

Special Rules UN Security Council

COMMITTEE RULES

1. Membership

The Security Council shall consist of fifteen Members of the United Nations. The People's Republic of China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America shall be Permanent Members of the Security Council.

2. Substantive Votes

In accordance with art. 27 (3) of the Charter of the United Nations, all votes that are not procedural require the affirmative vote of nine (9) Member States, including the concurring votes of the Permanent Members in order to pass.

3. Motion to Declare the Vote Substantive

1. This is a motion which may only be used by the permanent members of the Security Council. It may be entertained on any procedural vote.
2. The aim of this motion is to change the required vote on the procedural motion into a substantive vote.
3. The required majority for a substantive vote in order to pass is nine (9), including five concurring votes of the permanent members.
4. The Motion will be automatically accepted and the vote is transformed into substantive one.

4. Motion for a Closed-Door Session

1. Representatives may propose a motion for a closed-door session, if the item under discussion requires secrecy.
2. This is a procedural motion.
3. This motion does not require debate and needs a simple majority to pass.
4. If the motion passes, journalists will be asked to leave the room and only Members of the Security Council, accredited Observers and the Secretaries-General will be allowed to remain in the room. No statements or documents will be allowed to be published during a closed-door session.
5. The session will become public again as soon as a motion for a suspension of the meeting or for an unmoderated caucus passes.

5. Motion to vote clause by clause

1. Representatives can move to vote clause by clause on the operative clauses of a Draft Resolution during voting procedure.
2. This motion is a procedural motion.
3. This motion does not require debate and needs a simple majority to pass.
4. If the motion receives the required majority, the Chairpersons will proceed to vote on each operative clause, separately. These votes will be substantive in nature. Only clauses receiving a majority of affirmative votes will be allowed to stand.

RULES GOVERNING WRITTEN PROPOSALS

6. Presidential Statement

1. The Security Council may choose to issue a Presidential Statement on matters which do not warrant a Resolution. This statement is formally issued by the Presidency of the Security Council.
2. The presidential statement must be accepted by consensus.
3. The Member holding the Presidency of the Security Council reads out the statement in a public meeting for its adoption.
4. Rules 43 and 44 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, for what concerns the requirements for the introduction of Draft Presidential Statements.