

UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

5 - 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

In-person | At FACAMP



DELEGATE'S
HANDBOOK



Procedures
and Flow of
Debate

FAMUN: SIMULATION AFFILIATED TO WIMUN



FAMUN is the first simulation in Brazil to be a WIMUN affiliate.

This official affiliation means that FAMUN is committed to the WIMUN approach, which offers the most accurate simulation of the United Nations in terms of leadership structure, rules of procedure, and flow of debate.

The rules of procedure and flow of the debate of the UN Security Council presented in this handbook follow the WIMUN approach.

More information at: <https://wfuna.org/wimun>

THE SECURITY COUNCIL¹

The Security Council is primarily responsible within the UN system for maintaining international peace and security. Toward this end, it is the only Organ of the UN that is authorized by the UN Charter to make its decisions legally binding. Although it should first aim to resolve any disputes through negotiation, mediation, conciliation, arbitration, judicial settlement, or other peaceful means, should these measures prove inadequate, the Security Council can call on Member States to employ economic sanctions. If these measures are ineffective, it may, as a last resort, authorize the use of military force to restore international peace.

Because the decisions of the Security Council can be legally binding, the major Allied nations that won World War II, who are all Permanent members of the Council, insisted that they be granted the veto power to prevent less powerful countries from imposing decisions on them that they did not agree with. Although the UN Charter makes no explicit mention of the veto power, it is implied in Article 27, paragraph 3 which stipulates that a substantive decision will not be adopted if it does not obtain the concurring votes of all five permanent members (i.e., China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States). As a result of this Article, all it takes is for one of the permanent members to vote against a resolution for it to be vetoed.

The actual use of a veto does not happen very often today in the Council. The great majority of resolutions, in recent times, have been adopted unanimously. If we look back over the last decade (i.e., from 2010-2019), the Council adopted a total of 596 resolutions, out of which 539 (90.4%) were adopted by a vote of 15-0.

FLOW OF DEBATE

Like the General Assembly, most of the work of the Security Council gets done in informal consultations, which are closed to the public so that Council members can engage in candid discussions on sensitive issues.

1. The flow of debate in a Security Council simulation always begins, as it does in the real Security Council, with informal consultations referred to as Informal Consultations of the Whole. This meeting is led by the President of the Security Council to reach a consensus on the Council's agenda, a meeting format for the formal meeting that will follow (see Annex for a description of different formats used for formal

¹ The rules of procedure and flow of debate of all Security Councils simulated in FAMUN 2024 follow the WIMUN approach, developed by the World Federation of United Nations Associations International Model United Nations. FAMUN is the only Brazilian MUN to be a WIMUN affiliate.

meetings), and a list of speakers to the address the Council according to what is allowed by Rules 37 and 39 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure.

2. Once the Council has reached consensus on these items then it is ready to convene a public formal meeting. **In FAMUN 2024, the Security Council discussion on the agenda item “Children and armed conflict in the Occupied Palestinian Territory” will be using the Open Debate format.** Detailed information on the flow of debate to this format can be consulted in the Annex. See also the Annex for information on other formats used in the Security Council.

3. When an Open Debate format is used by the Council to engage in a thematic debate, there is no limit to the number of non-Council Member States who can be invited to make statements during a formal meeting of the Council. The Open Debate is the most inclusive format because it is open to any Member State who wishes to speak.

4. The order of speakers during an Open Debate typically starts with the UN Secretary-General followed by representatives of other inter-governmental bodies or relevant UN bodies, Council Members, non-Council Member States who have been invited to speak by the Council and finally the President of the Council (in his/her national capacity).

5. According to the Security Council Working Methods Handbook, “The Security Council encourages, as a general rule, all participants, both members and non-members of the Council, in Council meetings to deliver their statements in five minutes or less. The Security Council also encourages each briefer to limit initial remarks to 15 minutes, unless otherwise decided by the Council”. **In FAMUN 2024, the time limit for opening statements during the first formal meeting of the Council or during Informal Consultations of the Whole will be 5 minutes.**

6. When the President of the Council delivers a statement in his/her national capacity, he/she usually goes last and then resumes his/her functions as President of the Council to either continue chairing or to conclude the meeting.

7. Following a formal meeting where Member States speak on a thematic issue, only Council Members may continue to discuss the agenda item in Informal Consultations of the Whole. **In FAMUN 2024, non-members of the Council are allowed to discuss the agenda item. However, they cannot introduce amendments or adopt any of the Council documents.**

8. During Informal Consultations of the Whole, Council members can engage in candid informal discussions on the issue that is before them. When Council members are engaging in informal discussions, they can discuss the agenda item under consideration for as long as they like. There are no time limits set for informal discussions.

