

2025 MOCK G7 SUMMIT STUDENT WORKBOOK

STUDENT WORKBOOK

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- Working together for the environment
- Building a more peaceful and secure world
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1. OVERVIEW OF THE G7

Concept and proceedings

- The Group of Seven or G7 refers to a group of seven countries1 whose leaders meet informally, once a year. These seven countries are Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States. The European Union is also represented at these meetings and has been since 1977.
- European Union: A voluntary association of 27 European countries in the economic and political fields that focuses on guaranteeing peace in Europe and ensuring economic and social progress.
- For G7 leaders, the objectives of these meetings are to discuss international issues and to come to an agreement on shared commitments related to the host country's targeted themes. Canada was the host country this year.
- Every year, one of the member countries is the president of the group and hosts a two- or three-day meeting in its territory, called the G7 Leaders' Summit. The country that is the president announces major themes that make up the agenda to be addressed over the course of that year.
- To prepare for the annual summit, the host country holds preparatory meetings with advisers from each government, as well as ministerial meetings, prior to the summit.
- At the end of the meetings, the G7 often issues a final statement summarizing the countries' commitments related to the themes that were discussed. The decisions outlined in this joint statement are made consensually, so all of all the members have agreed on them.
- During G7 summits, non-G7 countries and international organizations are invited to join in some of the discussions.

Creation of the G7

In 1973 and 1974, informal meetings, referred to as the G4 and G5, were held between the finance ministers of 5 countries: France, Japan, the United States, the United Kingdom and West Germany.

- The first "official" meeting was the initiative of French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in 1975 and German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. Noting the success of the previous meetings between finance ministers, they wanted to hold similar meetings between leaders so they could discuss major global economic issues.
- Originally, these informal meetings were held to lessen the effects of the economic crisis caused by the oil shock of the 1970s and were designed as a venue to discuss economic policy.

¹ The phrases "countries with the most advanced economies," "most industrialized countries," "most powerful countries" and "most developed countries" are often used to describe the G7 countries.

Topics Discussed

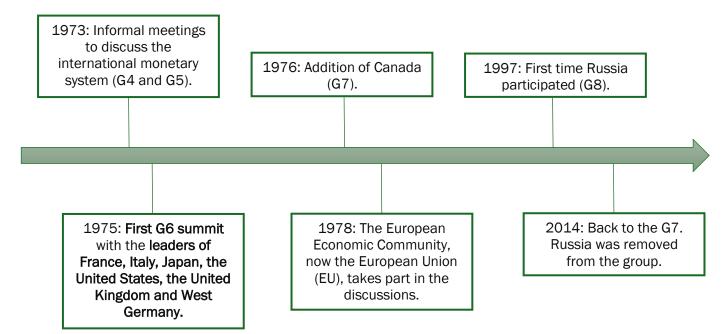
- The G7 was initially designed to be a **forum for diplomatic economic discussions** aimed at addressing **economic and monetary policy issues**.
- Over the years, the themes discussed have diversified to include security, immigration, climate change and development assistance, among others.

Mock G7 Themes

For the Student Mock G7 Summit, the themes will be the following:

- Preparing for jobs of the future in the global context
- Working together for the environment
- Building a more peaceful and secure world

Chronology (Summit Timeline)



G7, G8, G20... What's the difference?

- The G7 is the Group of Seven countries, plus the European Union.
- The G8 is the G7 countries plus Russia. This group formally existed from 1998 to 2014.
- The G20 was created in 1999 to bring together the finance ministers of 19 countries plus the European Union. Since 2008, it has been these countries' leaders who meet to address issues related to the financial crisis that affects them:

