

DELEGATE MANUAL

2025

SMICMUN IX
Creative Destruction



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SMICMUN IX Committees

Security Council

- 1 Mitigating the Threat of North Korea's Advanced Missile Arsenal and Military Cooperation
- 2 Addressing Political Instability and Collapse in Haiti

United Nations Office on Drug and Crime

- 1 Combatting the Trafficking and Abuse of Controlled Prescription Medication
- 2 Addressing Illegal Mining, Trafficking, and Instability in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) as a Consequence of Increased Demand for Minerals

Disarmament Commission

- 1 Regulating the Creation, Distribution, and Use of Biological Weapons
- 2 Preventing the Weaponization of the Arctic Circle

Economic and Social Council

- 1 Addressing the Consequences of Deficit Spending and Increasing Levels of National Debt
- 2 Addressing the Viability of Extending Labor Protections and Social Security to Glg Workers and Informal Workers

Human Rights Council

- 1 Upholding Human Rights of Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh
- 2 Combatting the Oppression of Marginalized Groups in Myanmar in the Midst of Conflict
- 3 Addressing the Disruption of Humanitarian Aid Distribution in Conflict Zones

SMICMUN IX Committees

General Assembly

- 1 Regulating the Fracking Practices of Major Oil Companies
- 2 Addressing Drought-Induced Famine in the Horn of Africa
- 3 Ensuring Equitable Access to Education for Refugees and Displaced Persons

Creative Destruction

SMICMUN IX Theme

Charles Darwin wrote in his *Origin of Species*, "extinction of old forms is the almost inevitable consequence of the production of new forms."

Rapid cycles of change confront humanity: old art forms are replaced with pop culture, technological innovations optimize and substitute manual tasks, and fundamental ways of living are altered. With such change comes the destruction of what is perceived to be obsolete - a "creative destruction." The idea that stagnation is regression, inaction is complacency, and still water turns foul takes hold. Endorsement of progress as Joseph Schumpeter imagined appeals as issues that confront the international community come to a standstill.

Yet, "Creative Destruction" implies the inevitable tradeoff between preserving elements of the old world and efficient progress. The conference theme is not an endorsement of this idea that a strict tradeoff exists. Instead, the theme of "Creative Destruction" at SMICMUN IX serves to confront delegates and everyone involved to grapple with this concept and to challenge it.

If suffocating a process of innovation seems undesirable, how will we distribute its gains? If creative destruction is an inevitability, how do we ensure that ordinary people are protected against its adverse effects? How do we make use of what is left behind? The committee topics at SMICMUN IX and every element of the conference will encourage delegates to reflect on these questions, developing their unique perspectives on the intersection of innovation and preservation.

Looking forward to meeting everyone in November!

Warm regards,
Leo Shin

Secretary-General, SMICMUN IX

General Reminders



Code of Conduct

Although SMICMUN is an emulation of the interactions between sovereign states and organizations, delegates are still representatives of their schools.

Therefore, all participants will be expected to exercise a very high standard of personal behavior. This includes maintaining formal dress code and using appropriate parliamentary language throughout the debate. Participants will also be expected to maintain professional etiquette in and out of the conference. Delegates are expected to use the internet in a responsible manner and refrain from social media and websites that do not directly pertain to the debate.

Participants are reminded that SMICMUN IX is hosted in the People's Republic of China. Politically sensitive language and behavior will not be permitted.

SMICMUN IX will follow a Three Strikes Policy. Delegates who violate the code of conduct will first receive a warning from the chair in note form. A second violation will result in a warning from the secretariat, and the incident will be reported to the SMICMUN director. A third incidence of misconduct will result in a warning from the director and the delegate may be removed from the conference entirely.

Dress Code

The standard delegate attire is blazer, dress shirt, slacks/skirt, tie, and dress shoes. For entirety of the conference, delegates who are deemed as wearing informal attire by their student officers, admins, SMICMUN secretariat or directors will be warned/penalized according to the Three Strikes Policy.