9. At some point during their informal discussions, Council members will need to adjourn their discussions so that they can turn their attention to discussing and then adopting the Press Elements by consensus.

10. Press Elements should be drafted in advance by the President and penholders and distributed to Council members for their consideration during Informal Consultation of the Whole.

11. In addition to adopting Press Elements, the Council will negotiate the text of a draft resolution (zero draft) that will be distributed to Council members in advance.

12. The resolution is the only document that is put to a formal vote.

13. The last formal meeting of the Council is convened when Council members are ready to adopt a resolution by a vote. Council members who wish to do so can explain their vote after voting.

SPEAKER'S LIST

When the Secretary-General or other senior Secretariat officials, senior UN staff from other Offices, Departments, or UN agencies are invited to brief the Council, they go first. If there are NGO representatives or other individuals that the Council has invited to speak, they would go next.

A formal briefing in the Council chamber is often immediately followed by Informal Consultations of the Whole, which are closed to the public. The President of the Council continues chairing the meeting. Once the private meeting in Informal Consultations of the Whole is over, Council members may continue to meet informally. During informal meetings, however, there is no Speaker's List and Council members may speak as often as they like.

ROLE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Under Rule 18, the presidency of the Security Council rotates monthly in the English alphabetical order of the names of the members of the Council. If the country the President represents is directly involved in a dispute that is being considered by the Security Council, he/she may decide not to preside over the Council during the period that this issue is being discussed. When this occurs, the representative of the member next in English alphabetical order temporarily assumes the Presidency.

The functions of the President include: 1) presiding over meetings of the Council and Informal Consultations of the Whole, 2) briefing non-Council members on the monthly programme of work of the Council at the beginning of the month, 3) holding bilateral meetings with concerned parties such as Member States, heads of principal organs and Agencies, chairmen of the regional groups and others, 4) representing the Security Council and delivering statements on behalf of the Council with the concurrence of Council members including informal meetings of the heads of the principal organs of the United Nations, and 5) delivering statements or remarks to the press whenever Council members have reached an agreement on Press Elements.

The Presidency of the Security Council is assigned to the State, not the individual. As a result, any member of the government can preside over meetings during the month when their country has been assigned to the Presidency of the Council. In addition to presiding over meetings, the President also makes statements in his/her national capacity as a representative of the government.

If you compare this to leadership positions in the General Assembly, the President of the General Assembly or the Chair of a GA Committee are elected by the Assembly for a one-year term to act in the best interests of the entire membership of the Assembly. In their capacity as GA officials, they cease to represent their national governments during their term.

When the UN was first created, the President's role was largely procedural in nature. Today, the President's ability to introduce thematic issues into the Council's monthly programme of work (with the consent of Council members) has given the President a greater substantive role as well. Although it is not in the UN Charter or in the rules of procedure, this practice has been common since the early 1990s.

DOCUMENTS

All documents issued by the Security Council, except resolutions, require consensus of Council members. The documents prepared by the Council include:

- **Press Elements:** When the Council wants the President to brief the press on an important issue or crisis, it drafts what are called Press Elements which are bullet points the President is authorized to use to guide what he/she says to the press. Press Elements are nothing more than an outline of what the President is authorized to say on behalf of the Council. Although the Council must reach a consensus on the content of the Press Elements before the President can speak to the International Press Corps, it does not need to be submitted to a line-by-line

review. Consensus is reached through an informal discussion between the President and the Council on what the Council authorizes the President to say. Once the Press Elements have been adopted by consensus, the President delivers remarks in a press stakeout on behalf of the Council. Each Council member who wishes to do so can also make a statement to the press and answer their questions.

