**RSUH Model UN 2018 Historical Crisis Security Council Rules of Procedure**

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# Chapter I. General Provisions

# Rule 1. Rules of Procedure

1. The present Rules of Procedure (hereinafter referred to as “Rules”) of the Historical Crisis Security Council are adopted prior to the beginning of the RSUH Model UN (Hereinafter – “Model”).

2. The President’s interpretation of the present Rules shall prevail.

# Rule 2. Agenda

1. The agenda is set prior to the beginning of the Model and is not subject to change.

# Rule 3. Language

1. English shall be the only official and working language of the committee.

2. Use of any other language during the Security Council sessions is prohibited, except in case of the use of a State language within a welcome speech.

# Chapter II. Model UN Participants

# *Section A. Presidium*

# Rule 4. Presidium

1. The Security Council Presidium is comprised of the President and the Vice-President.

2. The Presidium shall guide and optimize the work of the committee, help the delegates, moderate debates and interpret the present Rules.

3. The Security Council Presidium is appointed by the Model UN authorities prior to the beginning of the Model.

# Rule 5. Powers of the Presidium

1. The President shall oversee the work of the committee. The President shall conduct himself in accordance with the principles of equity, constructiveness and impartiality.

2. The President shall:

 A. Maintain compliance with the present Rules;

 B. Conduct the roll-call at the beginning of the session, after each suspension, and at any other time deemed necessary in order to establish the quorum;

 C. Declare each Security Council opened and closed;

 D. Moderate the debate;

 E. Introduce procedural motions;

 F. Set the deadlines for submitting Working Papers and Amendments after consulting with the Expert;

 G. Maintain the speakers list;

 H. Accord the right to speak;

 I. Give the floor to the Expert when the need to clear up a crucial matter on the agenda arises;

 K. Put questions and motions to vote;

 L. Announce the voting results;

 M. Give rulings on any matters not envisaged by the present Rules at their own discretion.

3. The President shall have a right to speak or vote on substantial matters, if it is necessary for constructive work of the committee.

# Rule 6. Powers of the Vice-President

1. The Vice-President shall enjoy all rights and obligations of the President.

2. The Vice-President shall perform all functions of the President in his absence or by his decision.

# *Section B. Secretariat*

# Rule 7. Secretariat

1. The Secretariat of the Security Council is comprised of the Expert and the secretaries.

# Rule 8. Powers of the Expert

1. The Expert shall attend all Security Council meetings in the role of the permanent delegate consultant on crucial matters relating to the agenda.

2. The Expert shall present the report on the agenda.

3. The Expert shall answer questions relating to the agenda.

4. The Expert shall conduct evaluation of all Working Papers and Amendments in order to establish the documents’ conformity to the execution provisions and compliance with international law.

5. The Expert shall conduct the Working Paper, Presidential Statement, and Amendment proof-correction. The Expert may conduct proof-correction at his or her discretion at any time prior to the adoption of the final resolution on the agenda.

6. The Expert shall have the power to reject any Working Paper, Presidential Statement or Amendment at his or her discretion in accordance with the present Rules.

# Rule 9. Secretaries

1. The secretaries shall oversee technical and documental facilitation of the committee under direct supervision of the President.

2. The secretaries shall assist the Presidium and the delegates with swift delivery of diplomatic correspondence.

3. The secretaries shall perform any other request of the President needed to optimize the functioning of the committee.

# *Section C. Delegates*

# Rule 10. Delegates

1. Each country shall only be represented by one delegate.

2. The delegates shall have the right to:

 А. Present speeches, take part in debates and ask questions;

 B. Speak and vote on all substantial matters;

 C. Raise points and motions;

 D. Author Working papers and Amendments;

 E. Employ diplomatic correspondence.

3. The delegates shall vote on all procedural motions.

4. Delegates may take part in the drafting of Presidential Statements.

5. Delegates may issue Invitations to Participate to summon one of the leaders of the countries directly tied to the agenda at hand.

# *Section D. Guests*

# Rule 11. Guests

1. Guests may attend the Security Council meetings.

2. Guests shall not have the right to speak, vote, or in any way communicate with the delegates and shall maintain absolute silence while inside the meeting chambers.

# Chapter III. Conduct of Business

# *Section A. Preliminary procedures*

# Rule 12. Roll-Call

1. The Roll-Call shall be conducted in English alphabetical order at the beginning of each Security Council meeting and after each suspension in order to establish the quorum.

