

# DELEGATE MANUAL

2026



**SMICMUN X**  
**BEYOND THE NUMBERS**

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## Security Council

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## Disarmament Commission

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## UN Commission on the Status of Women

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## European Parliament

Ryan Hansen Head Chair  
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# SMICMUN X Committees

## Security Council

- 1 Addressing the Military Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Russia-Ukraine Conflict
- 2 Ensuring Maritime Security and Freedom of Navigation in the Strait of Hormuz

## European Parliament

- 1 Strengthening European Energy Independence and Reducing Reliance on External Suppliers
- 2 Modernizing European Union Consumer Protection Laws for the Digital Age

## Disarmament Commission

- 1 Preventing the Militarization of Cyberspace and the Escalation of Cyber Conflict
- 2 Preventing the Proliferation of Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Sahel Region

## UN Commission on the Status of Women

- 1 Addressing Rising Rates of Femicide in Sub-Saharan Africa
- 2 Combating Gender-Based Harassment, Abuse, and Radicalization in Online Spaces

# SMICMUN X Committees

## United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

- 1 Addressing Global Prison Overcrowding and Correctional Reform
- 2 Combating the Rise of Drug Production and Trafficking in West Africa

## General Assembly

- 1 Addressing the Growing Challenges of Climate-Induced Migration and Displacement
- 2 Strengthening Global Preparedness for Infectious Diseases and Epidemics

# Beyond the Numbers

## SMICMUN X Theme

A photograph of one suffering child can transform public opinion about an issue. A photo of two suffering children, not so much. As explained by psychologist Paul Slovic, "One life is valuable, but that life loses value, perceptually, if it is part of a larger tragedy." Slovic's argument forms the basis of this year's theme, Beyond the Numbers. Termed "psychic numbing," such an indifference towards overwhelming calamity reduces many human rights issues into distant numbers.

Political leaders discuss crises through reports and data projections, military operations are reduced to coordinates and targets, and the public consumes suffering through desensitizing numbers. We watch as some leaders and ordinary people alike respond with heedlessness and even cruelty to the calamities of Covid-19, the climate crisis, wars, and other disasters around the globe.

At SMICMUN X, Beyond the Numbers asks delegates to examine global issues without losing sight of the people affected by them. Across every committee, participants will confront challenges defined by massive quantities: displaced populations, economic losses, military expenditures, death tolls, and so forth. Behind every figure lies an individual reality. Whether discussing armed conflict, humanitarian aid, climate migration, healthcare inequities, or emerging technologies, this conference encourages delegates to consider not only how crises are measured, but also how they are experienced. To lead responsibly in the modern world requires the ability to see beyond the numbers.

You are not a statistic. Every individual has a story to tell, and at SMICMUN X, we invite you to expand upon that narrative. Through speeches, debates, and collaboration, we hope SMICMUN can embody the true spirit of Model United Nations. We look forward to seeing everyone in November!

Warm Regards,  
Ethan Zhu, Secretary-General  
Olivia Tai, Deputy Secretary-General

# 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 X is hosted in the People's Republic of China. Politically sensitive language and behavior will not be permitted.

SMICMUN X 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

2026 Nov. 14-15 (Saturday and Sunday)

## Schedule

### DAY 1 (NOV. 14)

| TIME                |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 9:00 - 9:45 AM      | Opening Ceremony      |
| 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Committees in Session |
| 11:00 AM            | Approval Panel Opens  |
| 12:00 - 1:00 PM     | Lunch                 |
| 1:00 - 3:30 PM      | Committees in Session |
| 2:00 PM             | Approval Panel Closes |
| 3:30 - 3:45 PM      | Break                 |
| 3:45 - 6:00 PM      | Committees in Session |

### DAY 2 (NOV. 15)

| 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          |
| European Parliament                      | B107          |
| United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime | B106          |
| General Assembly                         | F2 Auditorium |
| UN Commission on the Status of Women     | 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,