- **Press Statement:** Press Statements were initially rare in the Council. Since 2001, Press Statements have become a common mode of communication. A press statement is usually first read to the press by the President of the Security Council and then issued as a Press Release by the UN Department of Global Communications. Press statements are usually issued in response to an event (such as a terrorist attack) that may threaten international peace and security. **During FAMUN 2024, the Council can draft Press Statements that reflect real-world events that may occur during the simulation. They do not have to be related to the specific agenda items they are discussing as long as they are related in some way to a threat to international peace and security.**
- **Presidential Statement (PRST):** The content of a PRST is more general than a resolution, it can request the Secretary-General to report on a crisis and convey the Council's concerns. It is usually an interim step to address a newly developing situation. If the situation does not improve then a resolution may be adopted later. The PRST may be the best format when Council members are divided on how to respond to a conflict. In 2011 and 2012, two resolutions on Syria were not adopted due to the veto but the Council was able to adopt two PRSTs which contained elements from the failed resolutions. Once the text of a PRST has been agreed upon by all members of the Council, the President convenes a formal public meeting to read it aloud. It is now the practice of the Council to allow Member States to disassociate themselves from elements of the Presidential Statement and to make a public statement to this effect after the President has read the Presidential Statement during a formal meeting. If a Member State wishes to disassociate itself from any part of the PRST, it must let the Director know before the Formal Meeting. In most cases, the Council adopts either a PRST or a resolution. Sometimes, a PRST is issued by the Council instead of a draft resolution when consensus cannot be reached on the draft resolution. Although a PRST and a resolution are sometimes adopted on the same agenda item, this is less common. When this occurs, usually the PRST is adopted first, and the resolution is voted on later.
- **Resolution:** Resolutions are divided into two sections, the preambular paragraphs and the operative paragraphs. The preambular section sets the stage by recalling past actions

taken by the UN and its Member States on the agenda item and by expressing its concern about what is happening that explains why the Council is seized with this issue. The operative section focuses on actions the Council wants the Member States to take to restore international peace and security. The UN Charter gives the Council the authority to make its resolutions legally binding if it so chooses. It is even possible for some operative paragraphs to be legally binding while others in the same resolution are simply recommendations. It is the practice of the Security Council to vote on all resolutions. A minimum of nine votes, including those of the P5 (China, France, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, and the United States), are needed for a resolution on a substantive issue to be adopted. According to the Security Council Report, “whereas 24.3 percent (9) of the resolutions adopted by the Council in 1990 were not unanimously adopted, only 7 percent (3) were adopted without the full consensus of the Council in 2013 (through 15 December). No more than 10 percent of the total resolutions adopted within any calendar year since 2001 have been adopted without consensus”. The Council realizes, as does the General Assembly, that a resolution adopted by consensus or by unanimity is stronger than one that is not. Any member of the P5 can veto a resolution. The Member State responsible for drafting the resolution on a particular agenda item is referred to as “the penholder.” At present, France, the UK, and the US (referred to as the P3) are the penholders for most items on the Council’s agenda. Once the P3 has agreed on the draft, it is shared with the Russian Federation and China. When the P5 agrees, then it is shared with the E10 (Elected 10). Although it is less common, other Council and non-Council members do serve as “penholders” on certain agenda items as agreed by the Council. **Since the agenda item that will be debated at FAMUN 2024 is a real item on the Security Council’s agenda, the penholders will be the same as those that have been approved by the Council in New York. However, all penholders during the simulation at FAMUN 2024 will have the option of inviting other Council members to assist in drafting the resolution if they want to. When the mandate of a peacekeeping mission is being renewed, this is usually addressed in a resolution rather than a PRST.**

At FAMUN 2024, Council members will concentrate on two documents: Press Elements and Resolution. A Press Statement can be issued if the Council addresses a crisis. A PRST can be issued instead of a Resolution if the Council does not reach a consensus on this document.

REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS

Each document generated in Informal Consultations is normally subject to a review by the Council in an organized Informal Consultation of the

Whole. **In FAMUN 2024, the Security Council will review two documents, the Press Elements and a Resolution.**

Press Elements are drafted by the penholders in consultation with the President and then submitted to the Council for comments. Once consensus has been reached on what the Security Council authorizes the President to say when addressing the Press, a press stakeout will be organized in the stakeout room. After the President has made a statement to the Press and answered their questions, each Council and non-Council member will be allowed to make a statement to the press in their national capacity and answer questions in the stakeout room if they wish to do so.

In addition to Press Elements, the Council will also negotiate the text on a draft resolution on its agenda item. Normally the initial draft of the resolution is written by the penholder and then distributed to the Council members for comments. **However, at FAMUN 2024, the penholders will draft the resolution in consultation with other invited Council members. After being drafted, the draft resolution will be distributed to all Council members. Council members who wish to make changes to the draft text may do so by submitting amendments during the line-by-line review.**

During the line-by-line review, the Director reads each paragraph of the draft resolution so that the Council members can propose changes to the text, that is, to propose amendments. All amendments will be noted in the document during the line-by-line review. For more information on how to propose amendments, see Annex 2.

After noting all amendments to the draft resolution during the line-by-line review, the Council will debate each amendment until they reach an agreement on each amendment. The penholders will first indicate if they have any objection to the amendment. Afterward, the debate continues with the position of the other members of the Council. The amendments are never voted on. Agreement on each amendment will be reached through negotiation, which usually requires finding alternative writing for the paragraph.