# Rule 13. Quorum

1. The President may declare the meeting open provided nine delegates are present.

2. If the aforementioned number of delegates is not present, the President postpones the beginning of the meeting until enough delegates are present to establish the quorum.

# Rule 14. Majority

1. The majority shall comprise of eight delegates.

# *Section B. Conduct of Debate*

# Rule 15. Procedure

1. A minimal procedural motion to set the procedure shall include the speaker’s time and the right or lack thereof to extend the speaker’s time.

2. Procedural motion to set the procedure may include elaborations on whether the speaker’s time shall be divided into time for the speech and time for questions.

3. Procedural motions to set the procedure may include a limit on the number of questions.

4. The procedural motion to reconsider a question is a prerequisite for changing an already adopted procedure.

# *Section C. Modes of Debate*

# Rule 16. Modes of Debate

1. All discussion and debate shall be conducted in Formal Debate, Moderated Caucus and Unmoderated Caucus.

2. A corresponding procedural motion most be adopted in order to change the mode of debate.

# Rule 17. Formal Debate

1. Formal debate shall be the default mode of debate.

2. The committee automatically returns to formal debate whenever the time allotted to any other mode of debate expires.

3. A speakers list shall be kept in formal debate.

4. The Presidium shall grant the right to speak in formal debate.

5. A speaker may pass the floor to any other delegate or the Presidium if they have any remaining time left after conducting their speech. In the latter case, all additional time is discarded and the floor passes to the next speaker on the list.

# Rule 18. Moderated Caucus

1. Moderated caucus is used for expedited debate on the matter at hand.

2. No speakers list shall be kept in moderated caucus.

3. In order to initiate a moderated caucus, the adoption of a corresponding procedural motion is required. A delegate raising the aforementioned procedural motion must specify the purpose of the moderated caucus, the speaker’s time, and its overall duration that cannot exceed 20 minutes.

4. In moderated caucus, any delegate may at any time request to be granted the right to speak by raising their placard.

5. The Presidium shall grant the right to speak in accordance with the principles of equity and expedience.

# Rule 19. Unmoderated Caucus

1. Unmoderated caucus shall be used for unrestricted discussion of matters related to the agenda, negotiations and consultations.

2. Delegates may move about the meeting chambers unimpeded during unmoderated caucus.

3. During unmoderated caucus, delegates may engage in dialogue freely.

4. In order to initiate an unmoderated caucus, the adoption of a corresponding procedural motion is required. A delegate raising the aforementioned procedural motion must specify the purpose of the unmoderated caucus and its overall duration that cannot exceed 20 minutes.

# *Section D. Voting*

# Rule 20. Voting Provisions

1. Voting on procedural motions shall be conducted in two phases. In the first phase of the voting procedure, the Presidium shall inquire if there is support and if there are any objections. The second phase is the voting.

2. In order to initiate voting on any procedural motion, support of at least one delegate is required. If a motion has no support, it is not voted upon and automatically fails.

3. A vote is not held if there are no objections. A motion that encounters no objections is adopted by consensus without the second phase of the voting procedure taking place.

4. During voting, the delegates shall raise and hold their placards high until the Presidium declares that it has finished counting the votes.

5. Delegates may abstain only during voting on substantial matters.

6. Delegates may vote only “In Favour”, “Against” or abstain from voting. If any delegate simultaneously votes “In Favour” and “Against”, the voting results are invalidated and the delegates shall revote.

# Rule 21. Required Majority.

1. Any decision on substantial matters requires concurring votes of all permanent members of the Security Council and the overall number of votes no less than nine.
2. Any decision on procedural matters requires simple majority of votes, that is, eight votes “In Favour”.

# *Section E. Diplomatic Correspondence*

# Rule 22. Diplomatic Correspondence

1. Delegates may communicate with each other, with the Secretariat, and with the Presidium through diplomatic correspondence.
2. The President may grant a delegate’s request to temporarily leave the meeting chambers provided it is sent through diplomatic correspondence.
3. Deliberate breach of confidentiality of diplomatic correspondence is considered to be a serious violation of diplomatic ethics.

# Chapter IV. Conduct of Session

# *Section A. Expert Report*

# Rule 23. Expert Report

1. The Expert shall acquaint the delegates with the agenda of the crisis session of the Security Council after the session is declared open and the quorum is established.

