



G-20 Summit





Dear Delegates of the G-20 Leaders Summit,

My name is Pedro Spivakovsky-Gonzalez and I will be your Chair for UCBMUNC 2010. I am a senior at Cal double-majoring in Economics and Political Economy. I have been a member of the UC Berkeley Model United Nations since I came to Berkeley, serving as President my sophomore year. In addition to loving country music and soccer, I have a long-held passion for economics and international affairs.

At a time when complex financial problems have led to worldwide economic troubles, it is extremely important that college students like us understand the role of key international organizations in the global economy. For this reason, I have chosen to chair a 'special' committee at this year's UCBMUNC Conference. As Heads of State in an extraordinary G-20 Leaders summit, delegates will have the opportunity to decide the future of the international economy. Their discussions will determine whether mild recovery from the 2009 economic crisis can generate the critical mass of international cooperation to definitively prevent similar crises in the future.

Please be sure to read over the additional notes included below, concerning the flow of committee, and the reference paper I have provided for your convenience, which outlines the past work of the G-20 as a starting point for your research. I look forward to hearing interesting debates and creative solutions to the problems of the international economy. Good luck on your research, and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. See you in February!

Sincerely,

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Additional Notes

a) Committee information & Research

This 'extraordinary' G-20 summit will be convened in San Francisco on February 25-28, 2010 (at UCBMUNC 2010). Delegates will represent the Heads of State of G-20 nations, which should make discussion a little more interesting and a little less technical than if it were a meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors.

I have provided a description of the G-20 activities over the last decade, which is intended to give delegates a sense of the scope and past work of the G-20. Delegates are requested to do research on their country's economic policies, both nationally and vis-à-vis the G-20. Official documents and communiqués from all previous G-20 summits are easily accessible at <http://www.g20.org>, and delegates are *highly* encouraged to access them before the conference.

b) Delegate 'Position Papers'

The Chair requests the submission of short Position Summaries (no more than 2 pages long) before the conference. This should include a brief description of domestic policy responses to the recent financial and economic crisis, an overview of that country's previous policy positions at the G-20, and the delegation's intended contributions to the February 2010 San Francisco Summit.

c) Debate format

All decisions reached in a G-20 summit are reached by consensus. There are no formal votes or resolutions, but all member states must agree on the final language of the joint communiqué, and also on any other documents emerging from the summit. This means that debate will likely be far more complex than in a regular committee and delegates will get a sense of the many difficulties and frustrations of international cooperation.

Although the chairmanship at a G-20 summit is normally granted to the host country, determined on a rotating basis, in this extraordinary San Francisco summit, I will be the Chair. Enough said. However, I may also participate in the debate, helping to steer discussion and seeking to establish consensus between the G-20 nations. I will explain all this in more detail at the start of committee.

