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RULES OF PROCEDURE

SHORT FORM



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CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Content	Description	Note	RULE
Quorum	A meeting will open and be permitted when at least one third of the members of the General Assembly are present.	For main Committees, at least one quarter of members need to present	39
Speeches	All representatives must obtain the permission of the President to address the General Assembly	For Main Committees, a representative must obtain the right from the Chairperson.	40
Statement by the Secretariat	The Secretary-General, or a member appointed as his representative, may at time make oral or written statements to the General Assembly concerning any question under consideration by it.		42
*Points of Order	Points of order are raised to request the presiding officer to make use of his/her power specifically given to him under the rules of procedure. It may relate to the manner in which the debate is conducted, to the maintenance of order, or to the way in which the rules were exercised by the presiding officer	At the United Nations, points of order include other common parliamentary procedures used in various Model UN conferences such as points of information, clarification, and parliamentary inquiry.	43
Time limits on speeches	The General Assembly may limit the time to be allowed for each speech on any question.	In addition to the proposers of the motion, two delegates may speak in favor, and two against, to determine the proposal and to set limits.	44
Closing of list of speakers	The presiding officer can close the list of speakers with the consent of the delegates.		45
Right of Reply	This procedure is used to reply to a statement of another Member State. Right of reply is only granted by the presiding officer at the end of each speakers list.		45
Adjournment of debate	Representatives may raise this motion to adjourn the debate on the item under discussion.	In addition to the proposers of the motion, two delegates may speak in favor, and two against, to determine the proposal	46

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Closure of debate	<p>A representative may move at any time to raise a motion to close the debate on the item under discussion.</p> <p>This motion ends all discussion related to the item debated and moves directly into a vote.</p>	<p>In addition to the proposers of the motion, two delegates may speak against to determine the proposal.</p>	47
Suspension/ adjournment of debate	<p>A representative may raise a motion to suspend or adjourn a meeting. It is advised to set an indication of when the meeting will resume while raising the motion.</p>	<p>The motion shall not be debated but be put to a vote immediately (If consensus does not exist)</p>	48
Proposals and amendments	<p>Proposals and amendments will only be discussed when it has been submitted to the Secretary-General and has been circulated to the committee.</p>	<p>In a Model UN context, the Secretariat will determine a period before discussion to give participants sufficient time to review the proposal or amendment</p>	50
Withdrawal of motions	<p>A motion may be withdrawn by its proposer at any time before a vote is taken.</p>		51
Reconsideration of proposals	<p>Adopted or rejected proposals are not subject to be reconsidered by the committee unless a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, so decides.</p>	<p>In addition to the proposers of the motion, two delegates may speak against to determine the proposal.</p>	52
* Order of Procedural Motions	<p>The order of procedural motions are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to suspend the meeting b) to adjourn the meeting c) to adjourn the debate on the item under the discussion d) to close the debate on the item under discussion 		43

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VOTING

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Voting Rights	Each member of the General Assembly shall have one vote.		53
Two-thirds majority	<p>Decisions on important questions shall be made by a two-thirds majority.</p> <p>Questions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) recommendations with respect to the maintenance of international peace and security, 2) the election of the non-permanent members of the Security Council, the election of the members of the Economic and Social Council, 3) the election of members of the Trusteeship Council in accordance with paragraph 1 c of Article 86 of the Charter, the admission of new Members to the United Nations, 4) the suspension of the rights and privileges of membership, 5) the expulsion of Members, questions relating to the operation of the trusteeship system, 6) and budgetary questions. <p>Also, amendments to proposals relating to important questions require a two-thirds majority vote from members present and voting.</p>		54
Simple Majority	Any other decisions made by the General Assembly shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting		56
Method of voting	<p>The General Assembly shall normally vote by show of hands or standing. When a delegate requests a roll call, the President/Chairperson will call out each member, and of its representative shall reply "yes", "no" or "abstention".</p> <p>The result will be recorded by the secretariat.</p>	* Common practice of the General Assembly is to reach a consensus decision.	58
Division of proposals and amendments	A representative may raise a motion to vote on a proposal or amendment separately. If objection is made to the request for division the motion will be voted upon.	<p>two delegates may speak in favor, and two against the motion to determine the proposal</p> <p>* This motion is effective to seek concession in deadlock situations</p>	59