# *Section B. Working Papers*

# Rule 24. Working Papers

1. The Presidium shall set the deadline for submitting the Working Papers.

2. The Working Papers shall be authored by at least one delegate.

3. A delegate may author only one Working Paper.

4. The Working Papers shall be submitted to the Expert in time. Working Papers submitted after the deadline shall not be considered.

# Rule 25. Expert Evaluation

1. All Working Papers shall undergo the Expert Evaluation procedure.

2. The Expert conducts the evaluation of all Working Papers in order to establish the documents’ conformity to the execution provisions and compliance with international law.

3. The Expert may conduct proof-correction of the Working Paper at his or her discretion at any time prior to the adoption of the final Resolution on the agenda. The Expert may conduct proof-correction either autonomously or in cooperation with the authors of the Working Paper.

4. Working Papers that fail the Expert Evaluation shall not be considered.

# Rule 26. Discussion of Working Papers

1. One of the authors shall be granted time to present the Working Paper and answer questions.

2. The time allotted for the speech and questions shall be set through a corresponding procedural motion.

3. After a Working Paper is presented, delegates may speak “In Favour” and “Against” it. The number of speeches “In Favour” and “Against” must be equal and is set by the Presidium.

4. The time allotted for the speeches “In Favour” and “Against” shall be set through a corresponding procedural motion.

5. No questions shall be answered after speeches “In Favour” and “Against”.

# Rule 27. Voting on Draft Resolution

1. Upon finishing the discussion of all presented Working Papers, they shall be put to a vote in order of their submission.

2. Adopting a Draft Resolution requires nine affirmative votes including concurring votes of the permanent members of the Security Council.

3. If no Draft Resolution is adopted, a conciliation commission is created.

# Rule 28. Division of a Question

1. Working Papers may be adopted through the procedure of division of a question.

2. When division of a question is invoked, each separate clause of the Working Paper shall be voted upon separately.

3. Operative clauses shall be considered before preamble clauses.

4. Any clause may be adopted by nine affirmative votes including concurring votes of the permanent members of the Security Council.

5. Division of a question yields a new document that contains all clauses that have successfully passed the voting procedure.

6. Division of a question may be initiated through a corresponding procedural motion.

# *Section C. Amendments*

# Rule 29. Amendments

1. After a Draft Resolution is adopted, the Presidium shall set the deadline for submitting Amendments.

2. An Amendment may add to, delete from, or revise any part of the Draft Resolution.

3. If two or more submitted Amendments share their contents, their authorship is automatically merged.

# Rule 30. Submitting Amendments

1. Amendments shall be submitted to the Expert and undergo Expert Evaluation.

2. Amendments shall not contradict the general sense of the Draft Resolution.

3. An Amendment requires one author in order to be considered.

4. A delegate may author more than one Amendment.

5. Amendments are considered by the committee after all the submitted Amendments undergo Expert Evaluation.

6. Amendments may be presented by one of their authors.

7. The delegates must establish the speakers time prior to presenting Amendments.

8. The presentation of Amendments may include questions to the speaker.

9. After an Amendment is presented, it shall be put to a vote. In order for an Amendment to pass, it requires nine affirmative votes including concurring votes of the Security Council permanent members.

10. At any moment before the Amendment is voted upon, an Amendment to Amendment may be introduced.

# Rule 31. Consideration of Amendments in the Order of Priority

1. The following order of priority of Amendments shall be observed:

 А. Deletion Amendments;

 B. Revision Amendments;

 C. Addition Amendments.

2. If two or more Amendments of the same type to the same clause are submitted, they shall be considered in order of submission.

3. Amendments shall be considered in the order of the clauses they refer to.

4. Amendments to the operative clauses shall be considered prior to the Amendments to the preamble.

5. Grammatical, lexical, spelling and formatting errors shall be corrected by the Expert without a vote upon their discovery.

# Rule 32. Amendment to Amendment

1. An Amendment to Amendment may be introduced orally in order to alter the Amendment under discussion.

2. An Amendment to Amendment may be introduced through the raising of a placard.

3. An Amendment to Amendment shall be put to a vote and adopted by nine affirmative votes.

4. Adoption of an Amendment to Amendment does not imply the adoption of the initial Amendment.

5. Amendments of higher orders of magnitude shall be considered out of order.

# Rule 33. Friendly Amendment to Amendment

1. If all authors of the original Amendment consider an Amendment to Amendment friendly, it shall be adopted without a vote.