When a complete paragraph is agreed upon by the Council, *Agreed ad ref* is noted. This phrase indicates that an agreement is temporary until all paragraphs of the document have been marked *Agreed ad ref*. Only later is the Council considered to have reached consensus.

If there is an amendment on which it is difficult for Council members to reach consensus, the amendment will be placed in brackets until it is discussed later, so that the Council can focus first on the amendments that are easiest to resolve. The Council will return to the bracketed amendments in the final review of the draft resolution.

Although consensus is desired, it is not required. The resolution is the only document negotiated by the Council that is always voted on during a formal meeting. If consensus has been reached, then the vote will be

unanimous which happens in the great majority of cases. If consensus is not reached, then it must receive nine affirmative votes including the P5 to be adopted. If one of the P5 votes against the resolution or if there are fewer than nine votes in favor of the resolution, then it is not adopted. Sometimes the Council will withdraw a resolution if one of the P5 threatens to veto it, but it is not obligated to do so. If one of the P5 threatens to veto a resolution, negotiations should continue until it is clear that no compromise is possible to prevent this from happening.

Amendments are never voted on during Informal Consultations of the Whole.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

On 17 January 1946, the Security Council met for the first time in London and adopted provisional rules of procedure. The provisional rules that were presented to the Council at its first meeting were the result of lengthy debates in a Security Council sub-committee called the Executive Committee of the UN Preparatory Commission. The Commission continued to discuss the draft for several months but in late June 1946 decided that it could not agree on a definitive set of rules of procedure. As a result, the Security Council's rules of procedure are referred to as "Provisional Rules of Procedure". That means they are considered interim or temporary. Over the long history of the Council, this has allowed it to be flexible in how it goes about its work. As noted in the Security Council Working Methods Handbook, "the members of the Council periodically have taken decisions to supplement the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Security Council through adopting and publishing specific new working methods. Although the Provisional Rules of the Security Council have not been amended since 1982, the Security Council continues to modify its working methods". These refer to practices that the Council has agreed to follow even though they are not mentioned in its Rules of Procedure.

There are two components of the Council's Working Methods that you need to take note of during the FAMUN 2024 simulation:

- There is no formal Right of Reply in the Security Council. Since Informal Consultations of the Whole allow Council members to speak as often as they like, they can respond to comments made by other delegates without needing to request a Right of Reply; and,
- It is now the practice of the Council not to introduce any amendments during a formal meeting to adopt a resolution. Delegates will have ample opportunity to propose amendments during the review of documents that take place when meeting

in Informal Consultations of the Whole and are encouraged to work together to achieve consensus on the wording of the resolution that is under consideration.

Almost all existing Model UN conferences use parliamentary procedures that are contrary to UN practices and, in some cases, violate the principle of sovereign equality that the UN was founded upon. Moreover, they fail to reflect current negotiation practices within the Security Council that largely aim to reach consensus. Model UNs around the world simply apply the same parliamentary rules when simulating any UN entity, which ignore important differences between them. The rules and working methods used in this simulation are designed to provide the most authentic simulation of the Security Council anywhere in the world.

Here are some things you need to know about the rules of procedure that will be used:

1. There are no moderated and unmoderated caucuses. That means that during formal meetings of the Council statements made by invited speakers or Council members are never interrupted. The Speaker's List is followed until all speakers have had an opportunity to speak.
2. Passing notes during Formal Meetings is not allowed.
3. The presiding officer during meetings will never ask: "Are any points or motions on the floor?"
4. Parliamentary points (e.g., Points of Personal Privilege, Points of Information, and Points of Inquiry) and motions (e.g., Motion for Moderated or Unmoderated Caucuses, Motion to Set Agenda, Motions to Set Speaking Time, Motion to Move to Voting Procedures, etc.) are not allowed during the simulation. These are parliamentary rules of procedure, and they are not used at the UN because it is not a Parliament.
5. Delegates will not be allowed to yield their time to another delegation.
6. The only point that is allowed is a Point of Order, which is only to be used if a delegate feels the rules of procedure are not being followed properly. Since formal meetings of the Council are infrequent, this usually never occurs.
7. Signatories are not required in order for a resolution to be considered.

TERMS USED IN THE WIMUN APPROACH

1. Director: refers to the Secretariat staff whose job it is to assist the President during formal meetings of the Council. The Director is also responsible for keeping track of all proposed changes or amendments that are put forth during the review of all documents discussed during Informal Consultations of the Whole.

