

HMDC Presents...
DISEC

*Welcome to another episode of HMDC Presents...
Today we will discuss the DISEC committee.*

I am glad we are
starting with the
First Committee of the
General Assembly.

High school student
student delegate,
aprox. 16 years old.

Yes, it is desirable to
begin here because it is a
very important committee.

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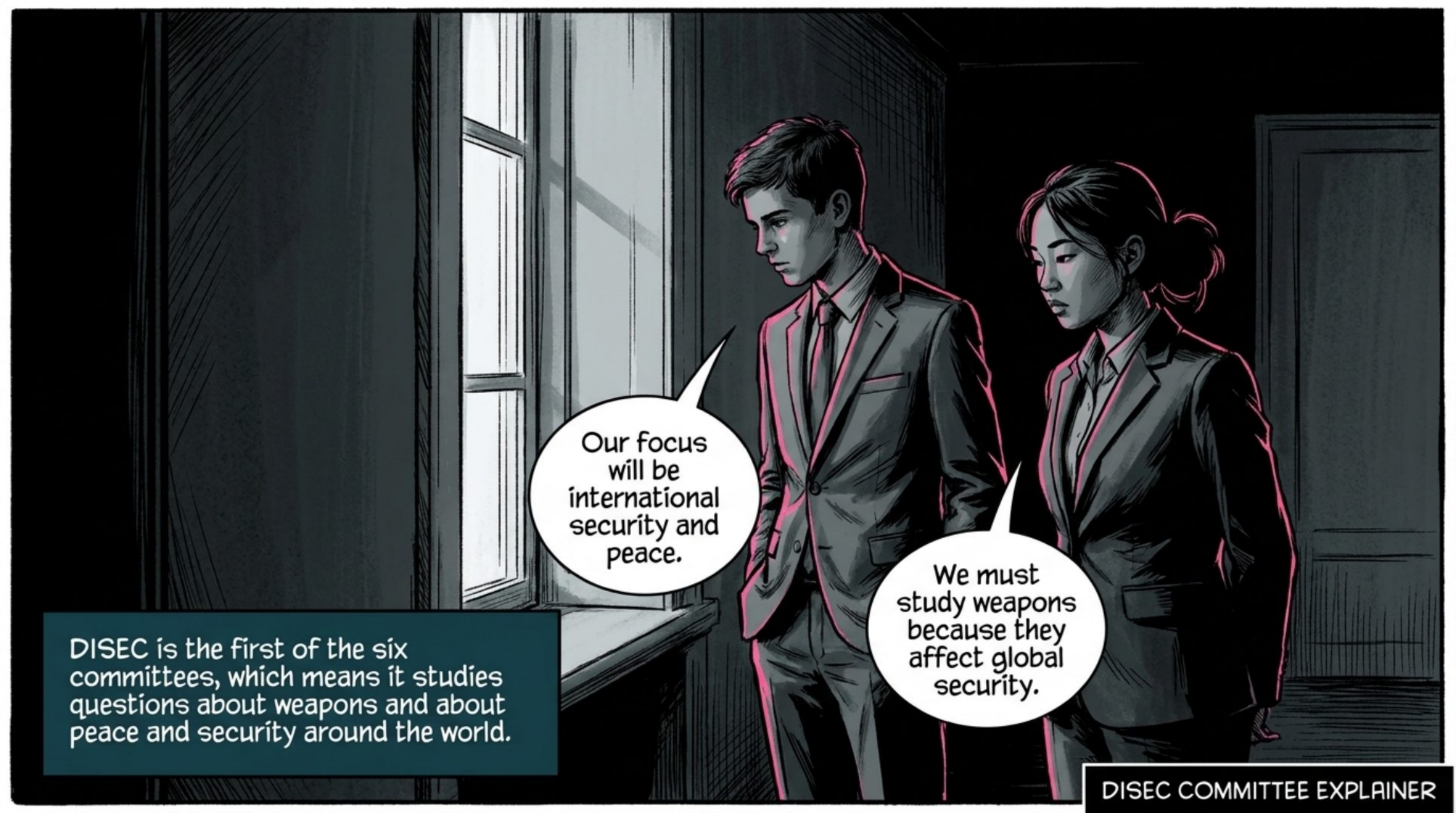
An illustration of the United Nations General Assembly hall. Two young women with dark hair, wearing dark blazers, are seated in the foreground, facing each other. The background shows the large, semi-circular assembly hall with many rows of empty seats and the UN emblem on the wall at the far end. The lighting is dim, with a purple and blue color scheme.

