



The Hague International
Model United Nations

Rules of Procedure

Summary

Quorum & Roll Call

- **Quorum:** Meetings open with at least one-third of delegations present. Decisions require a majority vote (>50%).
- **Procedure:** Roll Call is conducted daily and after every break. Records are noted on the Tally Sheet and shared with the Secretariat.
- **Communication:** Late or absent delegates must notify their Chairs.

Debate

- **Open Debate:** The standard mode for debating resolutions. Debate time is announced after the Resolution is read.
- **Closed Debate:** Required for amendments, triggered by a motion to move to the previous question.
- **Independence:** All resolutions are debated independently; the outcome of one does not affect others.

Points of Information

- **To Speaker:** Delegates raise placards when the floor is open for POIs. The Chair recognizes speakers; Chairs repeat the point for the House. Double delegations (ECOSOC/SC) are limited to one POI per delegation.
- **To Chair:** Used for factual clarification, Rules of Procedure queries, procedural "Points of Order" (only if referencing an immediate event), or "Points of Personal Privilege" (comfort/well-being).

Motions

- **Move to Previous Question:** Closes debate and triggers a vote. Requires a second and may be overruled by the Chair.
- **Extend Debate Time:** Discretionary; requires a second.

Yielding the Floor

- Discretionary to the Chair.
- Only one consecutive yield is permitted.
- ECOSOC/SC double delegations may yield informally to each other within their allotted time.

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- POIs are allowed after yielding; both the yielding and receiving delegations are eligible.

Amendments

- **1st Degree:** Submitted during open debate before the delegate takes the floor.
Spelling/grammar errors are corrected by the Chair. Closed debate is the norm.
Amendments must be put to a vote.
- **2nd Degree:** Submitted during "time against" the 1st Degree. Does not impact debate time for the 1st Degree. If a 2nd Degree amendment passes, the 1st Degree amendment passes automatically. 3rd-degree amendments are out of order.

Voting

- All delegations have voting rights (one per delegation for ECOSOC, SC, and HSC). Options: in favour, against, or abstain.
- Resolutions pass if votes in favour exceed against; ties fail. Abstentions are immaterial.
- No points allowed during voting except regarding voting conduct. Roll-call and informal votes are prohibited.

Parliamentary Language & Conduct

- **Language:** Address all participants in the Third Person. Refer to others as "honourable speaker" or "fellow delegates" (never "You" or "I").
- **Etiquette:** Yield floor when instructed. Wear formal clothing. Eating and drinking (except water) are prohibited.
- **Accountability:** Unparliamentary or insulting behavior is recorded on the Roll Call sheet and reported to the Executive Team.