Argentina Australia Brazil

Canada China European Union

France Germany India Indonesia Italy Japan

MexicoRussiaSaudi ArabiaSouth AfricaRepublic of KoreaTürkiye

United Kingdom United States of America

Canada's Place

- Canada joined the G7 in 1976.
- It has already hosted the G7 Leaders' Summit seven times:
 - o In 1981 (Montebello, Quebec/Ottawa, Ontario)
 - o In 1988 (Toronto, Ontario)
 - o In 1995 (Halifax, Nova Scotia)
 - o In 2002 (Kananaskis, Alberta)
 - o In 2010 (Muskoka, Ontario) and a G20 meeting was held in Toronto that same year
 - o In 2018 (Charlevoix, Quebec)
 - o In 2025 (Kananaskis, Alberta)
- Canada holds the Presidency of the G7 from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. The
 highlight of this presidency was the G7 Leaders' Summit, which took place from June 15 to
 17 in Kananaskis, Alberta.
- This year also marks the 50th year since the first G7 meeting hosted by France in 1975.
 For 50 years, the G7 has played an important role in raising global awareness, fostering collaboration, and promoting international action to address the most pressing challenges of the day.

Ask your teacher for Activity Sheet 1, which asks questions about different aspects of the G7.

Use the *For more information* section at the end of the workbook, as well as your own research, for help.

2. G7 STAKEHOLDERS

BRAINSTORMING ACTIVITY: The G7 and you

Your teacher will ask you to think about the various roles played by the stakeholders taking part in the G7. Here is a list of people who work to make the summit a success. Which role(s) can you see yourself in?

The Leaders (role that the student can play during the simulation)

The leaders of the seven member countries are the G7 Summit's main stakeholders. Depending on how each country's government is made up, it is either the head of state or the head of government who represents the country at G7 summits.

The Ministers (role that the student can play during the simulation)

Finance and foreign affairs ministers also take part in the G7, often in the context of the preparatory meetings. Based on the themes chosen, other ministers may also attend the Summit or be involved in its preparation. For example, every year in the lead-up to the G7 Summit, environment ministers (since 1994) and labour ministers (since 1996) have taken part in ministerial meetings.

- G7 **employment and innovation ministers** will meet under the theme of preparing for jobs of the future in the global context
- G7 **foreign affairs and security ministers** will meet under the theme of *building a more* peaceful and secure world
- G7 **environment and energy ministers** will meet under the theme of working together for the environment

The Sherpas (role that the student can play during the simulation)

The term "sherpa" refers to the personal representative of each G7 leader. Every year, in preparation for and during the summit, the sherpas for all the countries meet on a regular basis to agree on the agenda, how the summit will be organized and the final statement. They also

meet after the summit for an update on how the announced commitments are being implemented. This year, the sherpas are meeting four times before the summit.

The sherpa for the host country is responsible for organizing and planning the event, the budget, logistics, collaboration between the different countries, communication and G7 awareness raising.

The Expert (role that the student can play during the simulation)

Expert and working groups made up of representatives from each country, and whose areas of expertise correspond with each of the chosen themes, also meet before and after the summits. For example, the Lyon Group on International Crime was created during the 1996 summit. During Italy's 2017 G7 Presidency, the Lyon Group's objective was to formulate strategies to combat terrorism and transnational crime. One of the topics discussed was dialogue between religious communities to eliminate the negative impacts of socio-economic exclusion. The experts also hold discussions with civil society organizations to hear their recommendations.

Additional Roles in a G7 Summit

The European Union

The European Union is a full member of the G7. The President of the European Commission has attended the G7 Summit since 1977 and the President of the European Council has attended since 1982. Although the European Union takes part in the G7 Summit every year (and has a sherpa and a delegation), it does not host summits itself.

Invited Countries

Every year, the G7 invites other countries and organizations to attend the Summit. For example, the African Union, Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, India, Jordan, Kenya, Mauritania, Tunisia, Türkiye, United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, the Vatican, and seven other countries were invited to the 2024 G7 in Apulia, Italy. The invited countries are usually chosen based on the themes to be addressed.

International Organizations

Many international organizations attend G7-related activities, including:

- The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- The World Bank
- The United Nations (UN)
- The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
- The World Trade Organization (WTO)

The Media

- The media are key G7 stakeholders. They keep the public informed on the Summit's progress.
- Only a few hundred journalists attended the first summit in 1975, but today, the G7 Summits are attended by thousands. This year, the International Media Centre was located at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. Although the Summit is taking place in Kananaskis, sound, videos and images will be captured and broadcast in real time to the journalists in the town of Banff.

