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General Assembly (GA-Plenary Session) Rules of Procedure

Introduction

This document is aimed at providing a comprehensive, complete and exhausting reference about Rules of Procedure for GeMUN General Assembly Plenary Sessions. All the rules reported below have been written in accordance to THIMUN and GeMUN Rules of Procedure. Please note again that these rules apply only for the General Assembly Plenary Sessions.

Section 1: General rules

Chairs

The board of the General Assembly Plenary Session shall be composed of: President of the General Assembly (PGA), Co-President of the General Assembly (Co-PGA), one Under Secretary-General and three Deputy Presidents. Only the President of GA and Co-President of GA moderate the debate and only them have decisional power over the work of the assembly.

Delegations and others

Only delegations from GA Committees are allowed into the assembly and no exception shall be made. Visitors and non-members shall be admitted in restricted numbers so to avoid possible problems related to excessive noise.

Section 2: Procedures

Opening of the assembly

The PGA will call to order the assembly, take roll call and verify the presence of at least one half of the house (quorum). After verifying the quorum, delegations will entertain their opening speeches. Each delegation has a 1 minute time for their opening speech with no right of reply. NGOs and Observers are not allowed to deliver opening speeches.

- If quorum is not met fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start time of the plenary session, the present Under Secretary General will decide whether to start the session with the delegates present at the moment. Delegations arriving during or after the roll call are required to send a note to the Secretariat stating their presence in the General Assembly. As long as participants have not informed the President of their arrival they will not be recognized or allowed to vote.

Discussion of resolutions



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During the General Assembly Plenary there will be no lobbying and only one resolution per GA Committee will be discussed. The Committee's resolution will be chosen the day before by the Student Officers of that committee with no external interference, so for example, if 3 GA Committees are present at the conference, 3 resolutions will be discussed at the General Assembly.

- No other resolutions or clauses will be accepted during the plenary session.

The discussion of resolutions shall proceed in committees order so 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The debate shall follow normal debate procedures as in all other committees. Delegations will be able to submit amendments in order to add, strike, or modify parts of a resolution. Amendments to the second degree are out of order at all times as stated in GeMUN ROPs. Amendments discussion follow the same debate procedures as in all other committees.

- During debate on resolutions, each delegation has a 3 minutes maximum speaking time.
- Also NGOs and Observers have the right to speak.

Voting procedures apply in the GA Plenary as in all other committees.