2. Paragraphs: Model UN conferences around the world are used to referring to the clauses or sub-clauses of a resolution. At the UN, these are referred to as paragraphs and sub-paragraphs.

3. Consensus: Consensus occurs when Council members reach an agreement on the wording of every paragraph in the document that is to be distributed by the Council and are ready to adopt it without a vote. This is the goal of the negotiation process. In the case of resolutions, however, the Council always votes even when all Council members agree on the text and the vote is 15-0. This is the only time a document is voted on. If consensus is not reached on the other documents, they are not distributed.

TERMS NOT USED IN THE WIMUN APPROACH

1. Dais: This term is not used at the UN and is therefore not a part of the terminology used by the WIMUN Approach.

2. Chair: The person presiding over meetings of the Council is referred to as the President, not the Chair.

3. Honourable Delegates or Honourable President: These terms are used in a Parliament and since the UN is not a Parliament it is not appropriate to use them during the simulation of UN meetings. When making a statement during the Formal Meeting, a delegate should address his/her comments to the person presiding over the meeting (e.g., Mr./Madame President) and not to the delegates.

4. Friendly and Unfriendly amendments: These terms are not used at the UN and do not apply to the negotiation process followed by the WIMUN Approach, which focuses on reaching a consensus among all delegates.

5. Moderated and Unmoderated Caucuses: These terms do not exist at the UN.

6. Clauses: Model UN conferences around the world refer to the clauses of a draft resolution. In contrast, the editorial guidelines at the UN refer to them as paragraphs and sub-paragraphs.

RESOLUTION WRITING GUIDELINES

All resolutions must have two general sections. The first section should contain preambular paragraphs which give an overview of the actions taken by the UN on the agenda item that will be discussed and summarize the concerns of Member States on the issue. The second section should contain operative paragraphs that outline the actions that Member States recommend should be taken on the issue.

Here are some more details about what goes in each section:

Preambular Paragraphs

- Refer to the most important resolutions already adopted by the UN on this agenda item (both in the Security Council and the General Assembly, when appropriate). Familiarity with past actions is important to prevent delegates from repeating actions already taken in the operative section.

- Security Council example:

Recalling its previous resolutions and the statements of its President concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), especially its resolutions 2211 (2015), 2198 (2015), 2147 (2014), 2136 (2014), and 2098 (2013) [...]

- Refer to past actions taken by other UN bodies, important UN conferences on the issue, and any actions that may have been taken by Member States.
- Refer to any Secretary-General reports that have been distributed on the agenda item.
- Draw attention to any general points on the issue that Member States should be aware of.
- Lastly, express any concerns that Member States may have that highlight the work that still needs to be done on this issue.
- Preambular paragraphs always begin with a verb in the present participle, also known as the “-ing form” of a verb (e.g. *Recalling*). The verb is italicized (no longer underlined, unlike what many MUNs continue to do) and the preambular paragraph always ends with a comma.
- If two paragraphs in consecutive rows begin with the same verb (e.g., *Noting*), then it is considered good practice to add “also” before or after the second time it is used (e.g., “*Noting also*”). If the same verb is used three times in a row, then you must add

“further” the third time it is used as follows: 1) *Noting* [...], 2) *Noting also* [...], 3) *Noting further* [...].

Operative Paragraphs

- Refer to actions that the Member States recommend should be taken on the agenda item that is under consideration.
- Security Council example:

Calls for continued national efforts to address the threat posed by the illicit transfer, destabilizing accumulation and misuse of small arms and light weapons [...]

- Add sub-operative paragraphs, if necessary, to describe actions in more detail.
- Refer to any Secretary-General reports that have been distributed on the agenda item.
- Operative paragraphs are numbered, always begin with a verb in the present tense (e.g., *Requests*) and end with a semi-colon, except for the last operative paragraph, which ends in a period.

Common preambular and operative phrases used in real UN resolutions can be found by consulting the UNITAR Document included in your training resources.

The best way to learn about how to write resolutions properly is to study actual UN resolutions. Every resolution adopted by the Security Council, including those on the agenda item to be discussed at this simulation can be found here: <https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/resolutions-0>

More details about editorial guidelines for drafting resolutions can be found at: <http://www.un.org/en/ga/second/71/editorialguidelines.pdf>

Some comments on the use of sub-paragraphs

Model UN resolutions tend to include sub-paragraphs much more often than real UN resolutions. One reason may be that delegates like to include more detail in their resolutions. Sub-paragraphs may appear less frequently in real resolutions because diplomats are aware that the more detailed the text is, the more difficult it is to negotiate. Reaching consensus often requires making compromises and this may result in paragraphs that are more general in nature.