Civil Society

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- **G7 engagement groups** are independent, non-government bodies that provide annual recommendations to the G7. They are the Business 7, Civil Society 7, Labour 7, Science 7, Think 7, Women 7 and Youth 7. These groups help ensure that G7 discussions are well-informed and consider the perspectives of diverse stakeholders. They often hold their own meetings in the months leading up to the G7 Leaders' Summit and issue communiqués.
- The G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council (GEAC) is an independent advisory body that provides recommendations on gender equality to G7 leaders and ministers. The council brings together a diverse group of gender equality experts, including academics, activists, businesspeople and policymakers, to ensure a broad and inclusive approach to gender equality. It was established by Canada during its 2018 G7 presidency.
- Researchers and professors from the academic community are sometimes consulted when the G7 agenda is being developed. They can also play an informal role in the G7 by holding side events or by speaking with the media.

Note:

Note: You are also affected by the G7, which held its summit in Kananaskis this year. You are warmly invited to take an interest and to talk about it with those around you. But the first step in getting involved is to learn about how it works and the challenges it faces!

https://g7.canada.ca/en/

My role in the simulation (leader, Sherpa, minister or expert):
I could see myself playing the role of:
Because:
What is/are my greatest strength(s)? What would I bring to my team (delegation)?

3. G7 MEMBERS

With the help of your teacher, the *For more information* section of this workbook and your own research, fill in the missing information in the following 7 tables.

FACTS ABOUT GERMANY

General information

Leader/Head of State			
Capital			
Population			
Official language(s)			
Area			
Population density			
Employment by gender			
Human development index			
Political system			
2018		2025	
Parliamentary system ²			
Economy			
Where does it rank inas a global economy?			
Annual GDP growth			
Main trading partners			

² In a parliamentary system, the government, which holds executive power, can be overthrown by the parliament, to which it is politically accountable. Government members are not elected but come from the parliamentary majority to which they owe their power.

2018	2025
Sixth most CO2-emitting country (2016 data)	
Litres of water used per capita in 2014 – 1,321 litres (1% is used for agriculture).	
Germany produces 2.56% of global greenhouse gas emissions.	
Germany is the second-largest producer of electricity from biomass.	

Other relevant information

2018	2025
It is the third-largest export economy in the world.	
Its main exports are cars (11.4%), vehicle parts, packaged medicines, aircraft, helicopters and spacecraft.	
Its main imports are cars, vehicle parts, crude oil production and packaged medicines.	
Its main export destinations are the United States, France, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and China.	
Its main import sources are the Netherlands, France, Belgium, China and Italy.	

Using the For more information section (at the end of the notebook) and your own research, find out what Germany's current challenges are.

FACTS ABOUT CANADA

General information

Leader/Head of State	
Capital	
Population	
Official language(s)	
Area	
Population density	
Employment by gender	
Human development index	
Political system	
2018	2025
Constitutional monarchy, parliamentary system	

Economy

Where does it rank as a global economy?	
Annual GDP growth	
Main trading partners	

2018	2025
10th most CO2-emitting country (2016 data)	
Litres of water used per capita in 2014 litres (20% is used for industry). Water covers _ % of its area.	
Canada produces % of global greenhouse gas emissions.	
Canada has a federal sustainable development strategy.	

Other relevant information

2018	2025
It is the 12th-largest export economy in the world.	
Its main exports are cars, crude oil production, gold and vehicle parts.	
Its main imports are cars, vehicle parts, delivery trucks, refined oils and crude oil production.	
Its main export destinations are the United States, China, the United Kingdom, Japan and Mexico.	
Its main import sources are the United States, China, Germany, Mexico and Japan.	

Using the For more information section (at the end of the notebook) and your own research, find out what Canada's current challenges are.

FACTS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES

General information

Leader/Head of State		
Capital		
Population		
Official language(s)		
Area		
Population density		
Employment by gender		
Human development index		
Political system		
2018	2025	
Presidential system		
Economy		
Where does it rank as a		
global economy?		
Annual GDP growth		
Main trading partners		

2018	2025
Most CO2-emitting country (2016 data)	
Litres of water used per capita in 2014 - 8,846 litres (2.2% of its area is covered in water)	
The United States produces % of global greenhouse gas emissions.	
The United States produces% of the world's total electricity from biomass. It is the world's largest producer of bioethanol.	

