

# RULES ADDENDUM: SECURITY COUNCIL

## Introduction:

1. These rules shall, along with the Long Form of the Rules of the General Assembly Plenary, constitute the rules of procedure for the Security Council.
2. In the event that this document should conflict with the Long Form of the Rules of the General Assembly Plenary, this document shall take precedence.

## I. COMPOSITION

### Rule 1 – Membership

1. The Security Council shall consist of fifteen members of the United Nations.
2. Each member shall have no more than one representative in each body.

## II. SESSIONS

### Rule 2 – Dates of convening and adjournment

The Council shall meet on a regular basis at the discretion of its membership, its President, or the Secretary-General. The Council shall convene at the written request of the President, the Secretary-General, or a majority of its membership as transmitted to the Secretary-General.

## III. AGENDA

### Rules 5/6 – Adoption and Revision of the agenda

1. The agenda provided by the Secretary-General shall be considered proposed as of the beginning of the session. The Council may vote to accept such a proposal or may vote to approve an agenda consisting of the items within the proposed agenda in a different order, or consisting of any items deemed by the Secretary-General to be within the mandates of the Council.
2. Should the Council adjourn debate on all open questions on the agenda, any representative may propose a new agenda consisting of any combination of items proposed by the Secretary-General prior to or during the sessions, or of any items deemed by the Secretary-General to be within the mandates of the Council.

*The vote described in this rule is a procedural vote and, as such, all delegates (including observers) must cast a vote. For purposes of this rule, “those present and voting” mean those delegates, including observers, in attendance at the meeting during which this motion comes to a vote.*

### Rule 11 – Selection and replacement of the President and Vice President

1. The President shall be appointed prior to the first meeting of the Council. For the purposes of facilitation of debate, the President shall not be a delegate; instead, this appointment shall be done by the Director-General. The President shall chair the Assembly for the duration of the conference, unless otherwise decided by the Director-General. If the President is unable to perform his or her functions, a new President shall be appointed for the unexpired term at the

discretion of the Director-General.

2. The Vice Presidency of the Council shall rotate among its membership, with an equal amount of time reserved for each member. The Vice President shall aid the President in chairing the Council, and shall be responsible for management of debate. During this time, the Vice President shall not be awarded the right to speak during formal session (though they may take part in the work of the Council during Suspensions of the Meeting of any type).

The representative of the member whose time it is to serve as Vice President may choose to waive their right to serve for that time. In the event that the Vice President is unable to perform his or her functions, or chooses to waive such a right, the President shall proceed to the next member. No representative may serve as Vice President more than once.

## VI. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

### Rule 15 – Quorum

The President may declare a meeting open and permit debate to proceed when representatives of at least nine of the fifteen members of the Council are present. The presence of nine members shall be required for any decision to be taken.

### Rule 20 – Speeches

4. Immediately following a speech, members of the Assembly may comment on the previous speech. This ability must be authorized by a majority vote of the Assembly (and may also be removed by the same threshold); this motion shall last for the duration of the Assembly's discussion of the current topic. A motion to allow short comments following speeches will allow exactly two short comments of a time to be determined by the President after each speech and is not debatable. Short comments must refer to the substance of the original speech and may not refer to other short comments.

### Rule 25 – Adjournment of debate

1. A representative may at any time move for an adjournment of debate of the question. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded to two representatives favoring and two opposing adjournment of debate, after which the motion shall be immediately put to a vote, requiring the support of a majority of the members present and voting to pass. This vote must be taken by roll call. If a motion for adjournment of debate passes, the topic is considered dismissed and no action will be taken on it.

2. A representative may at any time move for an adjournment of debate of all open questions on the agenda. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded to two representatives favoring and two opposing adjournment of debate, after which the motion shall be immediately put to a vote, requiring the support of a majority of the members present and voting to pass. This vote must be taken by roll call. If such a motion for adjournment of debate passes, all topics are considered dismissed and the agenda is open.

*The vote described in this rule is a procedural vote and, as such, all delegates (including observers) must cast a vote. For purposes of this rule, "those present and voting" mean those delegates, including observers, in attendance at the meeting during which this motion comes to a vote.*

## VII. VOTING

### Rule 34 – Majority required

1. Unless specified otherwise in these rules, procedural decisions of the Council shall be made by a majority consisting of nine or more members of the Council voting in favor.
2. All substantive decisions of the Council, except Presidential Statements, shall require for passage the approval of nine members of the Council, including the concurrent vote or abstention of the five permanent members of the Security Council.
3. The adoption of Presidential Statements by the Council shall require the approval of all present members of the Council.

*For the purpose of tabulation, absent members of the Security Council are considered “abstentions,” including the Permanent Members.*

### Rule 37 – Method of voting

1. The Council shall conduct all substantive votes by roll call, except when a member shall request an approval by acclamation. Roll call votes shall be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the members. The name of each present member shall be called in any roll call vote, and one of its representatives shall reply “yes,” “no,” “no with rights,” “abstention,” or “pass.”
2. The vote of each member participating in a roll call vote shall be inserted in the record.

*Only those members who designate themselves as “present” or “present and voting” during the attendance roll call, or in some other manner communicate their attendance to the President and/or Secretariat, are permitted to vote and, as such, no others will be called during a roll call vote. Any representatives replying, “pass,” must, on the second time through, respond with either “yes,” “no.” A “pass” cannot be followed by a second “pass” for the same proposal or amendment, nor may it be followed by an abstention on that same proposal or amendment, nor may the representative explain their vote.*