Schedule

2025 Nov. 15 – 16 (Saturday and Sunday)

DAY 1 (NOVEMBER 15)

TIME	
8:15 - 8:45 AM	<i>Student Officer Briefing</i>
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Registration
9:00 - 9:45 AM	Opening Ceremony
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Committees in Session
11:00 AM	<i>Approval Panel Opens</i>
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 - 3:30 PM	Committees in Session
2:00 PM	<i>Approval Panel Closes</i>
3:30 - 3:45 PM	Break
3:45 - 6:00 PM	Committees in Session

DAY 2 (NOVEMBER 16)

TIME	
8:00 - 10:00 AM	Committees in Session
10:00 - 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Committees in Session
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 - 3:00 PM	Committees in Session
3:00 - 3:15 PM	Break
3:15 - 5:15 PM	Committees in Session
5:15 - 6:00 PM	Closing Ceremony

Room Assignments

GENERAL

	LOCATION
Registration	F1 Auditorium Lobby
Student Officer Briefing	B107
Opening & Closing Ceremonies	F1 Auditorium
Approval Panel	Library Lounge
Lunch	Cafeteria
Breaks	F1 & F2 Locker Area
Director's Lounge	B205

COMMITTEES

	LOCATION
Security Council	A218
Disarmament Commission	B206
Economic and Social Council	B107
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime	B106
General Assembly	F2 Auditorium
Human Rights Council	B202

Resolution Format

The name of the committee must be written as per the official agenda.

The issue should be written as per the agenda. Watch for this error: Question of: ~~The question of~~ the role of diamonds...

FORUM: Disarmament Sub-Commission 1

QUESTION OF: The role of diamonds in fueling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts

SUBMITTED BY: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

CO-SUBMITTERS: Argentina, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America

Co-submitters are listed in alphabetical order.

Preambulatory clauses must have the clause starter in italics.

The name of the committee must be written at the start of the main text, in capitals.

THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION,

Noting that the smuggling of illicit rough diamonds accounts for over 50 percent of the diamond trade and it is estimated by the Government Gold and Diamond Office that the total production of rough illicit diamonds amounts to 100 million USD per year,

Preambulatory clauses all end with a comma.

Further noting illicit rough diamonds as diamonds that are uncut and unpolished but are used as "conflict or blood diamonds" to finance conflicts to overthrow governments,

Clause starters must not be repeated. If using options such as "Further" make sure that the original clause starter has already been used. There is a word bank at the end of this document.

Aware that 4% of diamonds produced are classified as "conflict or blood diamonds," which is enough to purchase weapons to destabilize the entire African continent,

Defining "conflict or blood diamonds" as gems which are found in regions that are not under the control of the democratically elected ruler or government, or diamonds used by business or non-state forces to fund movements of human rights abuses against civilians,

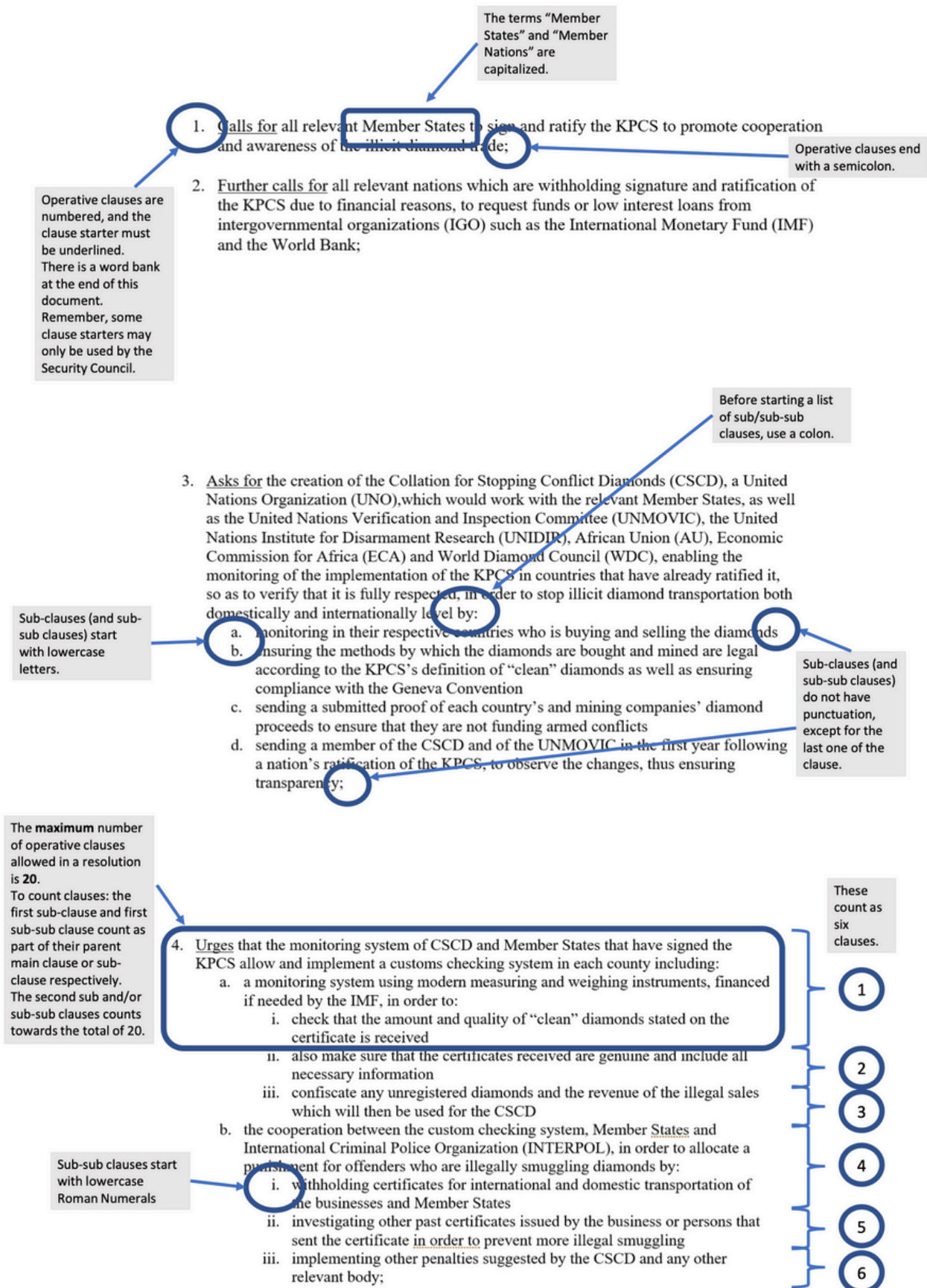
All acronyms must be written in full the first time they are used in the resolution.

