



Middle East



Peace Conference

Rules of Procedure

applying to the

Middle East Peace Conference

during RhodesMRC 2016

1. The Board

The Board of the Middle East Peace Conference (MEPC) shall be composed of three chairpersons or Directors.

1.1. Authorities of the Chairpersons

The Chairpersons shall exercise ultimate authority over the MEPC. The Chairpersons reserve the right to propose a suspension of the current rules of procedure and introduce a simplified debate procedure. In case of disruptive behavior from the part of any participants, the Chairpersons reserve the right to take appropriate action.

1.2. Responsibilities of the Chairpersons

The Chairpersons shall moderate the debate in an equitable and objective manner. They shall be responsible for the application of the rules of procedure. The Chairpersons shall ensure that the position of the participants is accurately represented.

1.3 Caucus of the Board

The Chairpersons reserve the right to halt the procedure for a brief internal caucus.



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2. Procedure

2.1. Delegates' Status

All members of the Middle East Peace Conference are Heads-of-State/Heads-of-Government aka "HoS/HoG" (depending on their country's constitution) and in that regard they hold the highest-ranking position in a sovereign state. They are vested with powers to act as chief public representatives of their respective states, policy-makers both nationally and internationally and are chief commanders of their country's military forces. Last but not least, they are responsible for signing treaties and declaring war with and against other states.

2.2 Quorum

The activities of the MEPC shall commence upon the presence of half of the delegates. If the quorum is not met within 30 minutes after the scheduled time of the session, the MEPC shall start its session with the number of delegates already present, unless instructed otherwise by the RhodesMRC Secretariat. Participants arriving after the Roll Call shall send a note to the Board upon arrival, stating their presence. Participants that haven't stated their presence will be presumed absent and will be unable to take part in the proceedings.

2.3 Roll Call

Attendance shall be conducted by the Chairpersons with a Roll Call at the beginning of every session. Delegates shall establish their presence in the conference by raising their placards and declaring 'Present'.

2.4 Debate

Unless otherwise decided by the Board, the debate shall be conducted in the form of a continuous informal debate. Delegations wishing to take the floor shall raise the placards in order to be recognized by the Board. No interruptions shall be permitted with the exception of rule 3.4.1.1. There shall be no yields.

2.5 Rules of Procedure

The Secretary General may at any point during the debate, suspend the application of the current Rules of Procedure and instruct alterations and adjustments to the current rules of procedure at his/her discretion. In a similar manner, the Chairpersons may indicate a more appropriate procedure to be followed by the quorum.

Delegates may propose a change to the current Rules of Procedure. The new addition/modification requires a 2/3 majority in order to be adopted, although the proposal may not interrupt with modification instructed either by the Secretariat or the Chairpersons.

3. Points and Motions

3.1. Points

3.1.1. Point of Personal Privilege

A member may rise to a Point of Personal Privilege if a matter impairs the Ambassador's participation in the deliberations. The Chairpersons shall try to effectively address the source of impairment. A Point of Personal Privilege can interrupt the speaker in any case. However, this motion should be used with the utmost discretion.

3.1.2. Point of Order.

A member may rise to a Point of Order if a Rule of Procedure is not properly observed by a Delegate or by the Chairpersons. The Chairpersons will rule on the validity of the point immediately. A Delegate rising to a Point of Order may not comment on the topic of the discussion. A Point of Order ruled dilatory by the Chairpersons may not be appealed. This point may not interrupt a Speaker.

3.1.3. Point of Procedural Inquiry

A delegate may rise to a Point of Procedural Inquiry requesting an explanation from the Chair on the Rules of Procedure. This point may not interrupt a Speaker.

3.1.4. Motions

Motions are proposed by the participants in order to facilitate the debate or the overall procedure, by raising their placards and waiting to be recognized. All proposed Motions shall be first approved by the Board, which will then ask for Seconds and Objections. Delegates wishing to second the motion will have to raise their placards. If there are no seconds, the motion will automatically fail. If there are seconds, the board will ask for objections. Delegates who wish to object will again demonstrate so by raising their placards. A Delegate cannot second his own motion. If there is more than one Motion proposed, MEPC shall vote upon them starting with the most disruptive one.

3.1.5. Motion for a Moderated Caucus

A delegate proposing a Motion for a Moderated Caucus must indicate total duration of the caucus, speaking time for each individual speaker and purpose of the Motion. The Chairs may suggest a more appropriate total duration, speaker's time or purpose, or may rule the Moderated Caucus out order without possibility of appeal. If the Motion passes, the Board will recognize at his/her discretion delegates who raise their placards to speak about the issue at hand.

