

## Narrative of a Sample Model UN Simulation

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The following is a brief example of how the rules of procedure function within a typical conference. While some of the actual processes may be different at other conferences, the types of interactions with the chairperson will be very similar.

While this does not cover many of the rules, training from the long form of the rules, engaging in this type of dialogue, and practice will allow participants to apply all the rules and their research in order to perform as a distinguished representative of their assigned country.

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- *Italics indicate activity occurring in the room by the Chair or Representatives.*
  - **Bold indicates Chair speaking.**
  - "Normal font is Representatives speaking."
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*Vice Chair Calls Roll:*

**Algeria**" Algeria replies, "present". "**Algeria is present**"

**Brazil**" Brazil replies, "present". "**Brazil is present**"

"**Canada..... Canada? Denmark.**" Denmark replies, "present". "**Denmark is present.**" Etc.

**Thank you Representatives.**

Applicable for committees with more than one topic. As stated in the rules of procedure, the committee will automatically enter into debate on Topic Area I, which is Security Council Reform. Should a delegation wish to discuss topic area II, Nuclear Disarmament, the motion for "Consideration of Agenda items" would be in order.

**Please remember that speeches and motions are of the same precedence, so the Chair will now look for speakers or motions. If you would like to make a speech or a motion, simply raise your placard and wait to be called upon.**

*Representatives raise their placards.*

**Denmark.**

*Denmark then walks to the front of the room and delivers a speech on topic area I. Denmark indicates they are open to Points of Inquiry.*

**Thank you Denmark. If there are any points of inquiry for the Representative, simply raise your placard and call out "Point of Inquiry!"**

*Two delegations raise their placard and call out point of inquiry.*

**On Inquiry, Ghana.**

*Ghana asks a question to Denmark. Denmark responds.*

**Are there other points of inquiry? Seeing none, the Chair is now again looking for speakers or motions. Sweden.**

“Sweden moves for a 10 minute suspension of the meeting.”

**Thank you, Representative. There is a motion on the floor for a 10-minute suspension of the meeting. Is there a second for this motion?**

*Several Representatives call out “Second!”*

**Hearing multiple seconds. Representatives, were this motion to pass, it will have the effect of us essentially entering into a caucus where the committee can begin discussing the topic informally and begin to formulate a resolution on this issue. During this time you can form blocs, speak with other delegations, approach the Chair if you have questions or concerns. Are there any Points of Information about what we are about to vote upon?**

“Point of Information! “

**On information, Brazil.**

“When the 10 minutes is up and we want to keep caucusing, do we have to vote again?”

**Good question, Brazil. When it comes close to the time that the suspension will expire, and the committee appears to be making good progress, the Chair will ask if there are any objections to continuing the suspension. If there are any objections, we’ll return to our seats and re-enter formal debate. At which point another motion would be in order, but others may also choose to continue formal debate. Did that answer your question, Representative?**

“Yes, Madame Chair.”

**Once again, we are voting on a 10-minute suspension of the meeting, having multiple seconds. All those in favor of a 10-minute suspension of the meeting, please raise your placards at this time. *Chair counts.* All those opposed. *Chair counts.* All those abstaining. *Chair counts.***

**Thank you, Representatives. With a vote of 10 in favor, 2 opposed, and 1 abstention, this motion passes. We are now in a 10-minute suspension of the meeting.**

*10 minutes elapse and the Chair feels that the committee needs to return to formal debate.*

**Representatives, the time for the suspension has expired. Please return to your seats.**

**The Chair will now look for speakers or motions.**

“Point of Order!”

**On Order, Cameroon.**

“Are we allowed to talk about resolutions in our speeches?”

**“Thank you Cameroon for your question. This would actually be a ‘Point of Information’ as you’re asking the Chair for information about the proceedings. A ‘Point of Order’ can be used when you believe something is occurring that is contrary to the rules and proceedings. So, on your Point of Information, Cameroon, yes, at any time during debate you may talk about resolutions. We are here to solve an issue and we wouldn’t limit you talking about solutions and coming up with a document that would help achieve this. Does that answer your question, Representative?”**

“Yes, Madame Chair.”

**Thank you Representative. The Chair is looking for speakers or motions.”**

*Several speeches occur.*

*Ukraine finishes her speech. “I’m open to Points of Inquiry.”*

**“Thank you Representative. If delegations have a question for the Representative of Ukraine, simply raise your placard and call out ‘Point of Inquiry’.**

**Thank you Representatives. Speakers or motions? Germany.**

“Germany moves to limit debate to 5 minutes on substantive speeches and 30 seconds on procedural speeches.”

**Thank you Representative. Representative, I’d like to direct you to rule 4.7 in your rules and short form. In this rule it states that procedural speeches shall not be limited to less than 1 minute. I Germany, would you like to amend your motion to have procedural speeches to 1 minute?**

“Yes, Madame Chair.”

**Thank you Representative. Germany has made a motion for a limit on debate, setting speaking time to no more than minutes on substantive speeches, and no more than 1 minute on procedural speeches. This motion requires a second. Do I hear a second?**

***Shouts.* Hearing multiple seconds, we are now voting on a limit on debate for 5 minutes for substantive speeches and 1 minute on procedural speeches.**

“Point of Information!”

**On information, Malaysia.**

“What are the current speaking times?”

