

MOCRISIS 2024 RULES OF PROCEDURE GUIDE

COMMON VOCABULARY

- **Committee head:** The head staff member for the entire committee, and the final say on any major issues that may arise. Is usually either Director or Crisis Director.
- **Director:** The head staff member for the frontroom. Manages the flow of debate, answers questions, manages any issues that may come up in frontroom, and provides delegate feedback.
- **Crisis director:** The head staff member for the backroom. Manages the crisis staff and crisis notes, helps create interesting crisis updates, and provides delegate feedback
- **Crisis staff:** The staff team/member that helps manage crisis, responds to notes and helps create crisis updates.
- **Chair/Moderator:** A staff member that helps manage the frontroom, runs technology and aids the director
- **Point of inquiry:** Asking for clarification or additional information regarding the committee
- **Point of personal privilege:** A request made by a delegate to address an issue affecting their ability to participate in the committee, such as needing to use the bathroom
- **Point of order:** Drawing attention to a procedural error made by the frontroom staff
- **Motion:** A proposal to do something within committee
- **Public Directive:** A paper written and presented to the entire committee to implement action with the goal of solving issues brought forward by the committee/crisis
- **Private Directive/Crisis Note:** A note written to crisis either to ask questions or to do some kind of action in the setting of the committee
- **Joint Private Directive:** A crisis note written by multiple people
- **Sponsor:** A delegate that directly contributes to a paper

and actively supports its contents

- **Signatory:** A delegate that signs a paper to see it presented: it doesn't matter if they are for or against it
- **Majority:** $\frac{1}{2}$ of the committee + 1 - used to vote on motions
- **Supermajority:** $\frac{2}{3}$ of the committee - used to vote on papers
- **Decorum:** the adherence to respectful and appropriate behaviour and conduct during committee session, usually referring to cross-talk
- **Bloc:** a group of like minded delegates that work together to find solutions to the issues brought forward by the committee - usually work on a public directive together

MOTIONS YOU CAN PROPOSE

- **Open debate** (only at beginning of committee)
- **Moderated Caucus**
- **Unmoderated Caucus**
- **Gentleman's Unmoderated Caucus** (an unmoderated caucus but delegates remain seated)
- **Round Robin** (everyone in the room says their opinion on an issue)
- **Q&A**
- **Right of Reply** (if you have been directly named and targeted in another delegates speech, the dias may grant you the right to reply to it)
- **One for One against / Two for Two against** (1 vs 1 or 2 vs 2 debate)
- **Present a Resolution Paper / Public Directive**
- **Enter Voting Procedure on Resolution Paper / Public Directive**
- **Exhaust a timed motion**
- **Recess** (only at end of committee session)

FLOW OF DEBATE

MODERATED CAUCUS - OPENING SPEECHES

- While not an official marker in a crisis committee, the first speech you make is important in establishing yourself and your character in the committee
- Generally, delegates will briefly outline their stance on the topics and issues brought forward in the background guide

MODERATED CAUCUS

- Also known as a “mod”
- The rest of the committee will likely be largely dominated by moderated caucuses
- Gives delegates the opportunity to discuss specific issues relevant to the topics
- Delegates must state the topic, the overall caucus time and the individual delegate speaking time
- e.g. “Motion for a 10 minute moderated caucus with 1 minute speaking time on the topic of decolonization” OR “Motion for a 10/1 on decolonization”

UNMODERATED CAUCUS

- Also known as an “unmod”
- Delegates can walk around and discuss with others as they please in order to:
 - form alliances with like minded delegates
 - sponsor and write public directives to create solutions for the issues of the committee
 - discuss the issues brought forward in mods more freely
- Unmods at MOMUN usually span anywhere from 3-12 mins
- Unmods can be motioned to be exhausted if the majority of the committee is agreed

CRISIS UPDATES

- The crisis team will come into committee session throughout the conference in order to update delegates on the current state of affairs in the world of the committee
- After the update, delegates are permitted to ask questions to crisis in order to clarify certain points
- Generally, crisis updates are prioritised by the committee and public directives may be created in order to find solutions to the issues brought forward by the updates

PUBLIC DIRECTIVE FORMAT

TITLE

SPONSORS

SIGNATORIES

CLAUSE (Something that the paper is doing)

SUBCLAUSE (How they are doing it)

PRESENTING, Q&A, AND VOTING ON PUBLIC DIRECTIVES

- After public directive has been sent to and approved by the director, delegates can motion to present their papers in front of the committee
- Delegates must read the paper word for word and cannot ad lib new ideas as they speak
- The speaking would ideally be split equally between all the sponsors
- After this, other delegates have the option to propose a timed Q&A to ask the bloc members specific questions about the

papers contents

- Delegates can propose amendments to the paper if there is an aspect they would like to change - these must be voted on by the committee
- Delegates can then motion to vote on the paper, either clause by clause or the paper as a whole
- A delegate can only abstain from voting on papers if they stated themselves to be “present” rather than “present and voting” at the beginning of committee session

GENERAL NOTES/TIPS

- Do not neglect either front room or backroom! Aim to be as balanced as possible
- Pay close attention to what crisis tells you - often they may give you hints on different ways to approach the situation you have written to them about
- Always try to prioritise the issues brought forward in crisis updates, as crisis may give you repercussions if the committee neglects them - remember, the topics in the background guide are simply a launching off point
- Always be ready for change! Don't get too stuck on one idea or crisis arc if you can

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