Every country
has a voice in this
room, which makes
it very loud.

It is loud because all
member nations vote
on these issues.

The
General Assembly
divides its work
among six main
committees.

In this room, every
member country
holds a seat and
has one vote.



DISEC is the first of the six committees, which means it studies questions about weapons and about peace and security around the world.

Our focus will be international security and peace.

We must study weapons because they affect global security.



The purpose of DISEC is to help countries lower the danger that comes from weapons, which prevents harm to the international community.

We want to lower the danger of weapons to prevent harm.

This is highly desirable because weapons threaten peace.

The committee looks at nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, conventional firearms, cyber security, and newer technologies such as armed drones and autonomous weapons.



We must discuss cyber security and autonomous weapons today.

We cannot ignore nuclear and chemical weapons, which cause massive harm.

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Trust is
required to reduce
harm across the
world.

Shared rules are
desirable because
they build trust
between nations.

The committee tries to find shared rules that
can reduce harm and build trust between nations,
which helps manage global challenges.

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DISEC works together with the United Nations Disarmament Commission and the Conference on Disarmament that meets in Geneva.

We share our work with the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.

We also work with the United Nations Disarmament Commission.

A comic-style illustration of two women with dark hair, wearing business blouses, looking intently at a laptop screen. The scene is dimly lit, with a blue glow emanating from the laptop screen, which illuminates their faces and the surrounding area. The woman on the left is slightly closer to the viewer than the woman on the right.

Remember that we only make recommendations, which are not laws.

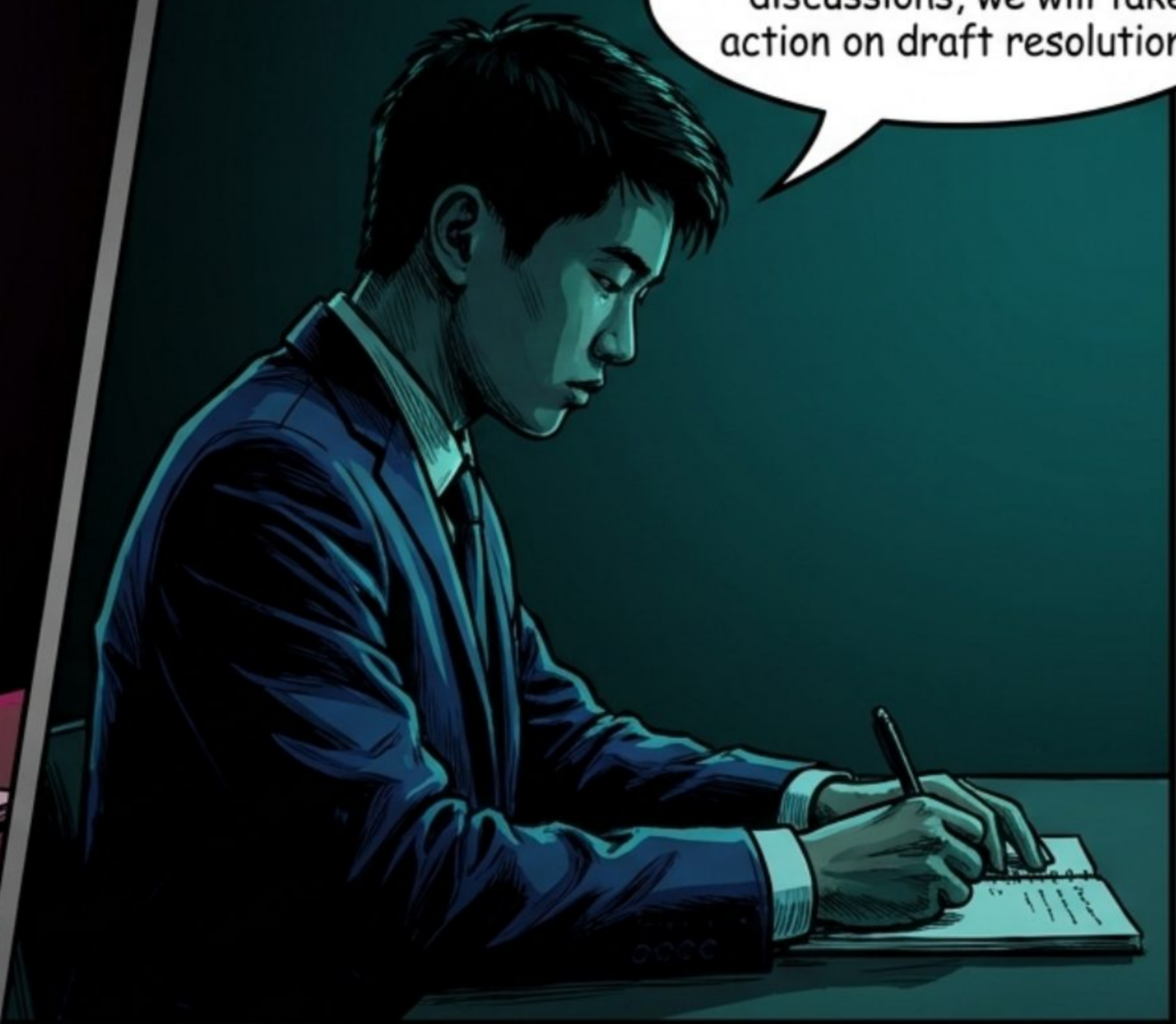
It is important to know that DISEC is a place for discussion. The resolutions it approves are recommendations rather than laws.

