

RULES ADDENDUM: SECURITY COUNCIL

Introduction:

1. These rules shall, along with the Long Form of WASMUN Rules, constitute the rules of procedure for the Security Council.
2. In the event that this document should conflict with the Long Form of the Rules of the General Assembly Plenary, this document shall take precedence.

General Rules

Rule 5 – Quorum

The Dais may declare a meeting open and permit debate to proceed when representatives of at least nine of the fifteen members of the Council are present. The presence of nine members shall be required for any decision to be taken.

Committee Operations

Rule 6 – Adoption and Revision of the agenda

Should the body want to debate on a topic not listed in the proposed topics for the conference, delegates may motion to introduce the new topic. The motion must include the title of the topic, and it is up to Director's discretion to accept the motion. A Director may reject such a motion if the new topic proposed is not an acceptable topic to be debated by the Security Council, or may ask for revised motion to focus the topic properly. Delegates must then vote to add the new topic to the agenda. If this motion passes, delegates may debate upon and motion as normal for topic order, including the new topic.

Should the body want to add a new topic to the agenda during debate, the delegates must motion to adjourn the debate; a single motion may be made to adjourn all remaining topics on the agenda. Once the body has adjourned debate on all topics on the agenda, they may adopt a new agenda using the same process as described in the General Assembly Rules.

Voting Bloc

Rule 24 – Voting

All substantive decisions of the Council shall require nine votes in favor to be passed. Substantive decisions must also include the votes in favor or the abstention of the five permanent members of the Security Council. A vote against any substantive decision by a permanent member will mean that the decision or

document does not pass. For the purpose of tabulation, absent members of the Security Council are considered “abstentions,” including the Permanent Members.

Rule 37 - Method of voting

1. The Council shall conduct all substantive votes by roll call, except when a member shall request an approval by acclamation. Roll call votes shall be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the members. The name of each present member shall be called in any roll call vote, and one of its representatives shall reply “yes,” “no,” “no with rights,” “abstention,” or “pass.”

2. Besides resolutions, the Security Council may also choose to write and vote on Presidential Statements, which require council consensus of all present members in order to pass. Any “no” vote from any present member on a Presidential Statement will mean that the document does not pass.

Other Rules of Procedure

Rule 29- Invitations

1. Any Member of the United Nations which is not a member of the Council may be invited, as the result of a decision of the Council, to participate, without vote, in the discussion of any question brought before the Council when the Council considers that the interests of that Member are specially affected. The decision to accept or deny such a request will be made by the Director-General, and the member will be represented by a member of WASMUN secretariat or staff, or by a delegate representing the member in another committee. The Member will then be introduced to the committee by the Director General, who will let the committee know how long the member is available for. The Member may participate in Q&A sessions, moderated debate, and unmoderated debate. The Member may not be added to the speakers list, be allowed to vote on any procedural or substantive motions, or be allowed to participate in writing working papers (though they may discuss current working papers and draft resolutions with members of the council).