Other relevant information

2018	2025
It is the second-largest export economy in the world.	
Its main exports are refined oils, cars, vehicle parts and integrated circuits.	
Its main imports are cars, crude oil production, computers and packaged medicines.	
Its main export destinations are Canada, Mexico, China, Japan and the United Kingdom.	
Its main import sources are China, Mexico, Canada, Japan and Germany.	

Using the For more information section (at the end of the notebook) and your own research, find out what the United States' current challenges are.

FACTS ABOUT FRANCE

General information

Leader/Head of State	
Capital	
Population	
Official language(s)	
Area	
Population density	
Employment by gender	
Human development index	

2018	2025
Semi-presidential system	

Economy

Where does it rank as a global economy?	
Annual GDP growth	
Main trading partners	

2018	2025
19th most CO2-emitting country (2016 data)	
Litres of water used per capita in 2014 - 3,015 litres. Water covers 0.26% of its area.	
France produces 1.34% of global greenhouse gas emissions. There are a variety of postgraduate courses on sustainable development offered in France; these courses are internationally recognized.	

Other relevant information

2018	2025
Its main exports are aircraft, helicopters, spacecraft engines (representing 9.3% of total exports), packaged medicines (representing 4.67% of total exports), cars and vehicle parts.	
Its main imports are cars (5.86% of imports), crude oil production (3.31% of imports), aircraft parts, refined oils and packaged medicines.	
Its main export destinations are Germany, Spain, the United States, Italy and the United Kingdom.	
Its main import sources are Germany, Belgium, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands.	

Using the For more information section (at the end of the notebook) and your own research, find out what France's current challenges are.



General information

Leader/Head of State			
Capital			
Population			
Official language(s)			
Area			
Population density			
Employment by gender			
Human development index			
Political system			
2018		2025	
Parliamentary system			
Economy			
Where does it rank as a			
global economy?			
Annual GDP growth			
Main trading partners			

2018	2025
Litres of water used per capita in 2014 - 3,002 litres. Water covers 3.4% of its area.	
Italy produces 1.18% of global greenhouse gas emissions.	
Italy is approving a national sustainable development strategy and is introducing well-being indicators into its economic planning.	

Other relevant information

2018	2025
It is the eighth-largest export economy in the world.	
Its main exports are packaged medicines, cars, vehicle parts, and refined oils.	
Its main imports are cars, crude oil production, packaged medicines, petroleum gas and vehicle parts.	
Its main export destinations are Germany, France, the United States, the United Kingdom and Spain.	
Its main import sources are Germany, France, China, Spain and Belgium.	

Using the For more information section (at the end of the notebook) and your own research, find out what Italy's current challenges are.

FACTS ABOUT JAPAN

General information

Leader/Head of State			
Capital			
Population			
Official language(s)			
Area			
Population density			
Employment by gender			
Human development index			
Political system			
2018		2025	
Constitutional monarchy, parliam system	nentary		
Economy			
Where does it rank as a global economy?			
Annual GDP growth			
Main trading partners			

2018	2025
Fifth most CO2-emitting country (2016 data)	
Litres of water used per capita in 2014 - 3,015 litres. Water covers 1.7% of its area.	
Japan produces 3.79% of global greenhouse gas emissions. It encourages companies to develop innovations in the areas of construction, waste and sanitation.	

Other relevant information

2018	2025
It is the fourth-largest export economy in the world.	
Its main exports are cars, vehicle parts, integrated circuits and cargo ships.	
Its main imports are crude oil production, petroleum gas, packaged medicines, computers and charcoal briquettes.	
Its main export destinations are the United States, China, South Korea, Hong Kong and Thailand.	
Its main import sources are China, the United States, South Korea, Germany and Australia.	

Using the For more information section (at the end of the notebook) and your own research, find out what Japan's current challenges are.