ANNEX 1 - FORMAT OF MEETINGS AND DOCUMENTS

In practice, the Council convenes 1) Public meetings, 2) Private meetings, 3) Informal consultations, or 4) Informal interactive dialogues.

There are four types of public meetings:

- **Open Debate:** This format often focuses on thematic issues and typically involves a diversity of speakers including members of the Secretariat (e.g., the Secretary-General), representatives of non-governmental organizations, Council members and non-Council members, and other persons who might assist the Council as it examines a particular agenda item.
- **Debate:** This format is typically used to focus on disputes or situations in a particular country. Non-Council members that are directly concerned or affected or have a special interest in the matter under consideration may be invited to participate in the discussion upon their request.
- **Briefings:** This format is used to update Council members on the status of a dispute or situation and is often followed by Informal Consultations of the Whole, which are closed to the public.
- **Adoption:** This format is convened when the Council is ready to take action on a draft resolution. Council members are able to make statements before and after they vote on the resolution. No briefings are made during adoption meetings.

In addition to the public formats there are two types of private meetings:

- **Private meeting:** Non-Council members may be invited to participate in the discussion upon their request and briefings may be conducted just as they would during a public meeting, the only difference is that there is no public record of the meeting. A verbatim copy of private meetings is kept by the Secretary-General. Pursuant to rule 55 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, a communiqué is issued at the close of each private meeting.
- **Troop contributing countries (TCC):** Security Council resolution 1353 (2001) outlines when TCC meetings should take place and who should be invited. This type of meeting takes place in the ECOSOC or Trusteeship Council chamber

instead of the Security Council itself. TCC meetings are presided over by the President of the Council.

Additional formats include:

- **Informal Consultations of the Whole:** These are held in private with all 15 Council members present. Such consultations are held in the Security Council Consultations Room, have an agreed agenda and interpretation, and may involve one or more briefers. The consultations are closed to non-Council Member States. There are no official records of informal consultations.
- **Informal interactive dialogues:** These informal private meetings of the Security Council members are convened in order to hold an off-the-record discussion with one or more non-Council Member States. The informal dialogues are presided over by the Council President and take place in a meeting room other than the Council Chamber or Consultations Room. They are sometimes used to allow a party or parties to a dispute to meet with Council members outside the Council's formal chambers. This is intended to give representatives of all parties to the conflict an opportunity to have their perspectives heard on the issues dividing them. Only parties that have been invited can attend. There are no official records of informal interactive dialogues.
- **"Arria-formula" meetings:** These meetings are a relatively recent practice of the members of the Security Council. The "Arria-formula meetings" are very informal, sometimes confidential gatherings, which enable Security Council members to have a frank and private exchange of views. Such informal gatherings do not constitute an activity of the Council and are convened at the initiative of a member or members of the Council rather than by the President. This format allows Council members to take the initiative to convene meetings. Participation in such meetings is for individual members to decide upon and there have been instances when some members chose not to attend. They provide interested Council members an opportunity to engage in a direct dialogue with high representatives of Governments and international organizations as well as non-state parties whom they believe it would be beneficial to hear and/or to whom they may wish to convey a message on matters with which they are concerned. "Arria-formula meetings" are held in a Conference Room or at a Permanent Mission and not in the Security Council Consultation Room. WIMUN Geneva 2019 included a simulation of an Arria-formula meeting during the simulation of the Security



SECURITY COUNCIL HANDBOOK



Council, which marked the first time this was done in any Model UN conference.



ANNEX 2 – AMENDMENTS INSTRUCTIONS

At FAMUN 2024, amendments will be submitted orally during the Informal Consultations for the line-by-line review of the draft resolution presented by the penholders, the delegates of Malta.

The President reads each paragraph in the order in which it appears in the document, starting with the preambular paragraphs. He(She) will ask for comments, reactions, or objections to the paragraph. At this time, non-penholder delegates can propose amendments, meaning delegates can propose any changes they would like to make to the draft resolution.

Delegates may orally propose the following amendments:

1. **Add** something new to the paragraph, such as a word or phrase;
2. **Delete** something from the paragraph;
3. **Keep** something that was deleted by another delegate;
4. **Substitute** words or sentences for others;
5. **Add a new paragraph with new content**, which is not mentioned in the resolution;
6. **Propose an alternative version of the paragraph**, which means that the idea of a paragraph is maintained, but the way it is written is changed.