**“Good question. This conference starts with no limits on debate, so currently there is no limit on speaking time. I would like to point out that no one yet has spoken for very long, so perhaps a limit isn’t necessary, but that is up to the will of the body. You can always change the limits, or remove the limits at a later time, as well. Does that answer your question, Representative?”**

“Yes, Madame Chair”

**Thank you Representative for your Point.**

**We are resuming voting on the motion of limits on debate moved by Germany. All those in favor of setting the limit on speaking time to 5 minutes for substantive speeches and 1 minute on procedural speeches, please raise your placards at this time. Count. Thank you Representatives. All those opposed? Count. Thank you Representatives. All those abstaining. Count. Thank you Representatives. From a vote of X in favor, Y opposed, and Z abstentions, this motion fails.**

**Thank you Representatives. Speakers or motions? Denmark**

“Denmark would like to bring Draft Resolution 1/1 to the floor.”

**Thank you Representative. That motion is in order at this time. Denmark has moved to bring Draft Resolution 1/1 to the floor. This is the resolution sponsored by Denmark, Italy, Brazil, Canada and Greece. This motion would have the effect of making the resolution available for discussion and to act upon it. Only one resolution can be on the floor at a time, but the Chair has not received any other resolutions at this time.**

**This motion requires a second. Is there a second? *Shouts.* Hearing multiple seconds. This motion requires a simple majority to pass. All those in favor of considering draft resolution 1/1, please raise your placards at this time. All those opposed? All those abstaining. *It passes.***

**Denmark, as you were the delegation that made the motion, would you like to speak first on the resolution.**

“Yes, Madame Chair.”

**You have the floor.**

*Denmark speaks.*

**The Chair is looking for speakers or motions. Canada.**

“Canada moves for a moderated caucus of 15 minutes to discuss and work out the resolution as a group.”

**Thank you Representative. Canada, would you like the caucus to be moderated by a Chair or by a Representative? It can be you or any one else, or none. But I do recommend having one.**

“I’d like Ghana to be the moderator.”

**Thank you. Canada has moved for a 15 minutes moderated caucus, also known as a consultative session, to be moderated by Ghana.**

**The Chair will briefly explain how this segment would work were this motion to pass. The committee would enter a suspension of the rules, while still maintaining a semblance of formality. There are no time limits or rules, so it can be structured how you wish. Typically it’s an opportunity for Representatives to have a free flowing debate without the formalities. This is typically used to hash out problems as a group while maintaining decorum. So one person would be recognized to speak, then another, etc. At the end of 15 minutes, we’ll come back to formal session unless significant progress is being made, then the Chair will give that option, as long as there is no opposition to extending it.**

**Are there any points of information regarding how we’ll proceed?**

**Once again, Canada has moved for a 15 minute moderated caucus to be facilitated by Ghana. Is there a second? Hearing multiple seconds. All those in favor of a 15 minute moderated caucus please raise your placards at this time. All those opposed? All those abstaining. *Announce vote.* Thank you Representatives, we’re now in a 15 minute moderated caucus. PLEASE keep in mind that the Chair is still here as a resource and we can help you out. Also keep in mind we will still enforce diplomatic courtesy at all times. Go ahead.**

**It looks like you’ve made some progress and are ready to come back to formal debate. The time for the moderated caucus has expired.**

**Thank you Representatives. Speakers or motions? Slovenia.**

*Slovenia gives a speech; at the conclusion of their speech they make a motion for closure of debate on resolution 1/1.*

**Thank you Representative. There is a motion on the floor for closure of debate on resolution 1/1. This motion is in order at this time. Before I take a second to this motion, let me explain the results of the motion.**

**If the motion of closure of debate were to pass, we would move into voting procedure on draft resolution 1/1. We would first vote on any amendments if there are any, and then we would vote on the resolution as amended. At that time you can vote in favor, opposed, or abstain. Upon completion of voting, we would return to formal debate on the topic. While we encourage consensus on committee documents, more than one resolution may be discussed and passed.**

**Are there any Points of Information on what we are voting on?**

**Thank you Representatives. We are now voting on closure of debate of draft resolution 1/1. All those in *favor* of Closure of debate on draft resolution 1/1 please raise your placards at this time. Thank you Representatives, all those opposed. All those abstaining. Thank you Representatives. With a vote of X in favor, Y opposed, and z abstentions, this motion passes.**

**We are now *in* Closure of Debate on Draft resolution 1/1. No amendments have been submitted for this resolution, so we will move into immediate voting procedure on draft resolution 1/1.**

*In the pause, a placard goes up.*

**Azerbaijan.**

**“Azerbaijan requests a roll call vote.”**

**There is a request for a roll call vote, and the Chair will grant that.**

**The vice Chair will call your country’s name and you can respond with one of the following options:**

**Yes, No, Abstain, Abstain from the order. If you abstain from the order, your name will be marked and at completion of the list, we will come back around and call your country again at which time you can cast your vote. If you abstain from the order a second time, you will be recorded as an abstention. After voting is complete, the Chair will take a moment to count and record the vote. At that time we will offer the opportunity for any delegation wishing to briefly explain their vote. After these explanations, the Chair will then announce the voting results.**

**Is this clear? Are there any points of information on what we are about to do?**

**Seeing none, the vice Chair will now begin the roll call vote.**

**Germany. (yes!) Germany votes yes**

**Ghana. (no!) Ghana votes no.**

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**Libya.** (Abstain from the order). **Libya abstains from the order.**

**Mauritius.** (Abstain) **Mauritius abstains.**

*...continues*

**Libya.** (The great Arab nation of Libya proudly endorses this resolution and votes yes!).

**Libya votes yes.**

**Thank you Representatives, one moment.**

**Are there any delegations wishing to explain their vote? 15 seconds each. Afterwards, Chair will announce vote.**

**Thank you Representatives. We are still in discussion of topic \_\_\_\_\_.** **The Chair will now look for speakers or motions.**