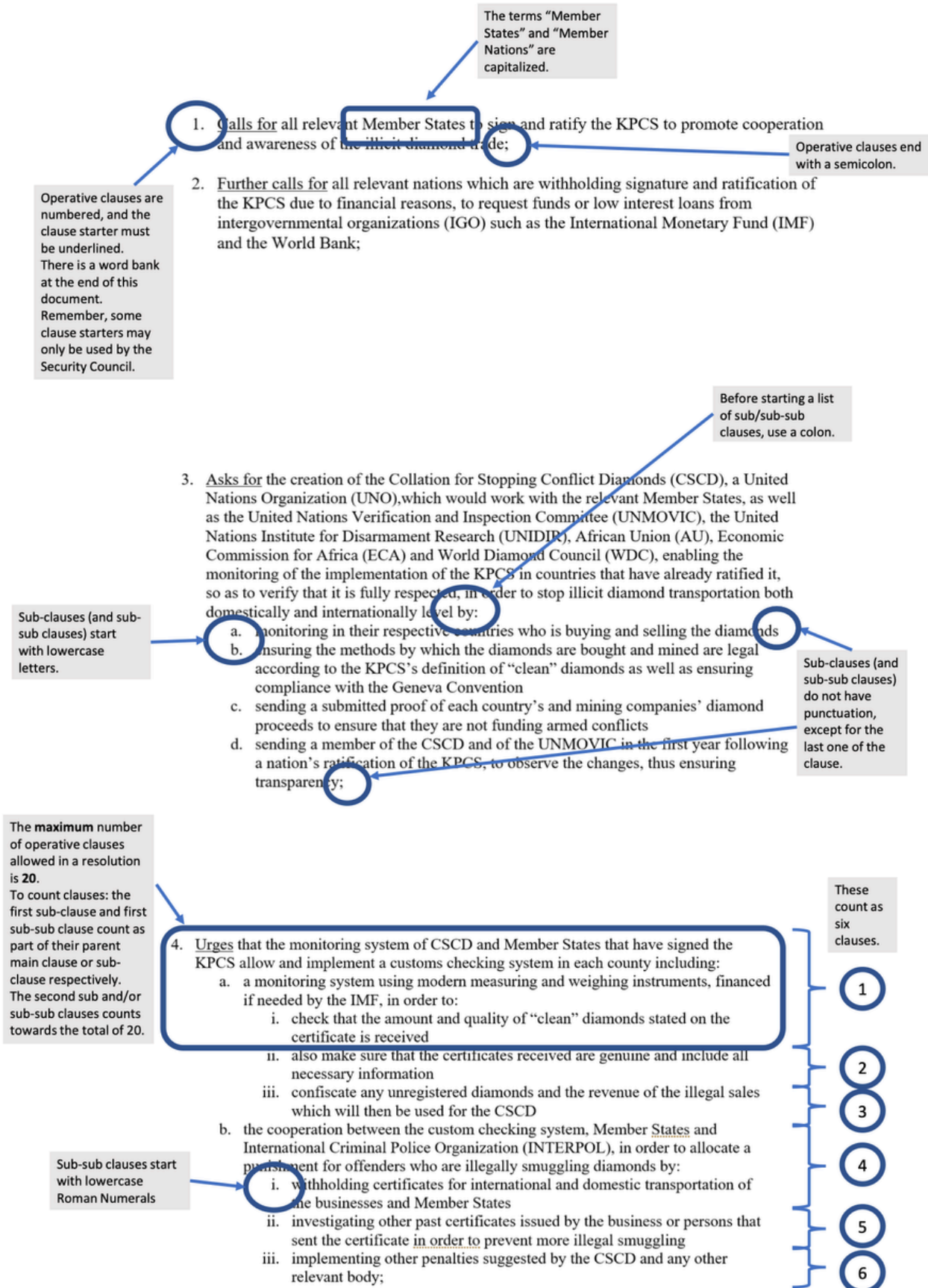
All acronyms must be written in full the first time they are used in the resolution.