The Director will insert the amendments into the draft resolution. But the amendments will not be voted on or debated during the line-by-line review. Amendments will only be debated and negotiated after the line-by-line review in the preambular paragraphs is completed.

Only then will Council Members move on to debate the amendments to decide which ones they agree to retain, delete, or otherwise revise to reach consensus. The decision about what to do with each amendment must be negotiated between the penholders and the other members of the Council.

When all amendments have been proposed and debated in the preambular paragraphs, the President will conduct the same procedure in the operative paragraphs, until all paragraphs in the document are annotated *Agreed ad ref.*

ANNEX 3 – LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE OPEN DEBATE

In FAMUN 2024 Security Council simulations, the participants will represent their countries in pairs. Here is the list of participants in the Open Debate:

Council Members

- Algeria
- China
- Ecuador
- France
- Guyana
- Japan
- Malta
- Mozambique
- Republic of Korea
- Russian Federation
- Sierra Leone
- Slovenia
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- United States

Note: In FAMUN 2024, Council Members are allowed to discuss, propose amendments, and adopt any documents under debate.

Non-Council Members (Observers)

- Palestine
- South Africa
- United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
- United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)

Note: In FAMUN 2024, non-Council Members are allowed to participate in the discussions and negotiations of the agenda item and interact with the press corps during stakeouts. However, non-Council Members must act as observers, so they cannot propose amendments and adopt any documents under debate. Non-Council Members must try to influence Council Members to incorporate their points of view in the amendments and documents.

ANNEX 4 - PRESIDENT AND PENHOLDERS IN FAMUN 2024

Type of Meeting	Topic	President	Penholders
Open Debate	Children and armed conflict in the Occupied Palestinian Territory	Slovenia	Malta

ANNEX 5 – STAKEOUTS

Stakeouts are open sessions held out of the Council chamber and during which Member States can brief the press corps about their discussions.

Usually, the President of the Council makes the first statement to the Press using the Press Elements agreed upon by the whole Council. Next, other Council Members can make statements in their national capacity if they wish to do so.

Since most of the Council decision-making process is conducted in private meetings, stakeouts are an opportunity to increase transparency by briefing the Press and public opinion about the Council activities.

Necessarily, stakeouts will be held when a Press Element has been approved.

At FAMUN 2024, the stakeouts will happen during specific sessions. Check the Conference Schedule.

ANNEX 6 – FLOW OF DEBATE IN AN OPEN DEBATE FORMAT

In FAMUN 2024, the simulation of the Security Council will follow an Open Debate format. The standard flow of debate for the Council in the Open Debate format is:



The Open Debate format has some particularities as it is explained in the section “Flow of the Debate” of this Handbook. For the private meetings, the flow of debate usually follows the steps indicated in the chart above. In FAMUN 2024, the private meeting will begin with further statements from Council and non-Council members.

Next, delegates should return to their private meeting (Informal Consultations of the Whole) to debate the agenda item. After that, the Council will be divided into two groups: one of the groups will be led by the President to write the Press Elements in order to inform the Press about their priorities on the agenda item; the other group will be led by the penholders, the delegates of Malta, to write the draft resolution that will be presented to the Council for further negotiations. The group that will write the draft resolution, led by the penholder, will choose six Council members to help him(her) write the draft resolution. The other Council members will be automatically directed to help the group that will write the Press Elements.

After that, all Council members will be reunited in the Council chamber to negotiate the Press Elements and adjust them by changing, deleting, or adding bullet points. Press Elements should be approved by consensus. A stakeout will be held to brief the press on the stakeout room. Delegates should be prepared to answer some general questions on the agenda item.

After that, all Council members will be reunited again in the Council chamber to negotiate the draft resolution. Amendments will be negotiated to change, delete, substitute, and propose new content for paragraphs during the line-by-line review. When the negotiations of the amendments are finished and all paragraphs in the draft resolution are marked as *Agreed ad ref*, the Council will hold a public meeting (adoption) to conduct the voting on the document.

The infographic below demonstrates these procedures.