Recognizing the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) as an internationally recognized certification system created in 2002 by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly to establish national import and export standards of rough diamonds,

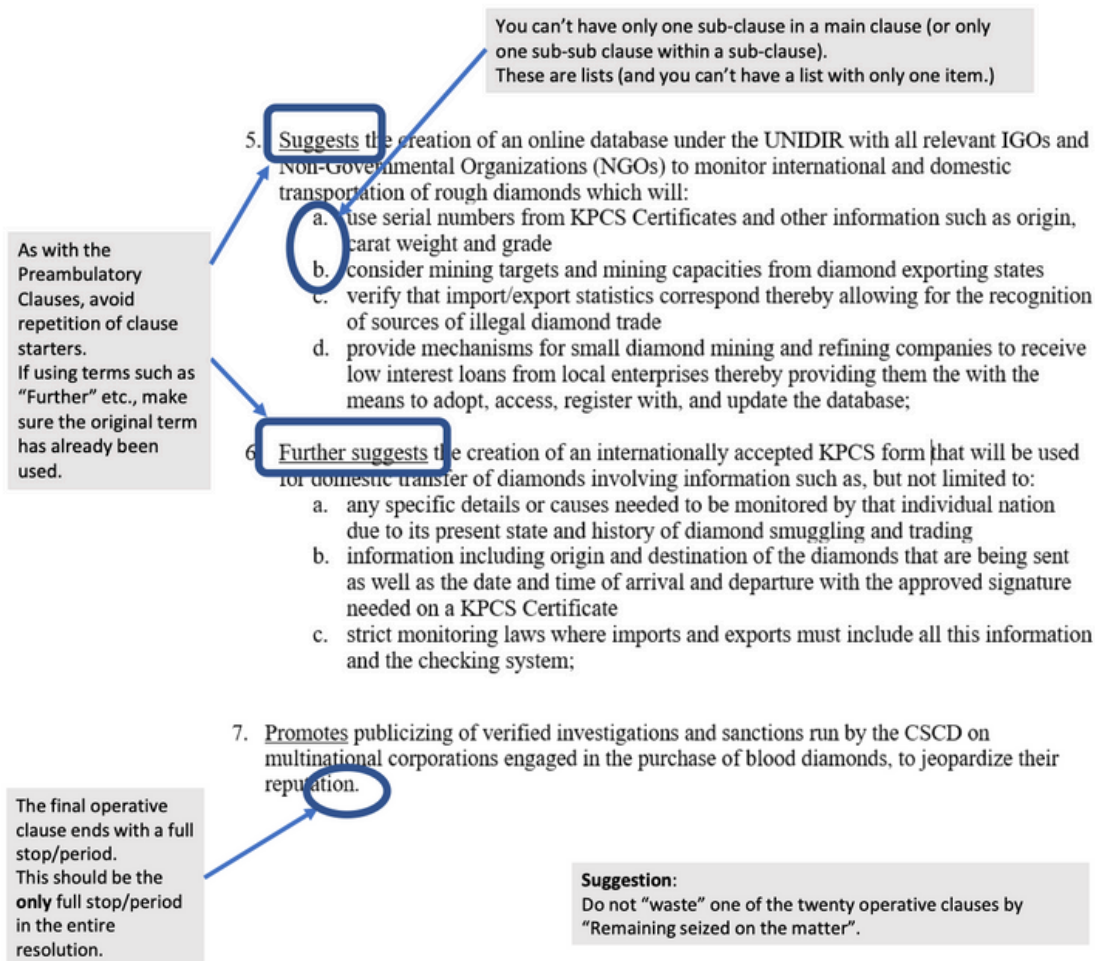
Further recognizing that the KPCS is lacking a comprehensive system for monitoring where diamonds are mined, how they are mined, what the proceeds are funding and how diamonds are domestically transported, which influences a government's control over conflicts and can possibly promote illicit diamond trading,