FACTS ABOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM

General information

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Leader/Head of State			
Capital			
Population			
Official language(s)			
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Employment by gender			
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Human development index			
Political system			
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Economy			
Where does it rank as a			
global economy?			
Annual GDP growth			
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Main trading partners			

2018	2025
17th most CO2-emitting country (2016 data)	
Litres of water used per capita in 2014 - 2,244 litres. Water covers 1.3% of its area.	
The United Kingdom produces 1.55% of global greenhouse gas emissions.	

Other relevant information

2018	2025
It is the 10th-largest export economy in the world.	
Its main exports are cars, packaged medicines, gas turbines, gold and aircraft parts.	
Its main imports are gold, cars, packaged medicines, gas turbines and vehicle parts.	
Its main export destinations are the United States, Germany, France, the Netherlands and Ireland.	
Its main import sources are Germany, China, the United States, the Netherlands and Belgium.	

Using the For more information section (at the end of the notebook) and your own research, find out what the United Kingdom's current challenges are.

FACTS ABOUT THE EUROPEAN UNION

General information

Leader/Head of State	European Council:	
	European Commission:	
Capital		
Population		
Official language(s)		
Area		
Population density		
Employment by gender		
Human development index		
Political system		
2018		2025
Political and economic association of 28 countries		
Economy		
Where does itth rank in as a global economy?		
Annual GDP growth		
Main trading partners		

2018	2025
The European Union produces 9% of global greenhouse gas emissions (2015).	
The European Union has adopted a European strategy for sustainable development.	

Using the For more information section (at the end of the notebook) and your own research, find out what the European Union's current challenges are.

RESEARCH AVENUES BY MOCK G7 SUMMIT THEME

Preparing for jobs of the future in the global context

- Access to the job market and non-discrimination
- Demographic changes and migration
- Basic human rights related to work (freedom of association, decent wages, nondiscrimination, social protection, etc.)
- Presence of women and youth on the job market
- Pay equity between women and men
- Public and private investment for job creation
- Research and development by companies to foster innovation and its integration into the job market
- Education system and continuing education
- New technologies and their impact on the environment and workers: increased productivity vs. job losses in some sectors
- Artificial intelligence: develop, retain and attract talent
- International market competition
- Underground economy and informal economy

Working together for the environment

- Promotion and development of renewable energy
- Protecting the oceans
- Sustainable development-related jobs and economy
- Protection of threatened species
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Migration flows related to climate migrants
- Women's leadership in clean energy
- Issues related to the security of the Pacific Islands

Building a more peaceful and secure world

- Maintenance and consolidation of peace after armed conflicts
- Diplomacy and mediation
- Armed conflicts between countries and within countries
- Terrorism and national security (online radicalization and Internet regulation)
- Major human rights violations
- International criminal justice and transnational justice (transition between war and return to peace)
- State security and human security: poverty, climate change and other issues as threats to human security
- The nuclear threat

- The territorial independence of states and the principles of non-intervention and nonaggression
- Migrants and refugees
- Weapons proliferation, including nuclear weapons
- Meaningful participation of women in conflict prevention and resolution
- Sexual violence in conflict zones: women and girls and disproportionately affected

FOR MORE INFORMATION

General information about the G7

2025

Global Affairs Canada, "Canada and the G7 2025": https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLI-XuG0q34g37ZgnVPvQvmllgz-I7wJj3 [playlist]

2018

Global Affairs Canada, "Behind the Scenes of the G7": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mu-qc0l0lWY [several episodes]

Global Affairs Canada, "What is the G7?":

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DN_6tBKacoY&list=PLI-XuG0q34g1gVhFC-QUBP2U-nLWQqXX&index=78

Resources to develop your delegation's position

- The United Nations (UN)
- The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- The World Bank
- The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
- The World Trade Organization (WTO)
- The London School of Economics and Political Science
- The Central Intelligence Agency
- Wikipedia
- News platforms
- Past G7, G8 and G20 Summits publications and websites

2025 MOCK G7 SUMMIT DELEGATION NOTEBOOK

Student name:	
School:	
Role:	

This notebook contains the information needed to prepare for the Mock G7 Summit, as well as a description of the tasks to be performed.

