularly international cooperation and the right of peoples to self-determination. The committee has historically played an important role in addressing colonialism and Non-Self-Governing Territories, while also developing international cooperation regarding the peaceful exploration and use of outer space.

One of the committee's areas of work is the development of international norms concerning outer space. The Outer Space Treaty establishes that outer space and celestial bodies cannot be claimed as national territory and that their exploration and use should benefit all countries. It also establishes that States are responsible for supervising the space activities of private entities under their jurisdiction.

For MUNMX Toluca 2026, SPECPOL will address two contemporary issues: the regulation of private entities and resource exploitation in outer space and the Moon, and the regulation of private military and security companies in non-international armed conflicts. Through these topics, delegates will discuss how international cooperation can address emerging challenges while protecting sovereignty, civilians, and the principles of international law.

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Topic A: "Modern colonisation and resource exploitation, searching for the regulation of the actions of private entities and transnational corporations in outer space and the lunar surface."

Since the 20th century, space exploration has advanced significantly, allowing nations and private companies to consider the exploitation of outer space resources. According to Article II of the Outer Space Treaty, outer space, including the Moon and other celestial bodies, cannot be subject to national appropriation. However, permanent economic activity without formally claiming territory has raised concerns about modern colonization.

Private companies now possess much of the technology, funding and infrastructure required for space activities. Article VI of the Outer Space Treaty establishes that States are internationally responsible for the activities of governmental and non-governmental entities and must authorize and supervise private space activities.

Why is it important for SPECPOL?

SPECPOL is central to this topic because resource exploitation could create geopolitical inequality and competition. Resources such as lunar ice water and regolith may become strategically important, while many countries lack the capabilities to access them. The committee can discuss how private space activities should be regulated, how access to resources can remain equitable, and how environmental damage and future geopolitical conflicts can be prevented.

Key questions:

Does the extraction and sale of space resources by private companies constitute appropriation?

Who should benefit from space resources, and how can monopolization be prevented?

Should environmental assessments be required before allowing resource extraction?



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TÓPIC B: "Regulating private military and security companies in non-international armed conflicts, reducing the impact on state sovereignty and civilian safety."

This topic addresses the rapid expansion of Private Military and Security Companies (PMSCs) and their growing role in armed conflicts. Although states and international organizations often hire these companies for logistics, security and risk management, the use of armed contractors creates important legal and ethical challenges, particularly in Non-International Armed Conflicts.

PMSCs can blur the distinction between civilians and combatants, creating concerns about accountability, human rights violations and civilian protection. Their presence may also threaten the sovereignty and stability of fragile states, especially when private interests influence the use of force. Existing frameworks, such as the Montreux Document and the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Providers, rely largely on voluntary compliance and have limited enforcement mechanisms.

Why is it important for SPECPOL?

SPECPOL addresses political, peacekeeping and humanitarian issues that can affect state stability. The committee can discuss how PMSCs should be regulated, how governments can maintain authority over private armed actors, and how international standards could strengthen accountability and civilian protection.

Key Questions:

How should states regulate foreign PMSCs without compromising their sovereignty?

How can transparency and oversight of private security companies be standardized internationally?

How should the UN and host states distinguish legitimate security activities from direct participation in hostilities?



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