

# Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly Committees

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# Rule 1: Scope

The rules included in this guideline apply to General Assembly Committees. Each rule is valid and will be applied during the Conference if there is not a change by the Secretariat. Any kind of amendment will be announced and adopted by the Secretariat before the session commences. If a rule which has not been mentioned among the Rules of Procedure is essential for a specific incident, the Committee Chair will inform the members of the Conference. For committees in the Specialized Agencies, the Committee Chair will be making the necessary arrangements. These rules will be in order until the Chair announces specific modifications.



# Rule 2: Language

The official language of HaydarpaşaMUN'22 is English. All of the delegates are expected to use this language during the conference. In case a delegate uses a language other than English during any circumstance at the secessions such as in their papers, GSL speeches or while making a point of information, it will not be accepted by the committee staff and the delegate will be expected to make a relevant translation or recession.



# Rule 3: Representation

Members in a conference represent the delegates of appointed countries and they are expected to proceed in this way. All the members have one right to vote as the delegates of the countries they are given.



# Rule 4: Credentials

All delegates have certain rights which they obtain by an approved registration. They will have to need permission from the Secretary-General to acquire any kind of privilege. Otherwise, they will have the same fundamental rights as the other delegates. Each and every delegate will be given the same rights unless some extremities that may have occurred. In such cases, the delegate will have temporary rights until the Secretary-General decides on what to do.



# Rule 5: Mandate of the Secretariat

The Committee Staff consists of the President and the Vice President which are the Student Officers as well as Academic Assistants and Crisis Members. The Chair is responsible to follow the Rules of Procedure and check its appliance throughout the sessions. They can grant any kind of point of information, the point of orders and any kind of motions. They have the right to control and change the time of the session; meaning that they can interrupt the session to grant a guest or any kind of visitors.



# Rule 6: General Powers of the Committee Staff

They can check if the rules are followed by the delegates and if not, they have the right to impose sanctions. During the session, they have the right to check up on the delegates during unmoderated caucuses. If needed, the Chair can temporarily transfer his or her duties to another member of the Committee Staff. The President and the Vice President share the duties of the Committee, also they can hand over the control of the session to each other any time they want. Further, the Chair is responsible for any sort of incidents that happen during the session. They have to be subject to these rules and responsible to the Secretary-General.



# Rule 7: Quorum

Quorum is the minimum number of delegates that are needed for the conference to commence. The Quorum needed to be met in our conference is at least two thirds of the committee, in other words super majority. However, regarding the Security Council all P5 members must be present. In order to resolve the issues that are tackled in the Conference, the Quorum should be met.





# Rule 8: Courtesy

Delegates are expected to respect the Committee Staff and the rights of the other delegates. If there is a case when any kind of abuse or disrespect occurs, the Chair will be immediately alerted and every necessary sanctions such as academic warnings will be taken by the Secretariat.



# Rule 9: Dress Code

All delegates are expected to dress relevantly which is the Western Business Attire. Other than that denim pants, pleated skirts, too short dresses and skirts, overly patterned shirts, shorts for men, sweatshirts, low-cut garments are strictly out of order. Delegates may wear historically proper costumes in order to represent their countries.



# Rule 10: Delegate Conduct

All delegations are cautioned that there will be no tolerance shown to the delegates with improper and abhorrent acts against other delegations. Besides, neither speech nor comment should contain any accusation or slurs that are directed to other delegations. In such cases, the offended delegations are advised to consult the Chair before taking any action.



# Rule 11: Electronic Devices

Delegates are not allowed to use any electronic devices during the sessions except unmoderated caucuses in order to text, search or read. Message papers shall be used in case of communicating with other delegates or chairboard. Message papers shall only be written in English.



# Rule 12: Absences

In a case of absence for any delegate, they will be continued to be considered as absent until a related note is sent to the Chairboard. Their time will be automatically yielded to the chair and the debate will not be unabated. In order to get a certificate, the delegates must not miss more than two sessions. Any delegate who misses more than half of a session will be considered as absent regardless whether they send a message to the presidency via administrators.



# Rule 13: Debate Mode

A motion to commence debate follows the setting of the agenda. This is a non-debatable motion that requires only a simple majority to pass. If a motion to open discussion is approved, a new, continuous Speakers List is created, which is used to conduct general debate. Except when overridden by procedural motions, amendments, or the introduction of a draft resolution, this Speakers List will determine the order of speakers for the debate on the Topic Area. Speakers may speak about the Topic Area in general, as well as any working paper or draft resolution that is currently being considered on the floor. Once introduced, a draft resolution remains on the floor and may be debated until it fails, the Committee postpones debate, or the Committee goes on to the next Topic Area.



# Rule 14: Lobbying

Lobbying session is similar to the unmoderated caucus in the Harvard MUN procedure where delegates are given free time to work on their draft resolutions. During this time they may leave their seats and talk without the moderation of the chair board, but according to the rules of a formal session. Speaking English during lobbying sessions are mandatory. In these times, delegates are expected to conclude their papers and choose their submitters of the paper.



