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GENERAL RULES

RULE #1: SCOPE

The Committee Chair will be the final authority on what procedure to follow if a situation arises that has not been addressed by the Rules of Procedure. At the discretion of the Chair or Secretariat, these rules can be modified to better facilitate healthy debate, and any adjustment of the rules will be declared clearly to the entirety of the committee and will take precedence over any rules written in this document.

RULE #2: GENERAL POWER OF THE COMMITTEE STAFF

The Chair is responsible for directing the flow of debate, granting the right to speak, announcing decisions, ruling on points of order, and enforcing adherence to these rules.

RULE #3: COURTESY AND DELEGATE CONDUCT

Each and every Delegate must be respectful and courteous towards Conference members. TMUN will have zero tolerance for slandering, disparaging, or any other disrespectful act, and such will result in the expulsion of said delegate from their committee.

RULE #4: ABSENCE

If a delegate is not present during roll call of any of the two committee sessions, they will be considered absent. Delegates will not be receiving any certification or award if absent. Said absence must be justified at least 48 hours before the start of the Conference.

DEBATE PROCEDURE

OPENING SPEECHES

At the beginning of the conference, the Chair will make a Speaker's List, consisting of delegations who wish to make an Opening Speech. An Opening Speech must be made using formal language at all times, and should not exceed a duration of four minutes. When a delegate exceeds their allotted time, the Chair may immediately call the speaker to order. Nonetheless, the Chair may allow a delegate to finish their speech, so as to account for conference attendees' varying levels of English fluency. At the end of their speech, delegates must yield to the Chair.

OPEN DEBATE

An Open Debate will ensue, controlled by the Chair, in which Delegates may express their agreement and/or disagreement regarding their peers' ideas and position. The Open Debate may not exceed a duration of 20 minutes. Delegates should never use personal pronouns throughout the Conference. Instead, they should address themselves as their country's full name (ex: People's Republic of China) or as a delegation (ex: the delegation of China).

POINTS AND MOTIONS

- Point of Information: Whenever a delegate wishes to ask a question.
- Right to Reply: Whenever a delegate wishes to answer a question asked, or whenever a delegate whose national reputation has been called into question wishes to intervene.
- Point of Inquiry: Whenever a delegate wishes to ask a question regarding MUN procedure.
- Motion to Move into Voting Procedure: Whenever a delegate feels the topic has been thoroughly discussed, so that the amendment may be immediately subject to a vote.
- Point of Order: Raised solely by the Chair, whenever a delegate unfollows the rules of procedure.
- Point of Personal Privilege: Whenever a hindrance to either the Delegates or the Chair's participation in the Conference occurs, such as an unstable Internet connection.

UNMODERATED CAUCUS

The Chair will then form delegates into blocs, in accordance to their countries views regarding the topic. Within each bloc, an unmoderated caucus, in other words an open and informal discussion, will take place, the duration set by the Chair of the committee. Each bloc must have written a Resolution by the end of said duration, and have it sent to the Chair. This concludes the first day of the conference.

POSITION SPEECHES

The Chair will choose only one of the Resolutions drafted, and send it to all Delegates, who may then write a position speech in favor or against said Resolution. This speech is given at the start of the second day of TMUN, after the presentation of said Resolution by its sponsor. The Chair will determine how many speeches may be given, and each one must not exceed a duration of four minutes. At the end of their speech, delegates must yield the floor to the chair.

MODERATED CAUCUS

A Moderated Caucus, in other words a structured debate controlled by the Chair, will ensue. Delegates may then attack, defend or ask to clarify certain aspects of the Resolution. The Moderated Caucus may not exceed 20 minutes.

AMENDMENTS

A first round of Amendments will commence, in which delegates will amend the Resolution by modifying, adding or deleting preambulatory and action clauses. They will have a period of time, set by the Chair, to prepare and submit their amendments. After the allotted time, delegates will present their amendments. If an amendment submitted includes a typographical mistake, the revised version should be submitted as a new amendment. A moderated caucus will follow said presentation, before passing on to the voting of the amendment. Each member State will have one vote. When voting an amendment, each vote may be a 'Yes,' a 'No,' or an abstention. Amendments must be approved by a simple majority.

A second round of Amendments will ensue, in which amendments to amendments are permitted.

RECONSIDERATION SPEECHES

The Chair will make a Speaker's List, consisting of up to seven delegations who wish to make a Reconsideration Speech, in favor or against the Resolution at hand. A Reconsideration Speech must be made using formal language at all times, and should not exceed a duration of four minutes. When a delegate exceeds their allotted time, the Chair may immediately call the speaker to order.

VOTING

When voting the final Resolution, a Roll Call Vote is in order: the Chair will call each member State in alphabetical order. Delegates may vote "Yes" or "No" and may not abstain. Resolutions must be approved by a simple majority.