

7th Sydney Model Global Parliament 2022



The 7th Sydney Model Global Parliament took place in the Legislative Assembly chamber of the New South Wales Parliament on September 9th 2022, after a hiatus of four years. Thanks to the chief organizers Zeny Edwards and Mai Ni Pham, the MPs for the event were recruited from school students at Hurlstone Agricultural High School, Unity Grammar School, and Penrose High School.

The topics for this year's parliament were climate change, peace and security, and human rights. The event went very well, with motions covering a wide range of global problems, some lively and vigorous debates, and even some oratorical flourishes from time to time! The students all enjoyed the occasion, and gained some valuable experience in standing up and speaking in public, and discussing some of the vital issues of our times.

Committee:

Chief Organizers: Zeny Edwards (President, IGPSG)
Mai Ni Pham (Vice-Principal, Hurlstone Agricultural High School)

Training day organizers

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Motions

A summary of motions discussed on the day and their outcomes follows. A more detailed report of the debates can be found elsewhere.

Session 1: Climate Change

European Union

Motion

Considering the rise in greenhouse gas emissions around the world and its subsequent effect on global sustainability;

Calls on the Global Parliament to engage in

1. The development of low-emission railway networks worldwide, to reduce the emissions from domestic flights;
2. Setting up legal precedents designed to limit environmentally unfriendly actions.

Vote: The motion was **lost** on a show of hands

Pacific Islands Forum

Motion

Noting that climate change is a global obstacle, although Pacific Island countries are particularly being afflicted by the ramifications.

Calls upon the Global Parliament to better regard goal 13 in the Sustainable Development Goals to mitigate the strain that climate change has put upon the Pacific Island Forum.

Vote: The motion was **lost** on a show of hands

Session 2: Peace and Security

Taiwan

Motion

Considering the peace and security of Taiwan is threatened due to the growing aggressive military activity performed by China in the Taiwan strait, implying a globally catastrophic invasion;

Urges the Global Parliament to place military assets and troops in the strait, and promise to impose major trade sanctions on China if they invade Taiwan, in order to prevent any such disaster.

Vote: The motion was **passed** on a show of hands.

UK

Motion

Noting that peace and security risks are at a great height, with rising global prospects and fears of nuclear warfare, withholding the long unresolved ideal of 'ending all wars'.

Urges that international nuclear pacts are consolidated, while new ones are formulated to mitigate the catastrophic potential of nuclear weapons to the peace and security of global citizens and governments.

Vote: The motion was **passed** on a show of hands.

Session 3: Human Rights

Russia

Motion

Noting that the current rise in violence against protestors across the world conjures disturbed global citizens.

Recalling that we all have human rights not only for our own safety but especially for the safety of others while voicing issues we fear.

Calls for violence to be reduced and the Global Parliament to promote measures of safety for protestors.

Vote: The motion was **passed** on a show of hands.

India

Motion

Noting that the caste system divides Hindus into four main categories, and is still operating in rural India;

Recalling that under this system people are labeled 'untouchable' and 'impure', and marriages are arranged according to caste;

Recognizing the right for people to be treated equally regardless of hierarchical status;

Calls upon the global parliament to abolish the caste system in India entirely

Vote: The motion was **passed** on a show of hands.

USA

Motion

Considering that everyone deserves to live without fear of violence and abuse

Recognising that the USA Immigration and Customs Enforcement Act (ICE) separates families, fails to identify and respond to abuses and houses individuals in very poor conditions.

Urges the global parliament to abolish ICE and establish a Task Force of experts who can redesign an immigration procedure for the USA.

Vote: The motion was **passed** on a show of hands.

Philippines

Motion

Acknowledging that national security systems are exploiting their legal powers due to censorship, institutional values, and government corruption, the right to the security of the individual is abrogated.

Requests that the Global Parliament establish a sub-force within the security institution of NATO associates and affected global citizens to implement measures that will prevent future occurrences of arbitrary persecution.

Vote: The motion was **passed** on a show of hands.

ASEAN

Motion

Recognising the 2017 killing of the Muslim Rohingya people and its consequences such as more than 700,000 fleeing refugees, the destruction of villages, and continued racial mistreatment by the Burmese military;

Urges the global parliament to recognise that the identification and prohibition of ethnic cleansing should be a part of international law, and pleads for support from the United Nations.

Vote: The motion was **passed** on a show of hands.