# Rule 15: Right of Reply

Any delegate who believes that their personal or national rectitude or honor is impugned or contravened by another delegate may submit a request for a Right of Reply by writing to the committee chair as a matter of course with their reason. After that, the decision whether to accept it or decline is fully upon the chair's discretion and if a delegate is granted, he or she may come to the floor and deliver their reply speech.





# Points

# Rule 16: Point of Personal Privilege

A point that expresses the disturbance of a delegation personally and physically to the chair board for requisition for it to be replaced or fixed. The most common usage of this point is when a speaker is not hearable; the respective delegate may raise this type of point concerning audibility. This is the only point of information that may interrupt a speaker. Please keep in mind that points always have priority over motions being points of privilege in the highest rank.



# Rule 17: Point of Order

This point is used when a delegate believes the chair is mistaken regarding procedural matters. Example given, if the chair forgot to express the number of speakers upon an amendment for in favor and against speeches, this point may be raised. Though, it cannot interrupt a speaker.



# Rule 18: Point of Parliamentary Inquiry

A point of Parliamentary Inquiry may be raised to ask a question to the Chairboard regarding the Rules of Procedure. Notice that it may never interrupt a speaker since it is more like a general issue. Delegates who have a question concerning the implementation of the Rules of Procedure may also write a message paper to the chair board in order to be informed about the ruling without interrupting the flow of the debate.



# Rule 19: Point of Information to Chair / to a Delegate

These points are not limited to any matter such as the point of order or the point of parliamentary inquiry as long as it is rather irrelevant to the current status quo concerning the issue on the agenda or the committee proceedings. Delegates should notice that the point of information directed to a delegate is only in order to ask questions upon their speech if they open themselves for any points of information.



# Motions

# Rule 20: Motion to reconsider a Resolution

During debating resolutions, some of them might be objected. This motion is used when a delegate wishes to come back to a past-resolution which is worth discussing again, especially if there is no pending resolution. It requires a supermajority ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) to be adopted.



# Rule 21: Motion to divide the house

In the process of voting if the results are adjacent, this motion allows the delegates to state their opinions individually through creating a transparent voting procedure, by roll call. The names are read out alphabetically and each delegate shall say 'yes' and 'no'. In the case of dividing the house, abstentions are not in order in HaydarpaşaMUN'22. This motion can pass if the chairboard finds it necessary, voting is not required.





# Rule 22: Motion to divide the question:

A delegate may motion that the operative elements of a draft resolution be voted on separately once debate on any item has ended. The split of the question does not affect perambulatory or sub-operative clauses. First, a move to divide the question in general (or to divide it at all) is appropriate. After then, a vote will be taken on whether or not to divide the question at all. The motion can be debated up to two speakers for and two speakers against, with an immediate procedural vote on the motion. The Chair will consider motions on how to divide the question and prioritize them from most severe to least severe if the motion achieves the simple majority required to pass. If the motion fails, the voting procedure will continue, and there will be no more moves to divide the question.



# Rule 22: Motion to divide the question:

Following that, the Committee will vote on the motions in the order in which they were presented by the Chair. The resolution remains intact if no division passes. Once a division has been approved by a simple majority, the draft resolution will be divided into parts, with each divided component receiving a separate procedural vote to determine whether it will be included in the final draft resolution. The draft resolution shall be regarded as rejected as a whole if all of the operational portions of the substantive proposal are rejected. Parts of the draft resolution that are later approved will be reassembled into a final document. The final document, along with the other draft resolutions in the proper order, will be presented to a substantive vote.



# Rule 23: Motion to extend the debate time

This motion can be given when a delegate wishes to speak further upon the terminated motion or an unmoderated caucus after the time limit has been reached. When giving an extension, the time for it cannot pass the time of the actual clause. Example given if the original caucus time was 15 minutes, its extension shall not be longer than it.



# Rule 24: Motion to terminate the caucus

When a delegate contemplates a topic is discussed enough or no more speaker wishes to compose a speech, the motion to terminate can be delivered, which allows to end the current unmoderated or moderated caucus and opens the floor for new ones. However, if the Chairboard determinantes otherwise , this motion may be overruled.



# Rule 25: Motion to Introduce Amendments:

Amendments comprise various kinds of changes that can be made upon the clauses (Read Rule 27). If the motion passes and is approved by the chairboard, the floor would be open for the house.



# **Rule 26: Motion to Suspend the Meeting**

This motion is used in between the sessions, when the time has ended. In order to go onto breaks and the formal rules to be dropped, this motion has to be given. Until it has been approved by the Chair, the committee may not dismiss and the formal session proceeds.

# Rule 27: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

This motion is used at the very end of the conference, before planetary session when all the agenda items, resolutions are finished.