*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,

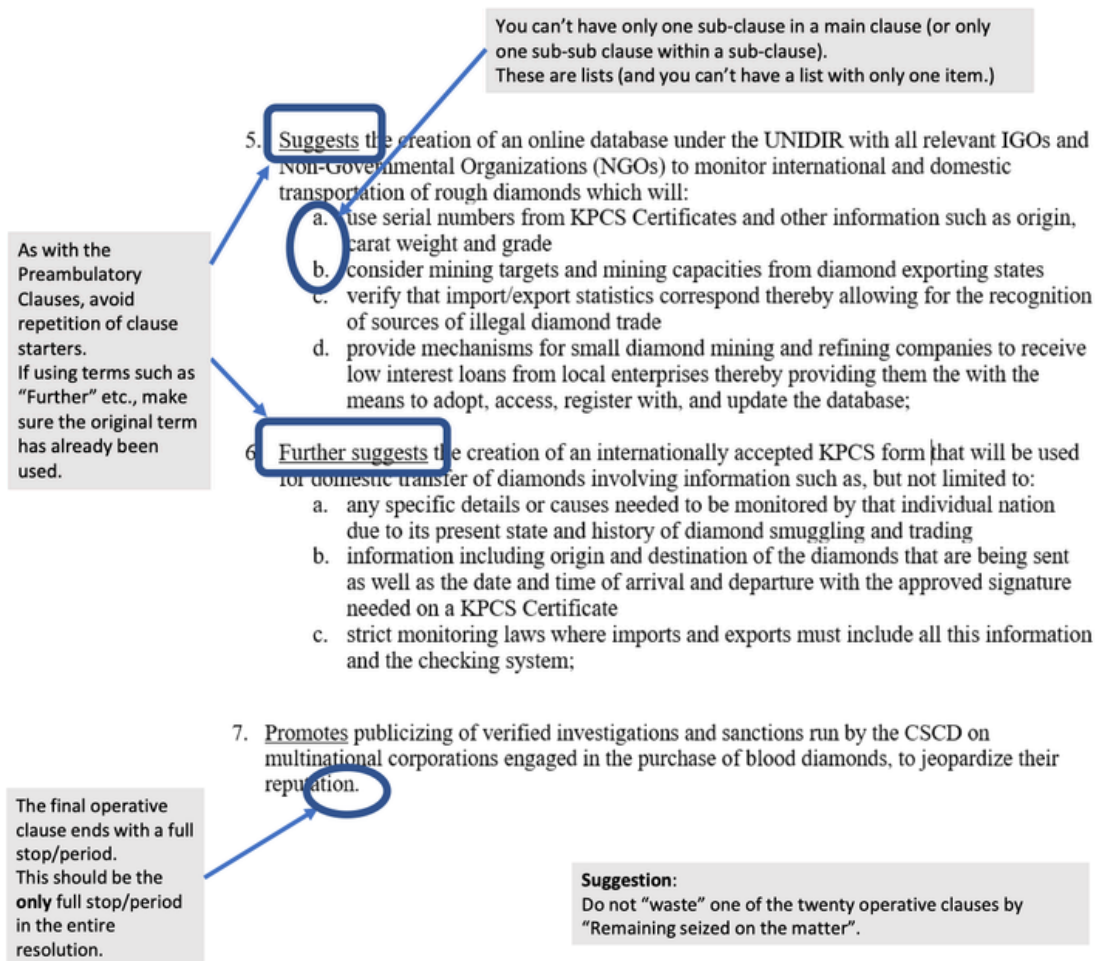
*Further recognizing* that the KPCS is lacking a comprehensive system for monitoring where diamonds are mined, how they are mined, what the proceeds are funding and how diamonds are domestically transported, which influences a government's control over conflicts and can possibly promote illicit diamond 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             | <b>Decides*</b>              | Hopes                      | Solemnly Affirms |
| Asks for         | <b>Declares Accordingly*</b> | Invites                    | Supports         |
| Asks that        | <b>Demands*</b>              | Notes                      | Suggests         |
| Authorizes       | Deplores                     | <b>Proclaims*</b>          | Takes Note of    |
| Calls            | Designates                   | Reaffirms                  | Transmits        |
| Calls for        | Draws the Attention          | Recommends                 | Trusts           |
| Calls upon       | Emphasizes                   | Regrets                    | Urges            |
| <b>Condemns*</b> | 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.

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## 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.

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## 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

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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

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## 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.

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## 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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