Either British or American English can be used. Be consistent.

Resolution Format



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Useful Operative Clause Starters

Accepts	Confirms	Endorses	Requests
Affirms	Congratulates	Expresses its Appreciation	Resolves
Approves	Considers	Expresses its Hope	Sanctions
Asks	Decides*	Hopes	Solemnly Affirms
Asks for	Declares Accordingly*	Invites	Supports
Asks that	Demands*	Notes	Suggests
Authorizes	Deplores	Proclaims*	Takes Note of
Calls	Designates	Reaffirms	Transmits
Calls for	Draws the Attention	Recommends	Trusts
Calls upon	Emphasizes	Regrets	Urges
Condemns*	Encourages	Reminds	Wishes

Please note: All clause starters that are in **bold** and marked with an asterisk (*) can **only** be used by the Security Council.

Rules of Procedure

Model United Nations simulates the diplomatic discourse and negotiations between nations and delegates from all around the world. However, due to the messy nature of politics and negotiations, it is essential to establish the rule of procedures to maintain peace and efficiency throughout debates. From the most basic value of respect to the more distinct rules of the UN, the rule of procedures applies to everyone in the committee, and it is your obligation and responsibility to follow it in the most courteous manner possible. For the purpose of this conference, this section will cover the Rules of Procedure for the THIMUN, or the Hague International Model United Nations format.

Communicate in Third Person

All delegates **MUST** communicate in third person. For instance, if I'm delegating the Russian Federation, I would refer to myself as "this delegate", "the delegate of Russia", or simply "Russia". With context, this would sound something like, "Russia wholeheartedly supports the proposal made by the People's Republic of China." Notice the way I address the delegate of China formally in third person rather than simply calling out their name in an uncourteous manner.

No Direct Conversation

All delegates must not engage in a direct conversation with another delegate. Throughout the session, delegates may only communicate privately through note passing. Be mindful that all notes must be handed to the admin staff prior to delivery, thus, it is crucial to always keep the notes formal and respectful. On the other hand, if a delegate wishes to communicate with another delegate verbally during the debate by asking a follow-up question, they must first address their intention to the chair by asking "Follow up?" The delegate may proceed to their question only if the chair agrees by replying "Granted." In another scenario, if a delegate simply wishes for another delegate to speak with a louder voice, they must direct their concern to the chair by asking "May the chair ask the delegate to speak with a louder voice?" instead of directly communicating with the delegate.

Rules of Procedure

1 | Roll Call

As the session begins, the Chairs will request the committee to come to order and subsequently, proceed with Roll Call. The Chairs will call out the delegations in an alphabetical order, and delegates shall reply with either "Present" or "Present and Voting." If a delegate chooses to answer with "Present and Voting," they are not allowed to abstain when voting for amendments and resolutions, or in other terms, they must either vote for or against. A session can only begin when the quorum is reached, meaning that one-third of all delegates must be present for the debate to begin.

