



DIRECCIÓN DE CAPACITACIONES Y REGLAMENTO

DINÁMICA DE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

I. SESSIONS

Provisional Agenda

Article 1- The provisional agenda for a regular session shall be drawn up by the Presidency and communicated to the Members of the United Nations before the opening of the session.

Article 2- The provisional agenda of a regular session shall include:

(a) The report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization;

(b) All items the inclusion of which has been ordered by the General Assembly at a previous session;

(c) All items proposed by the other principal organs of the United Nations;

(d) All items which the Presidency deems it necessary to put before the Commission;

Article 3- At each session the provisional agenda and the supplementary list, together with the report of the General Committee thereon, shall be submitted to the Council for approval as soon as possible after the opening of the session.

II. DELEGATIONS

Composition

Article 4- All Member States of the United Nations General Assembly have the right to participate in the Human Rights Council as plenary members or observers.

Article 5- Observer delegations may:

(a) **Make use of the word;**

(b) **Make use of the motions, submit to interpellation and questions,** the same as any other Member State of the Committee;

(c) They will **not be able to present amendments or endorse them, nor will they be able to endorse the preliminary drafts and draft resolutions;** and

(d) They will **not have the right to vote** inside the Committee.

Article 6- The delegation of a Member State shall consist of **not more than two representatives and an alternative ambassador if so,** is the wish of the delegation

III. GENERAL ASPECT OF THE DEBATE

Official Language

Article 7- English will be the official and the working language of the United Nations Human Rights Council

Public and Private Sessions

Article 8- The sessions of the Human Rights Council **will be public unless they decide, by absolute majority** and due to exceptional circumstances, to meet in private session.

Article 9- The President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when at least one third of the members of the Council are present. **The presence of a majority of the members shall be required for any decision to be taken.**

Speeches

Article 10- No representative may address the Council nor the Presidency without having previously obtained **the permission of the President.** The President shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire

to speak. The President may call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

Article 11- The Council may limit the time to be allowed to each speaker and the number of times each representative may speak on any question and establishment, **being no longer than 90 seconds.** When the debate is limited and a representative exceeds his allotted time, the President shall call him to order without delay.

Points of Order

Article 12- During the discussion of any matter, a representative may rise to a point of order, and the point of order shall be immediately decided by the President in accordance with the rules of procedure. A representative may appeal against the ruling of the President. The appeal shall be immediately put to the vote, and the President's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the members present and voting. A representative rising to a point of order may not speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

Points of Inquiry

Article 13- These are used to ask the Presidency questions regarding to Parliamentary Procedure on the Council, must be directed by the approval of the Presidency once the floor is open, or sent by a protocolar written note, it is not allowed direct contact with the Presidency.

Point of Personal Privilege

Article 14- Used with to express a personal concern, must be directed by the approval of the Presidency once the floor is open, or sent by a protocolar written note, it is not allowed direct contact with the Presidency.

Point of Information or Interpellation

Article 15- Used to ask a delegate a question so they may clarify a speech. Must be done by a Member or an Observatory State; if the Chair approves, it will ask the other delegation if it is in order and how many questions it is open for. This point must be seconded by another delegation even if that same delegation will not make an interpellation, and must be voted by the majority of the Council. The use of a preamble must have the approval of the Presidency through a Point of Personal Privilege to

never have direct contact with the Chairs. If there is one or more questions in the Council and the delegation receptor is open to as many as the Presidency considers, the Chair will be the one to have the final decision on how many will be answered.

Motion for Opening the Debate

Article 16- Used to open the debate of one of the topics of the Preliminary Agenda in the first session of the Committee and by the end of the closure of the debate, must be seconded by another delegation and voted by the majority of the Council.

Motion for Adjournment of Debate

Article 17- Used to close the debate of one topic of the Preliminary Agenda and after a resolution has been voted, this motion must be seconded by another delegation and voted by the majority of the Council.

Motion for Adjournment of a Meeting

Article 18- Used to close the negotiations and the debate meeting temporarily, must be seconded by another delegation and voted by the majority.

IV. GENERAL DEBATE

Procedure of the Committee

Article 19- The Committee will be open once the quorum gets validated by the Presidency, letting the Chair to introduce the Provisional Agenda.

Article 20- The Agenda of the Committee will be set by the Member States taking into account the Provisional Agenda presented by the Presidency, must be voted and selected by the majority of votes.

Speakers List

Article 21- The Presidency will open the forum to conform the Speakers List in alphabetical order, where each Member and Observatory State must present their position to the topic in no more **than 90 seconds** in front of the floor. Once the list is closed, the Delegations that wish to be included must request it through a protocolar written note to the Presidency.

Article 22- The Presidency will guide the debate by giving the floor. The Delegations that are on the list of speakers and those designated by the Presidency will be speakers in this debate, taking into account the ideological and regional diversity and the enrichment of the debate.

Moderated Caucus

Article 23- Once all the Observatory and Member State establish their respective position to the topic, it will be necessary to keep the speakers list updated, with the possibility of presentation to the motion of opening a moderated caucus, where delegations will have the opportunity to debate out of the speakers list with the supervision and approval of the Chair. This motion must be seconded by another delegation that will be the next one to speak, and for its approval must be voted by the majority of the committee, time and subject for its opening must have the approval of the Presidency.