In order to move on without the formal procedures, the adjournment must be done.



# **Rules of Governing Amendments**



# Rule 28: Amendments

Amendments are the changes, extensions or deletions a delegate can submit in order to revise a part in a clause or a sub-clause. Amendments have one submitter and are usually conveyed to the chair by writing. When the submitter delegate introduces his/her/their amendment, it has to be first approved by the chair. Then the delegates shall introduce their amendments when the chair opens the floor , during the open debate. Amendments require a simple majority to be adopted. With constructive amendments being the priority, there are four types of amendments, there's also another category for friendly and unfriendly amendments in HAYDARPASAMUN22:



# Rule 29: Amendments

**Change:** A delegate might want to rephrase a word or phrase in a part of a clause. These amendments are called under the title of “Change”.

**Strike Out:** If a delegate would like to cross out a phrase or a clause, this delegate should submit an amendment to strike out.

**Add:** An “add amendment” can be submitted when a delegate wishes to adjoin a clause or a phrase to the resolution.

**Insert:** Inserting is locating a phrase -a continuous one- in the clause between the words.



# Rule 30: Amendments

**Friendly Amendments:** If the submitter delegate of the amendment introduces it as a friendly amendment and all of the resolution's sponsors agree to it, the amendment will automatically become a part of the resolution, without voting. These are called friendly amendments.

**Unfriendly Amendments:** An unfriendly amendment is when the amendment is not approved by at least one of the sponsors of the resolution. In this case for this amendment to pass, a simple majority is required and both an in favor and against speech should be made upon.



# Rule 31: Amendments to the Second Degree

Amendments can be submitted for another amendment that has already been made or there can be multiple amendments made on the same clause. These are called “Second Degree Amendments” Second-degree amendments can only be submitted in time against the Amendment to the First Degree. The voting procedure is the same as the normal amendments. A Second Degree Amendment cannot be used for developing a completely new amendment. Acceptance of a second degree amendment makes the first degree automatically adopted. Therefore amendments to the second degree can not be submitted to the struck out first degree ones. Also, amendments to Unfriendly Amendments are out of order.



# Rule 32: Withdrawal of Amendment

The submitter of an amendment may request its withdrawal, before it is included in the Draft Resolution.



# Rules of Governing Voting

# Rule 33: Procedural Voting

The voting style that is used during the adoption of the motions is called “procedural voting”. Every member of the committee shall vote, including observers and NGOs. Delegates cannot stay abstained.



# Rule 34: Substantive Voting

The voting style that is used to vote Amendments and Resolutions is “substantive voting”. Every member of the committee except observers and NGOs shall vote. The delegates gave the statement “present and voting” cannot give an abstention vote. Resolutions and Amendments require a simple majority to be adopted.





# **Content of a Resolution**

# Rule 35: Resolutions

There are two steps before the final and approved resolution is formed.

**Working Paper:** Working Paper is an informal document used by Delegates to work on building a Draft Resolution. Working Paper might be written in an unmoderated caucus time by an individual or a group of delegates and can be entertained formally or informally either at GSL or when a motion for informal debate passes, with the purpose of discussing the working paper.

**Draft Resolution:** After one or more working papers are submitted to the Secretariat, some number of them that are approved can be called draft resolutions. At this point, if two draft resolutions are similar or identical, the two can be merged. Without the approval of the Secretariat, it should be called as possible draft resolution during debates in the House.



# Rule 35: Resolutions

Every resolutions needs to have different supporters of it so as to be considered as widely accepted. These types of roles are:

- **Main Submitter:** Main submitter is the one who has worked hard on the resolution to become a reality and is voted among the delegates to be picked. They are responsible for introducing the resolution when the time comes. Each resolution needs to have one main submitter.
- **Co-submitters:** The other countries who had contributed to the paper most can be added as the co submitters of a paper. There can be one to three co submitters for one resolution.
- **Signatories:** Signatories are the countries who have similar policies to the decisions taken upon the resolution and accept their terms. Each resolution needs **one fifth** of the total members of the committee to be accepted as a draft resolution.

# Rule 36: Preambulatory Clauses

These introductory clauses are written in order to explain the situation and the status of the committee upon the agenda item. It responds to the reasons for the resolution which has been written and gives general background information. A resolution requires at least four preambulatory clauses to be validated. The Preambulatory Clauses should be properly formatted. There are at least 5 perambulatory clauses in a draft resolution in order for it to be send to the approval panel.



# Rule 37: Operative Clauses:

Operative clauses are formed to take actions and set policies of the committee into the resolution. These are used to describe the decisions made and verbs that are discussed in a long and detailed way by adding necessary information via sub-clauses. A resolution requires at least seven operative clauses to be validated. The Operative Clauses should be properly formatted. The minimum number of 7 operative clauses are needed for a draft resolution to be valid.