That is not incorrect, but our recommendations still carry great weight.



We start with a general debate before we discuss specific topics.

Committee sessions move through three stages, which are a general debate, thematic discussions on particular topics, and action on draft resolutions.



After the thematic discussions, we will take action on draft resolutions.

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A woman with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a dark suit, stands at a wooden podium. She is gesturing with her right hand. In the foreground, the back of an audience member's head and shoulders are visible. The background is a simple grey wall.

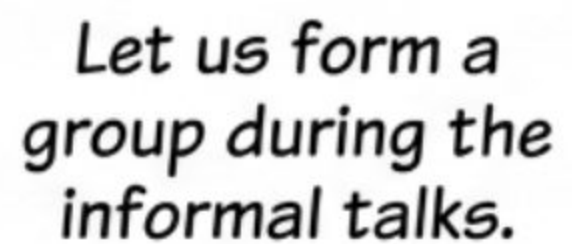
I will give a
speech to explain my
country's position.

I will listen
because I need to
understand your
views.

Delegates represent
assigned countries.
Their task is to
explain their
country's position
and to listen to
other positions
carefully.

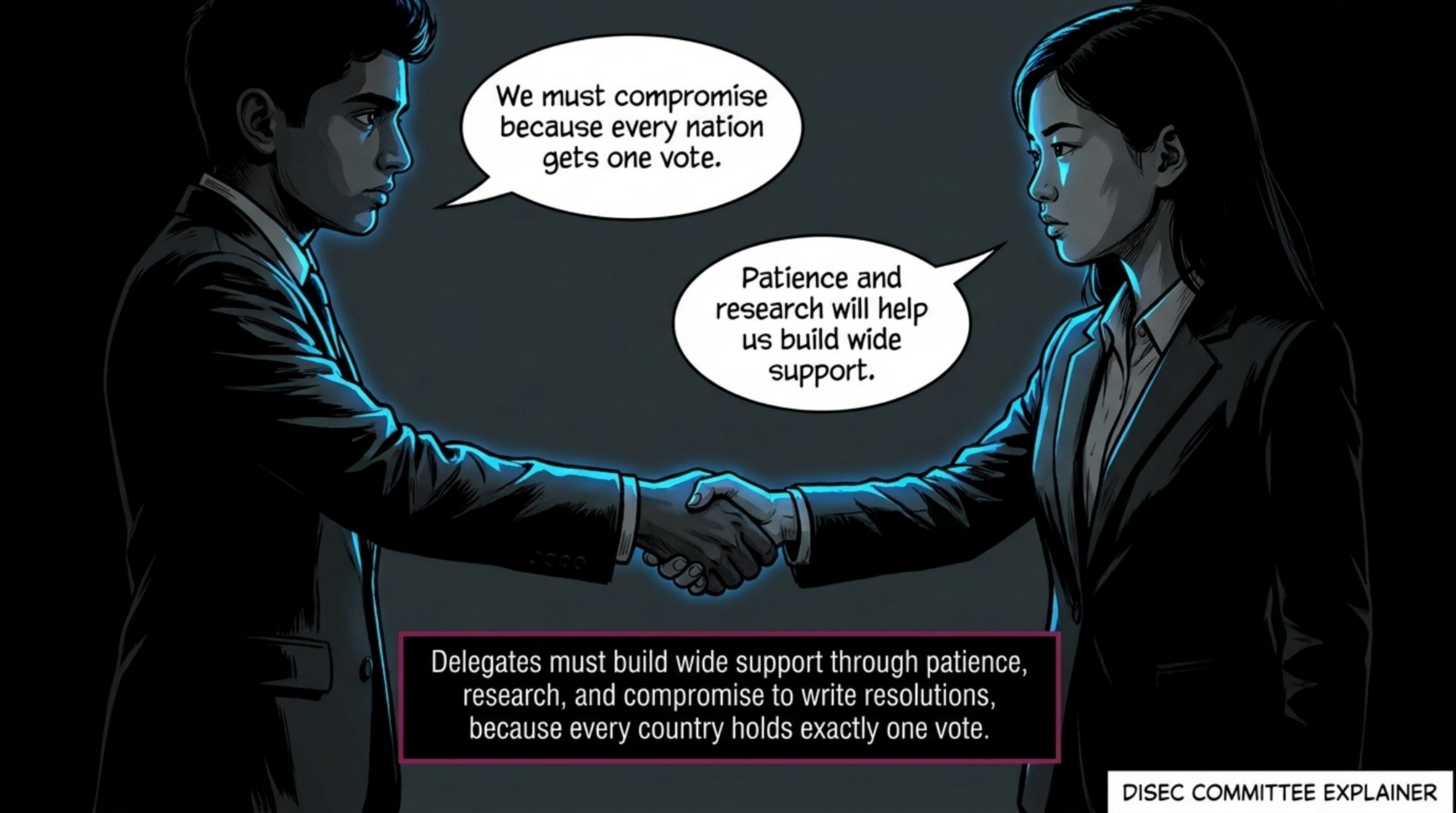
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Delegates join informal talks and form groups with countries that share their views, which helps them reach language that many nations accept.



Let us form a group during the informal talks.

Yes, we can find language that is acceptable to us both.

An illustration of a man and a woman in business attire shaking hands. The man is on the left, wearing a dark suit and tie, looking towards the woman. The woman is on the right, wearing a dark blazer over a light-colored shirt, looking towards the man. Two speech bubbles are positioned between them. The background is a solid dark blue.

We must compromise
because every nation
gets one vote.

Patience and
research will help
us build wide
support.

Delegates must build wide support through patience, research, and compromise to write resolutions, because every country holds exactly one vote.

A comic book style illustration of a woman with short dark hair and glasses, looking slightly to the side with a serious expression. She is wearing a dark blazer. The background is dark with some vertical lines. There are three text boxes: a purple one in the top left, two white speech bubbles, and a white box in the bottom right.

Disarmament:
The act of helping
countries lower
the danger that
comes from
weapons, which
reduces harm to
the world.

Disarmament is
a word we will
hear often.

It simply
means lowering
the danger of
weapons.

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A resolution is a recommendation, which means it is not a law.

Resolution: A written recommendation that gets its power from the number of countries that support it, rather than from legal force.

Wide agreement is desirable because it gives the resolution power.

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What exactly
are thematic
discussions?

They are the talks
where we focus on
particular topics.

Thematic Discussions: The second stage of the committee session where delegates focus their talks on particular topics rather than general ideas.

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We must study
how to create a
realistic plan.

Success is
getting many
governments to sign
that shared plan.

For a delegate,
success means
turning a difficult
problem into a clear,
shared, and realistic
plan that many
governments will
sign.