2. A friendly Amendment to Amendment does not imply the adoption of the initial Amendment.

# Rule 34. Withdrawal of Amendments

1. Amendments of any type may be withdrawn by the collective decision of all their authors at any time before their adoption.

# *Section D. Resolution*

# Rule 35. Resolution

1. The final Resolution may only be adopted through a roll-call vote.

2. Delegates may vote “In Favor”, “Against”, abstain, or pass.

3. Delegates wishing to pass may do so only once and lose their right to abstain thereafter.

4. The final Resolution shall be adopted by nine affirmative with concurring votes of the Security Council permanent members.

# Chapter V. Crisis-Specific Procedures

# *Section A. Tabling the Discussion*

# Rule 36. Tabling the Discussion

1. Delegates may at any moment table the discussion of an issue by passing the corresponding procedural motion.

# Rule 37. Returning to the Discussion

1. Delegates may at any moment return to the discussion of an issue by passing the corresponding procedural motion.

# *Section B. Emergencies*

# Rule 38. Emergency Dispatches

1. Emergency Dispatches are urgent news that raise a new issue within the overarching agenda.

2. Emergency Dispatches shall be introduced by the Presidium or the Expert.

3. An arrival of an Emergency Dispatch is connected with a new Emergency in the region.

# Rule 39. Discussion of an Emergency

1. Emergencies require urgent attention of the Security Council delegates.

2. After discussing the Emergency, delegates adopt the contents of a Presidential Statement.

# Rule 40. Presidential Statements

1. Presidential Statements are a means of influencing the outcome of an Emergency.

2. The form of Presidential Statements is identical to that of Resolutions, yet may or may not include a preamble and is characterized by brevity and precision.

3. Contents of Presidential Statements are submitted in written or electronic form to the Presidium.

4. Presidential Statements shall undergo Expert Evaluation.

5. Amendments to Presidential Statements shall be submitted orally and immediately voted upon.

6. Presidential Statements shall be adopted by nine affirmative votes with concurring votes of all Security Council Permanent Members.

# *Section C. Informational Support*

# Rule 41. Invitation to Participate

1. Invitations to Participate are a means of acquiring information about the current state of affairs in the region where the crisis takes place.

2. Delegates may issue an Invitation to Participate through a corresponding procedural motion.

3. An Invitation to Participate may cause one of the leaders of the countries affected by the crisis to visit the committee.

# Rule 42. Informational Dispatches

1. Informational Dispatches are presented by the President or the Expert and contain news about the new developments in the region.

2. Informational Dispatches take places sporadically and cannot be triggered by the actions of delegates.

# Chapter VI. Points and Procedural Motions

# Rule 43. Precedence of Points and Motions

1. Points and Motions shall be considered in the following order of priority:

 A. Points of Personal Privilege;

 B. Questions on Voting;

 C. Points of Order;

 D. Points of Parliamentary Inquiry;

 E. Questions to the Speaker;

 F. Questions to the Expert;

 G. Procedural Motions.

# Rule 44. Consideration of Points and Motions

1. The Presidium shall consider points and motions in accordance with the present Rules.

2. In order to raise a point or motion, a delegate shall raise their placard and, when called upon, state the substance of their point or motion.

3. Delegates shall not announce the substance of their points or motions without being called upon.

4. When multiple points or motions are on the floor, the President shall inquire about the substance of each of them. After that, all raised points and motions shall be considered in the order of priority.

5. If one or more points or motions of the same order of priority are on the floor, the President shall consider them in the order in which they were raised.

6. Points and motions may be ruled out of order by the President if they fail to adhere to the present Rules.

7. Any procedural motion requires support in order to be put to a vote.

8. If a procedural motion receives no support, it shall not be considered.

# Rule 45. Friendly Procedural Motions

1. If there are two or more procedural motions concerning the same issue on the floor simultaneously, the President shall inquire if the delegates raising prior procedural motions considers the newer ones friendly. If a delegate considers a procedural motion as friendly, the initial procedural motion shall not be considered.