Before you start

The goal of the Mock Summit is to give you a G7 experience and to help you discover the inner workings of such international events. The intent is for you to put yourself in the shoes of one of the participating delegations. Although the Mock G7 Summit is a pared-down version of a G7 Summit, it will give you an idea of how the event unfolds.

To ensure that everyone gets the most out of the Mock G7 Summit, here are a few tips:

- You are encouraged to follow an appropriate dress code.
- The more involved you are, the more fun you will have.
- Follow the instructions given by the facilitator and the organizing committee.
- Respect your speaking time and the speaking time of others.

THE DELEGATION

Your delegation is responsible for representing the interests of the government and the people in discussions with other delegations.

Your Roles Within the Delegation

Each delegation is made up of the following:

- 1 leader or head of state
- 1 Sherpa
- 1 minister and 3-4 experts on Preparing for jobs of the future in the global context
- 1 minister and 3-4 experts on Working together for the environment
- 1 minister and 3-4 experts on Building a more peaceful and secure world

Below are descriptions of each of the roles (these are broad descriptions; refer to the mandate chart and the agenda to determine all the work to be done in advance of, as well as during, the mock summit):

Leader/Head of State

Represents their country and its people. They engage in discussions with the other leaders on issues affecting their state and its interests. They must also address the media by delivering speeches at the beginning and end of the G7 Summit, using a sophisticated vocabulary and displaying exemplary decorum, to maintain diplomatic relations with the other states present at the Summit.

Sherpa

They are the personal representative of the head of state or government. They advocate for the position of the leader of their country. They negotiate with the other sherpas to reach a consensus on the commitments made by all states. They also help draft the final communiqué.

Minister

A minister is a politician who heads a ministry or department, making and implementing decisions on policies in conjunction with the other ministers. They will be called upon to present on the priorities decided on with their fellow G7 ministers. They meet with other G7 ministers to discuss issues pertaining to their portfolio:

- G7 employment and innovation ministers will meet under the theme of Preparing for jobs of the future;
- G7 foreign affairs and security ministers will meet under the theme of Building a more peaceful and secure world:
- G7 environment and energy ministers will meet under the theme of Working together for the environment.

Expert

As the name suggests, this person is very familiar with the issues related to the subject matter for which they have developed expertise. They must be able to express the positions of the state they represent during meetings and in speeches they deliver or help draft. In addition, they must be able to negotiate with experts from other delegations to reach consensus on joint commitments.

Getting Ready

Role	Tasks in advance of the Mock G7 Summit
Leader/Head of State	Think about your strategy (research the issues you need to discuss) to convince the other leaders. Coordinate with your Sherpa, who is your ally.
	Research the subjects and, with the help of your Sherpa, prepare a two-minute speech on your position (to be read at the start of the meeting).
Sherpa	Help prepare a two-minute opening speech on presenting your country's broad vision in the context of the G7. This speech will be read by your country's leader.
Ministers and Experts	In teams of 3-4 experts and minister per theme, prepare a two-minute speech on your country's vision and priorities for your theme. To do this, use the G7 fact sheets and the For more information section included in this document.
	The lead minister for each theme will deliver the speech at the meeting.
	*** Write a summary of the arguments used to develop your speech in the form of notes. This will help you write a communiqué at the end of the day.

Get to know the subjects so you can explore them in greater depth!

Important note for Ministers and Experts

Using the documents from Phase I, web sources and your own research, write a two-minute speech and identify 5 to 10 strong arguments for each subject. You will present your work during the discussion with the other experts and ministers.

- Preparing for jobs of the future in the global context.
- Working together for the environment.
- Building a more peaceful and secure world.

This educational workbook was developed as a guide for students to prepare for their participation in the 2025 Mock G7 Summit on May 15, 2025. It was based on the workbook developed in 2018 by Claire Magnoux and Camille Marquis-Bissonnette (in close collaboration with Aurore Ménard and Nathalie Potvin) for the Model G7 of that year. The 2025 version was adapted by Alexandra Raymond for Global Affairs Canada's Summits Management Office, under the supervision of Catherine Gohier and Christopher Robinson. Presented to the public in April 2025.