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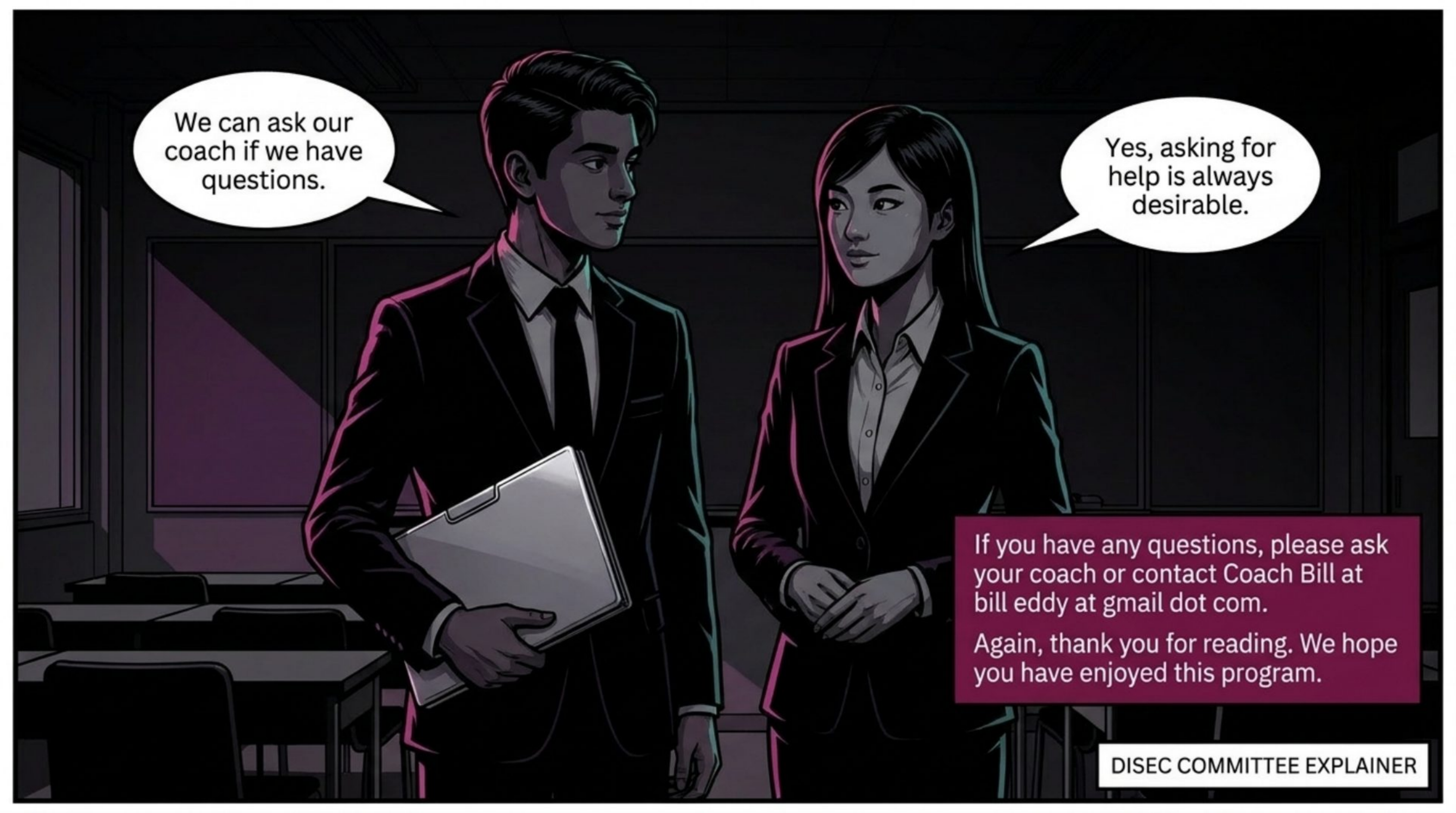
Thank you for reading this episode
of HMDC Presents...

This program is designed to assist our
students in understanding, research,
and preparation for the upcoming
forensics events.

I feel prepared
for the upcoming
events now.

We must continue
our research to be
fully ready.

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We can ask our coach if we have questions.

Yes, asking for help is always desirable.

If you have any questions, please ask your coach or contact Coach Bill at bill eddy at gmail dot com.

Again, thank you for reading. We hope you have enjoyed this program.

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