# Rule 46. Points of Personal Privilege

1. Points of Personal Privilege shall enjoy absolute priority.

2. Points of Personal Privilege may be raised at any time with the exception of voting.

3. Points of Personal Privilege shall be used when a delegate suffers from any real physical discomfort during the meeting. After being called upon, the delegate shall explain the nature of their grievance.

4. Points of Personal Privilege may interrupt speakers. In case a speaker is interrupted by such a point, their time is paused. The speech may be continued after the floor is granted to a speaker by the President.

5. Points of Personal Privilege may not contain complaints about grievances of spiritual, ethical, moral, or of any other non-material origin. Complaints about such grievances are accepted by the Presidium in the written form.

6. Points of Personal Privilege shall under no circumstances touch upon the subject under discussion.

# Rule 47. Questions on Voting

1. Questions on Voting enjoy absolute priority during voting.

2. Questions on Voting are the only type of points or motions considered during the voting procedure.

3. Questions on Voting may be raised when the voting procedure was not properly observed or when a delegate believes that there has been an error in the vote count.

4. Questions on Voting trigger a revote once the Presidium acknowledges that an error has taken place.

5. Questions on Voting shall only be considered during the voting procedure and five minutes after its end. Questions on Voting shall not be considered after that time elapses.

# Rule 48. Points of Order

1. Points of Order may be raised at any time except during voting.

2. Points of Order shall be raised if the present Rules have not been properly observed.

# Rule 49. Points of Parliamentary Inquiry

1. Points of Parliamentary Inquiry may be raised at any time except voting and speeches.

2. Points of Parliamentary Inquiry may be raised if a delegate requires advisement in regard to questions concerning the conduct of business and sessions.

# Rule 50. Questions to the Speaker

1. Questions to the Speaker may be raised only after the speaker has finished their speech, the time limit has not elapsed, and the question limit has not been exhausted.

2. Questions to the Speaker shall be directly connected to the contents of the speech or the general position of the country that the speaker represents.

3. The speaker may refuse to answer one or all questions.

4. If a speaker does not understand the question, they may ask the Presidium to ask for the question to be repeated or paraphrased.

5. The speaker may allow another delegate to answer the question, if the latter should agree.

6. The speaker may answer any question in written form.

# Rule 51. Questions to the Expert

1. Questions to the Expert shall be considered in the general order of priority, unless a voting procedure or a speech is underway.

2. Delegates may ask the Expert for clarification on important factual and legal details connected with the UN or the agenda.

3. The Expert may answer any question in written form.

# Rule 52. Procedural Motions

1. The following procedural motions shall be considered:

 A. To establish the procedure;

 B. To extend the speaker’s time;

 C. To suspend the meeting;

 D. To adjourn the meeting;

 E. To table the discussion;

 F. To return to the discussion;

 G. To switch the mode of debate;

 H. To close the debate;

 I. To divide the question;

 K. To issue an Invitation to Participate;

 L. To reconsider an issue;

 M. To conduct a roll-call vote;

2. Procedural motions shall be adopted by seven affirmative votes.

# Chapter VII. Special Procedures

# Rule 53. Closed Session

1. The President may at any time declare a closed session.

2. In closed session, only the Presidium, the Secretariat and delegates may remain in the meeting chambers.

# Rule 54. Conciliation Commission

1. If no Working Paper is adopted, the Presidium shall create a Conciliation Commission.

2. The Presidium shall appoint the members of the Conciliation Commission.

3. When a Conciliation Commission is underway, only the Expert and delegates appointed by the Presidium may remain in the meeting chambers.

4. The Conciliation Commission shall cease its work once consensus is reached.

# Rule 55. Right of Reply

1. A Right of Reply may be granted to a delegate if their personal or national reputation has been attacked by another delegate.

2. A delegate may ask to be granted Right of Reply through diplomatic correspondence.

3. If granted, the delegate may have one minute before the suspension of the meeting for the day to exercise their Right of Reply.

# Rule 56. Deprivation of the Right to Speak

1. Should a delegate systematically violate the present Rules, the Presidium may temporarily deprive them of their right to speak for the duration of up to 20 minutes at their own discretion.

# Rule 57. Appeal to the Ruling of the President

1. The delegates may appeal to the ruling of the President if they believe that one of the President’s ruling were made in error.

2. In order to successfully appeal to the ruling of the President, the delegates must unanimously vote upon it.