



NMUN Voting Procedures

- ❖ Following either the Closure of Debate (someone moves to end the debate) or the Speakers List gets through the end, the committee moves straight into voting procedure (A 10 min break is normally given beforehand)
- ❖ There is NO: talking, moving around, or using cellular devices during voting procedures!!!
- ❖ How long voting procedure takes can vary depending on the size of the committee and the number of Draft Resolutions and Amendments.

Types of Votes: Procedural and Substantive

- ❖ **Procedural:** Motions regarding the flow of session (almost every motion; Suspension of the Meeting for example)
 - All Member States and Observers must vote yes OR no
- ❖ **Substantive:** Motions regarding written solutions (Resolutions, Amendments, and the second vote on Division of the Proposals)
 - Member States who are “present” in session can vote yes, no, OR abstain (non-vote)
 - Member States can only abstain if they are marked “present” on the roll call; if marked “present and voting” they must vote yes OR no
- ❖ **Abstentions:** Don't count for or against a motion
 - Ex/ A motion passes with simple majority with 11 in favor, 10 against, and 173 abstentions.

Methods of Voting

- ❖ **Electronic Voting:** Most voting will be done through The Hub
- ❖ **Roll Call Vote:** The Dias goes down the list alphabetical (sometimes beginning at a random Member State)
 - ONLY OCCURS FOR SUBSTANTIVE VOTES UPON REQUEST
 - Motion for a Roll Call Vote is automatically accepted without vote if time permits
 - Member States can vote yes, no, or PASS once, but then must vote yes, or no when called again
- ❖ **Placard Vote:** The Dias counts the number of raised placards

Explanation of Voting

- ❖ A Member State may explain why they voted AGAINST a Draft Resolution that they originally sponsored (helped write) due to an Unfriendly Amendment or Division of the Proposal that SUBSTANTIALLY changed the draft resolution
- ❖ Requests for an explanation of the vote must be submitted in writing BEFORE voting procedures commence (explain your vote before you vote)
 - Unless the Sponsors (writers) were unaware of the Amendment or division, then the explanation should be submitted immediately after voting procedure



Amendments

- ❖ **Purpose:** To make a change to an OPERATIVE CLAUSE only on a draft resolution you were not a part of writing
- ❖ **Friendly Amendment:** Means everyone who wrote the paper agrees to the change (All Signatories)
 - These are passed automatically into the Draft Resolution
- ❖ **Unfriendly Amendment:** Means at least one person who wrote the paper does NOT agree to the change
 - These must be voted on by the whole committee before the Draft Resolution can be voted on with or without the change. (Sometimes the Director may decide to toss an Unfriendly Amendment rather than bring it to a vote)
 - If brought to a vote, the Chair will request 2 speakers in favor and 2 speakers against each Unfriendly Amendment for 15 seconds each
 - After a Substantive Vote (yes, no, or abstain) is recorded on all Unfriendly Amendments, the committee will vote on all Draft Resolutions with the passed Amendments

Division of the Proposal

- ❖ **Purpose:** Allows you to separate one or more OPERATIVE CLAUSES from a Draft Resolution to be voted on by the committee as an Annex to the original Resolution minus those clauses
 - ❖ This is used when a group of clauses is so SIGNIFICANT it should be recognized separately
- How to do it:
1. Right before voting on the Draft Resolution, a Member State will move to divide the proposal
 - a. EX/ “The Delegation of Denmark moves to divide out clauses 1 and 2.”
 2. First Vote: The committee will vote on whether or not to Divide the Proposal (yes or no)
 - a. The Director will take 2 speakers for and 2 speakers against for 15 seconds
 - b. Speakers can only speak about dividing or not (the procedure of it) and CANNOT speak on the contents of the Draft Resolution
 - c. Simple Majority passes
 - d. If division motion is not passed, the Draft Resolution stays the same
 - e. If it is passed, move onto the second vote
 3. Second Vote: The committee will vote on whether to divide out the clauses and remove them from the original draft (yes, no, or abstain)
 - a. Simple Majority passes
 - b. If the second vote does not pass, the separated clauses are permanently discarded
 - c. If the second vote does pass, the chosen clause(s) become an Annex to the original Draft Resolution
 - i. If the committee then does not pass the draft resolution, the annex fails as well