3.1.6. Motion to Extend the Moderated Caucus

A delegate may propose a Motion to Extend the Moderated Caucus if he/she feels that additional time benefits the work of the committee. The delegate proposing an Extension of the Moderated Caucus must suggest duration for the extension, not exceeding the initial Moderated Caucus. The individual speaker's time and the purpose of the Caucus remain the same. The Chairs may suggest a more appropriate total duration and put it to vote or may rule the Motion out of order without possibility of appeal. Only one extension of the Moderated Caucus is allowed.

3.1.7. Motion for an Unmoderated Caucus

A delegate proposing a Motion for an Unmoderated Caucus must indicate a total duration and purpose for the Caucus. The Chairs may suggest a more appropriate caucus length or topic and put it to vote or may rule the Unmoderated Caucus out of order without possibility of appeal. Once the Motion passes, the committee will start an informal discussion on the topic specified in the Motion without leaving the conference room.

3.1.8. Motion to Extend the Unmoderated Caucus

A delegate may move to extend the Unmoderated Caucus if he/she feels that additional time would benefit the work of the committee. The delegate proposing a Motion to Extend the Unmoderated Caucus must suggest duration for the extension, not exceeding the initial Unmoderated Caucus. The Chairs may suggest more appropriate caucus duration and put it to vote or may rule the Extension of the Unmoderated Caucus out of order without the possibility of appeal. Only one extension of the Unmoderated Caucus is allowed.

3.1.9. Motion to Introduce a Draft Document

A delegate may raise a Motion to introduce a draft document out of the documents enumerated in Rule 4, with the exception of Presidential Statements. If the motion passes, the quorum will be given a few moments to study the document, before the Chairpersons entertain a speaker in favor and against. This motion requires a simple majority to pass.

3.1.10. Motion to Vote on Draft Document

After a Draft Document has been introduced and discussed, a delegate may raise a Motion to Vote on that Draft Document. This Motion requires a 2/3 majority in order to pass.

3.1.11. Motion for the Suspension of the Meeting.

A delegate may raise a Motion for the suspension of the Meeting to suspend all committee activities until the next scheduled meeting. The Chairpersons may rule the Motion out of order without possibility of appeal. This motion requires simple majority in order to pass.

3.1.12. Motion to Adjourn the Session

A Delegate may rise to a Motion for the Adjournment of the Session to cease permanently all MEPC activities. The Chairs may rule the Motion out of order without possibility of appeal or putting it to vote. The Motion is debatable, thus the Chairs will entertain one (1) speaker in favor and one (1) speaker against. This motion requires 2/3 majority in order to pass.

4. Production of documents

4.1. Agreement

The MEPC shall attempt to reach an Agreement at the end of its session, in written form. The Agreement must be unanimous. All members shall have the right to vote, unless a delegation has differentiated status, which shall be specified by the Board. With the exception of the latter, all members shall vote. Abstentions are not in order. An Agreement needs a unanimous vote in order to pass.

4.2. Statement of the Conference

The participants of the MEPC shall be able to issue Statements of the Conference in order to rapidly address crisis updates. Statements shall have the form of a text which shall not be more than a page long. All members shall vote. Abstentions are not in order. A Statement of the Conference requires simply majority in order to pass.

4.3. Statements of Members

One or more members of the MEPC are be able to issue a Statement in order to clarify their position or points of differentiation with the majority of the quorum. Statements can only refer to the crisis updates. Members can submit Statements after requesting authorization from the Chairpersons to do so and, in all cases, in due time. At the earliest convenience of an open floor, the Chairpersons shall decide themselves to give the floor to the delegate(s) that issued the Statement for a maximum of 5 minutes to elaborate on their points. Statements of Ambassadors or Ministers of Foreign Affairs shall be submitted under the title "Ministerial Statement". Delegations with a differentiated status shall be able to submit Statements under the title "Statement". While not obliged to, delegates are nonetheless encouraged to issue Joint Statements.

5. IB - Intelligence Bureau

In the spirit of national integrity, peace and security, each HoS/HoG has a specially designed division under their command (national intelligence services, special units, secret services, etc.),

tasked with acquiring military and political intelligence in order to provide guidance, direction and support. The Intelligence Bureau is at the disposal of every member of the MEPC, albeit it does not serve as a research facility. For this very reason, individuals who wish to contact the IB must be precise with their requests and commands, understand the nature of their country's military forces and possess basic knowledge of the areas where they operate. Last but not least, every single member of the MEPC must understand that any and all classified documents might leak to foreign intelligence units or even to the public should an organised —or otherwise – cyber attack, leak to be carried out.