

# FLOW OF COMMITTEE & PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE



Motions are voted in order of most to least disruptive. Without getting too much into the weeds, extensions of the current moderated caucus are more disruptive than motions for an unmoderated caucus, which are more disruptive than motions for a moderated caucus.

## Setting the Agenda



You'll begin by setting the agenda, or choosing the topic of debate. Your committee can choose from Topic A or B.

1. Delegate motions to "Set the agenda."
2. Chair opens a Speaker's List with two speakers for discussing Topic A and two for Topic B.
3. Delegate motions to "Close debate on setting the agenda."
  - a. Take two speakers against closing debate.
  - b. Vote to close debate (requires 2/3 majority).
4. Vote on Topic A; if it fails, vote on Topic B.

## Initial Debate



This is conducted first through a Speaker's List of countries who wish to speak. Then, at Chair's discretion, you'll move into moderated and unmoderated caucuses.

### Speaker's List

- Has no topic, default speaking time of 1 min
- Raise your placard to be added to the list
- When you finish your speech, yield your remaining time to the chair



### Moderated Caucus

- Motion for a caucus with topic, speaking time, and total time
- "Motion for an 9 minute moderated caucus, with a 45 second speaking time, on the topic of the duration of government patents."
- Total time should be divisible by speaking time
- Delegate who makes the motion can speak first or last

### Unmoderated Caucus

- Motion for a caucus with a total time
- "Motion for a 15 minute unmoderated caucus."



## Introduce and Debate Working Papers (WP)

## Introduce and Debate Draft Resolutions (DR)

1. Motion to introduce WP or DR. Requires no vote.
2. Chair will suspend the rules. Requires no vote.
3. Reading session where WP or DR is distributed, and delegates either read silently or present the paper.
4. Q&A period between 3-5 signatories and the other delegates.
5. Return to debate as normal.

## Amend Draft Resolutions



1. Motion to introduce the amendment.
2. Debate occurs by Chair's discretion.
3. Motion to close debate on amendment.
4. Two speakers against closing debate.
5. Vote to close debate (2/3 majority).
6. Vote on amendment.

## Final Voting Procedure



1. Motion to close debate (simple majority).
2. Two speakers against closing debate.
3. Vote to close debate (2/3 majority).
4. Move into voting procedure, led by Dais.
5. Vote on Draft Resolutions in order they were introduced but you can motion to change the order.