Unmoderated Caucus

Article 24- Must be introduced through the motion for the opening of an unmoderated caucus, seconded by another delegation, presenting the time and subject of the same, only getting the approval after the majority of the committee votes and the Chair agrees. If it gets the approval, it gets considered as a Private Debate without public participation.

Draft Resolution

Article 25- The Delegations will carry out draft resolutions to be presented to an Approval Board. **The drafts must have the minimum endorsement of 30% of the total number of Delegations represented in the committee.** The Member States may only give their endorsement to a preliminary draft resolution for each topic that is dealt with.

Article 26- The preliminary draft resolutions will take into account what was discussed **during the general debate and the informal consultations.**

Article 27- From the drafts presented, the Approval Board **will choose one that will be submitted to the consideration of the Member States that are members of the commission.** For this, the following provisions apply:

(a) The Approval Board may introduce modifications of form, but not of substance, in the drafts presented, as well as in those resolutions that are approved by the commission.

(b) Said modifications must be communicated to the commission by the Secretary of the same, except that for reasons of time and due to the lack of relevance of the same, the Presidency decides to obviate this communication.

Article 28- At the time of presenting the preliminary draft resolution to the Approval Board, the Member States that endorse it will also inform you which Delegation or Delegations will defend the preliminary draft resolution at the beginning of the particular debate.

Article 29- The preliminary draft resolution selected by the Approval Board will be delivered to each of the Member States represented in the commission to be debated, amended and voted on by it in the particular debate.

Particular Debate

Article 30- The Presidency will call the three Delegates from the same or different Delegations, who will present the draft resolution to be discussed. These Delegations will **have 4 (four) minutes to defend the draft**, after which they will submit to three mandatory interpellations.

Article 31- The debate in particular may acquire two modalities, moderated caucus or speakers list with a time **no longer to 90 seconds for each participation.** The Presidency will decide the modality to follow and will be able to change it when it considers it necessary.

Article 32- The Presidency **will conclude the debate in particular when it:**

- (a) You **run out of arguments,**
- (b) **Do not provide greater contributions,** or
- (c) **Go over the time limits according to the schedule.**

Amendments

Article 33- The amendment adds, deletes or modifies parts of a draft resolution. Each Delegation may submit only one amendment for each draft resolution under discussion.

Article 34- The proposed amendments must be submitted in writing prior to the Presidency, during the intermediate quarters. The amendments will be received by the Secretary of the Presidency for evaluation by the Board. Each must have at least **2 (two) endorsements.** That endorsement represents the intention to debate the amendment and is not necessarily an indication of a vote for or against it.

Article 35- Voting on the amendment will be by show of hands and obligatory. The Vice President will read each of the proposed amendments to immediately proceed to their respective vote. If there is a simple majority in favor or against the amendment, it will be approved or rejected depending on the case.

Article 36- If the vote on the amendment results in a tie, the Chair may choose to open an speakers list on the amendment under discussion for a time no longer than 90 seconds per participation.

Article 37- The Presidency will prepare a list of speakers in favor of the amendment and another against it, taking into account the ideological and regional diversity, as well as the enrichment of the debate.

Article 38- Each speaker will have a specific time and announced by the Chair to make a comment. Then you can submit to one or two interpellations.

Article 39- The amendment will be formally voted on and abstentions will be allowed.

Article 40- If you obtain a simple majority in favor, the amendment will be approved. Otherwise, it will be rejected.

Resolution Project

Article 41- The amended draft resolutions approved by the Bureau will go on to be formally voted on in plenary session of the Council. Voting will be carried out by absolute majority and with no possibility of abstentions. The draft that obtains the majority of votes will be reviewed by the Presidency, to later be drafted and published as the final draft resolution of the session.

Article 42- If deemed pertinent, the President may allow the Delegations to justify their vote, under the following regulations:

(a) **The speech will have a limited time** and will be announced by the Presidency.

(b) **The Delegations will ask for the floor by show of their placards horizontally,** and the Presidency will choose them taking into account the ideological and regional diversity, as well as the enrichment of the debate.

V. PRESIDENCY

Article 43- The Presidency will ensure these Regulations, which it will comply with and will enforce during the formal sessions. It will moderate them and may take disciplinary measures in the case of non-compliance with the rules of conduct. If the Secretary General or his Deputy is present at the Bureau, they will be the ones to apply the measures at the request of the Bureau of the Presidency.

Article 44- The Presidency will grant the floor only to those who request it in order, taking into account the ideological and regional diversity of the countries that request it, as well as the enrichment of the debate.

Article 45- The Presidency may reduce the maximum exposure time of the Delegations during the debate. It may totally or partially suspend the interpellations, and the different motions. Likewise, it will be at the discretion of

the Presidency to resume them, totally or partially, during the course of the debate.

Article 46- The Presidency may grant rights to reply if deemed appropriate. Their duration will be a **maximum of 2 (two) minutes**.

Article 47- If considered pertinent, **it will call for nonbinding informal votes**, which will be indicative. This type of voting **will follow the following stipulations:**

(a) **Delegations shall not be required to vote, except for the informal vote on the amendment and the informal vote on procedural motions;**

(b) **The Presidency will announce the results of the vote in the way it deems appropriate**