

WHAT TO EXPECT & RULES IN THE AFTERNOON COMMITTEE - UNSPECIFIED CRISIS (2 HOURS)

1. Each committee begins with the Chairperson (Chair) taking roll call, and with delegates being given their country assignments.
2. The Chair will then give the Crisis Briefing Papers to the Delegates. They will have 3 minutes to read the briefing, and begin formulating their responses. The Chair, or a Guest Speaker, may then introduce additional information before Opening Remarks commence. The Chair will also entertain questions to the extent they are able to assist.
3. Opening Remarks are limited to 30 seconds. Students make their speeches in alphabetical order by country name.
4. Once the opening remarks are complete, formal debate will begin. The default debate format is the **Speakers' List**. Delegates may ask to be added to the Speakers' List. At the opening of the session, countries that wish to be added will be added by having their names drawn at random. Thereafter, countries are added by passing a note to the chair expressing their desire to be added. Countries can only be listed on the Speakers' List once at any given point. Once they have spoken, they may ask to be re-added.
5. The **default Speakers' List Speaking Time for the Crisis Committee is 60 seconds**, but this can be changed by Delegates motioning to change the Speakers' List time from anywhere from 30 seconds to 90 seconds at 15 second intervals. The Chair, at their discretion, may or may not entertain such a motion. If the Chair entertains the motion, then students will vote on the change. As this is a procedural vote, abstentions are not allowed. A simple majority is required to change the speaker's time. There are no speeches for or against the change in time.
- 5A. Note that it is permitted for students to get up from their seats at any point (including during speeches) to go work on directives or for strategizing. This can either be done in a separate room or in the back of the room; the Chair will make clear the location for this at the start of the committee session.
6. At any point thereafter in between speakers, a delegate may motion for either a **Moderated Caucus** or an **Unmoderated Caucus** for a suggested length, though the Chair may deny this motion at their discretion. If a motion for a Moderated Caucus or Unmoderated Caucus is accepted by the Chair, then the delegate raising the motion speaks in favor, and one country, selected by the Chair, can speak against (if there is any that does not desire the change in format). Such speeches are limited to 30 seconds. As this is a procedural vote, abstentions are not allowed. A simple majority is required to change the debate format.

7. In a **Moderated Caucus**, the Chair recognizes delegates who indicate their desire to speak by raising their country placards. The Chair will call on speakers one-by-one until the Moderated Caucus time has expired. The default Moderated Caucus speaking time is 45 seconds, but this can be changed from 30 to 90 seconds through motioning and voting (again, it is at the chair's discretion whether to allow such a vote). **Typically in a Crisis Committee, the majority of the time will be spent in the Moderated Caucus format.** Whoever motions for a moderated caucus should specify its duration. At the end of this time, debate format reverts to the Speakers' List.

8. An **Unmoderated Caucus** allows Delegates to move around the room to talk informally with any other Delegates. This format is conducive to allowing students to work on drafting directives. Whoever motions for an Unmoderated caucus should specify its duration. The minimum amount of time is 5 minutes; the maximum is 15 minutes, though the Chair may extend an Unmoderated caucus unilaterally at their discretion.

9. During Moderated Caucuses or Speaker's List format, students can **yield the balance of their speaking time** to another delegate (the delegate to whom time is yielded cannot further yield the balance, however), provided the balance is at least 15 seconds. Yielding is not permitted during speeches to change the debate format, for speeches in voting procedure, or during opening statements.

10. Students can pass paper notes to other students during moderated caucuses or speakers' list format. A typical note may read something like "Dear France, Will you yield the balance of your speaking time to me when you are next up on the Speakers' List, and then I will do the same for you? - China" or something like "Italy, will you meet me in the back to work on an amendment to our directive? - Brazil". Passing notes is encouraged, but please be clear, brief, and show respect at all times. Please do not open notes meant for another country that are being passed.

11. It is not permitted to use any electronic devices during the Model UN sessions, including during unmoderated caucuses. It is permitted to bring printed resources (book, notes, printouts, etc.) into the committee room, but all needed resources for the crisis committee will be provided by conference staff.

12. **In a Crisis Committee, new information will be introduced at various points throughout the session.** This information may be conveyed through a guest speaker, a news release passed to the Chair, or through some other method.

13. At each stage of the crisis committee, the delegates will be instructed to formulate a response to the developing crisis. Debate (whether in Speakers' List or Moderated Caucus) takes the form of determining the best course of action.

14. Delegates may ask the Chair through notes, or during their speeches, if it would be possible to acquire additional information that may help with resolving the crisis. These requests may or may not be possible to entertain.

15. Delegates will need to draft a **Directive** (in effect, a short resolution) that determines their course of action. Directives require a simple majority to pass when voted on.

16. Delegates will work together on Directives and submit them to the Chair. They will not be typed up, but rather announced before the committee, and then voted on.
17. At the Chair's discretion, students may enter into Voting Procedure on a directive. Or, a delegate may make a motion to vote on a directive. It is at the chair's discretion whether to allow this. When a directive is voted on, one co-sponsor can speak for it, and one delegate can speak against it. These speeches last up to 30 seconds each. Yielding the balance of their time to another delegate is not allowed.
18. Directives may vote Yes, No, or Abstain on a Directive. Directives need a simple majority to pass. Abstentions do not count towards determining a majority, but tied votes do not pass a directive.
19. Friendly amendments (i.e. those with the consent of a directive's co-sponsors) are permitted and may be submitted to the Chair at any point prior to a directive being voted on; unfriendly amendments are not permitted (those inclined to submit an unfriendly amendment should draft a separate directive).
20. [This website](#) gives a good overview of how to draft a resolution. A Directive takes this form, but is typically about a half page in length. Your chairs will also assist you in this process.
21. All directives must have at least two co-sponsors. There is no maximum number of co-sponsors.
22. Directives may also have signatories. These are countries that are typically broadly supportive of the directive, but they are not formally responsible for the directive. There is no minimum or maximum number of signatories that are needed, but directives with signatories will stand a better chance of succeeding.
23. Once a directive has passed, the Chair will notify the Crisis Director, and then await the news of how their course of action has affected the direction of the crisis. Typically this news arrives anywhere from 2-10 minutes. At this point, the crisis takes on a new direction, and debate then centers around how to adopt the next directive.
24. Note that additional information may be brought to the attention of the delegates at any point - even if a directive is about to be voted on. At the discretion of the chair, voting may cease, and new directives may need to be drafted.
25. Note that news will always be presented to all delegates simultaneously. News will not be conveyed solely to one delegate or a subset of delegates at any point.
26. During Voting Procedure, delegates are not permitted to leave the room, nor to leave their seats.
27. Parents, other relatives and guardians, teachers, and coaches will be invited into the room for the final 10-15 minutes of the session. Note that this may be disallowed if there is insufficient space. At the end of the session, the Chair will give concluding remarks. The awards ceremony will take place 5 minutes later.