2 | Opening Speeches

In the first session of the conference, OPENING SPEECHES will be presented by each delegate in alphabetical order subsequent to the roll call. Opening speeches are a great opportunity to introduce your country's stance and the problems you're the most concerned with. These factors will play a crucial role when choosing who to work with during caucusing. As a result, please remain conscious and alert throughout all the speeches despite how lengthy or tedious it may be.

3 | Caucusing/Lobbying

As mentioned before, it is to your best benefit to choose an ally nation or any delegation with a similar stance as you do to draft a resolution in a more efficient manner and mitigate possible conflicts throughout the process. During this time, electronic devices will be permitted for use as delegates begin to share and merge their resolutions into one, they all agree upon. Only during caucusing are delegates allowed to move around the committee and speak freely to others. It should be your best interest to plan out the roles of each delegate in your group and discuss the overall strategy to convince others during the debate. Finally, the elected main submitter of your group will submit the resolution to the advisory panel, where the MUN directors and officers of the conference will help revise and give suggestions on your resolution.

Rules of Procedure

4 | Present Draft Resolution

When all the resolutions are approved and printed out, the main submitter of each group shall present their draft resolution to the committee by reading the operative clauses in addition to a three-minute main submitter speech. The speech should introduce and provide a brief mechanism of the solutions proposed whilst attempting to convince the committee to support and vote for your resolution.

In the Security Council specifically, a resolution will compose of a main-submitter of each operative clause alongside a main-submitter for the entire resolution as a whole. As a result, resolutions in the Security Council will be debated clause by clause rather than the entire resolution as a whole.

After a speech is given, the chair will ask "Is the delegate open to any Points of Information?" You have multiple ways of approaching it depending on how confident you are. The standard answer is "any in all," meaning that you're willing to answer however many POIs raised from the committee at the time. Otherwise, you may resort to a specific amount such as "three pertaining to the speech" or even none, though we highly discourage you to do so.

Following your speech or replies, you will have the option to yield the floor back to the chair or to another delegate. Yielding the floor allows delegates to pass the chance to talk at the podium without a random selection by the chairs. Thus, floor yielding is an excellent strategy to grasp as it allows your allies and supporters to speak for your resolution directly after you, enhancing the persuasion and professionalism of your solutions. However, delegates may not yield the floor to a second degree, meaning that the delegate you choose to yield to may not have the option to yield to another delegate of their choice as it will prevent the rest of the committee to participate in the debate.

Rules of Procedure

5 | Main Debate & Amendments

After the presentation of the draft resolution, the committee will move on to the MAIN DEBATE on the resolution. During this time, delegates are highly encouraged to give speeches supporting/opposing or submit amendments to improve the current resolution. Be mindful of your country's interests and stance on the debating issue, as you shan't allow your personal biases or beliefs to influence your delegate's position in the debate.

Moving back to the idea of AMENDMENTS: Amendments essentially allow delegates to revise and edit the resolution to better improve the proposals and fit their desired stance. Delegates have the option to strike a clause or any specifics within it, add or insert a clause or sub-clause, or modify a present clause by inserting or rephrasing the wording of it. When an amendment is submitted, the chair will set a debate time for and against the amendment. Similar to a resolution, amendments will be debated on through speeches and POIs and will be voted on when the debating time elapses. After the voting of the amendment is finalized, the committee will return to the debate of the resolution as a whole.

6 | Voting

To end the session, delegates will move on to VOTING. During this time, delegates will choose to vote for, against, or abstain based on the quality of the resolution and their taken stance. A reminder that delegates will not be allowed to abstain if they call out "present and voting" during roll call.

Points and Motions

1 | Point of Clarification

Questions regarding unclear wording, definitions, and abbreviations on the resolution

2 | Point of Information

Questions regarding content of the resolution

3 | Requests for Follow-Ups

Further questions following the point of information; follow-ups up to the third degree are not entertained

4 | Point of Parliamentary Inquiry

Questions regarding procedural matter

5 | Point of Information to the Chair

Questions to the chair for clarification of procedure or statement

6 | Point of Personal Privilege

Questions regarding the well-being of the delegates (ex. audibility)

Points and Motions

7 | Point of Order

Questions asked to the chair regarding parliamentary procedure with which the chair has mistaken

8 | Motion to Move into Previous Question

Motion to move into the next debate procedure

9 | Motion to Suspend the Meeting

Motion to extend debate time

10 | Motion to Extend Points of Information

Motion to present more points of information

11 | Motion to Divide the House

Motion to divide the house into two sides (for and against) during voting procedure in the case that the number of abstentions may change the result of the vote

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