Statements

- UN Secretariat
- Council and non-Council members

Press Elements

- Write and review the Press Elements to state the priorities of the Council
- Approved by consensus

Negotiation

- Statements about the topic
- Draft resolution
- Amendment negotiations

STAKEOUT

ANNEX 7 – SAMPLE RESOLUTION

United Nations

S/RES/2528 (2020)



Security Council

 Distr.: General
 25 June 2020

Resolution 2528 (2020)

Adopted by the Security Council on 25 June 2020

The Security Council,

Recalling its previous resolutions and the statements of its President concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC),

Reaffirming its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of the DRC as well as all States in the region and *emphasizing* the need to respect fully the principles of non-interference, good neighbourliness and regional cooperation,

Taking note of the final report (S/2019/469) of the Group of Experts on the DRC (“the Group of Experts”) established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) and extended pursuant to resolutions 1807 (2008), 1857 (2008), 1896 (2009), 1952 (2010), 2021 (2011), 2078 (2012), 2136 (2014), 2198 (2015), 2293 (2016), 2360 (2017), 2424 (2018), and 2478 (2019),

Expressing concern at the continued presence of domestic and foreign armed groups in Eastern DRC and the suffering they impose on the civilian population of the country, including from human rights abuses, *further expressing concern* at the continued illegal exploitation and trade of natural resources, which enable these armed groups to operate, *welcoming* the diplomatic engagement undertaken by the States of the region to foster peace and reconciliation in the region, *calling on* all signatory States to fully implement their commitments per the Peace and Security Framework for the DRC and the Region,

Reiterating the need for the Government of the DRC to swiftly and fully investigate the killing of the two members of the Group of Experts and the four Congolese nationals accompanying them and bring those responsible to justice, *welcoming* the Secretary General’s commitment that the United Nations will do everything possible to ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice, *further welcoming* the work of the United Nations team deployed to assist the Congolese authorities in their investigations, in agreement with the Congolese authorities, and *welcoming* their continued cooperation,

Determining that the situation in the DRC continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to renew until 1 July 2021 the measures as set out in paragraphs 1 to 6 of resolution 2293 (2016), including its reaffirmations therein;
 2. *Reaffirms* that measures described in paragraph 5 of resolution 2293 (2016) shall apply to individuals and entities as designated by the Committee, as set forth in paragraph 7 of resolution 2293 (2016) and paragraph 3 of resolution 2360 (2017);
 3. *Decides* to extend until 1 August 2021 the mandate of the Group of Experts, as set forth in paragraph 6 of Resolution 2360, *expresses its intention* to review the mandate and take appropriate action regarding the further extension no later than 1 July 2021, and *requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary administrative measures as expeditiously as possible to re-establish the Group of Experts, in consultation with the Committee, drawing, as appropriate, on the expertise of the members of the Group established pursuant to previous resolutions;
 4. *Requests* the Group of Experts to provide to the Council, after discussion with the Committee, a mid-term report no later than 30 December 2020, and a final report no later than 15 June 2021, as well as submit monthly updates to the Committee, except in the months where the mid-term and final reports are due;
 5. *Reaffirms* the reporting provisions as set out in resolution 2360 (2017) and 2478 (2019);
 6. *Recalls* the Guidelines of the Committee for the Conduct of its Work as adopted by the Committee on 6 August 2010, and *calls on* Member states to use, as appropriate, the procedures and criteria therein, including on the issues of listing and delisting and *recalls* resolution 1730 (2006) in that regard;
 7. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.
-

ANNEX 8 – VERBS USED IN RESOLUTIONS

Preambular phrases in resolutions

Preambular paragraphs describe the problems that need to be solved as well as the past actions taken by the UN. Select a preambular phrase and italicize it to start your preambular paragraph. End the preambular paragraph with a comma.

<i>Acknowledging</i>	<i>Fully aware</i>
<i>Acting</i>	<i>Guided by</i>
<i>Adhering</i>	<i>Having considered the report</i>
<i>Affirming</i>	<i>Hopeful that</i>
<i>Agreeing with the observations</i>	<i>Indignant at</i>
<i>Alarmed by</i>	<i>Inspired by</i>
<i>Appreciating</i>	<i>Keeping in mind</i>
<i>Aware of</i>	<i>Mindful of</i>
<i>Aware that</i>	<i>Noting that</i>
<i>Bearing in mind the principle</i>	<i>Noting with appreciation</i>
<i>Bearing in mind the results</i>	<i>Noting with regret</i>
<i>Believing that</i>	<i>Persuaded</i>
<i>Concerned about</i>	<i>Reaffirming</i>
<i>Concurring with the proposals</i>	<i>Recalling</i>
<i>Condemning</i>	<i>Recognizing</i>
<i>Conscious of</i>	<i>Regretting</i>
<i>Conscious that</i>	<i>Reiterating</i>
<i>Considering that</i>	<i>Sharing the concern</i>
<i>Convinced that</i>	<i>Stressing</i>
<i>Deploring</i>	<i>Striving to</i>
<i>Desirous of</i>	<i>Taking into account the</i>
<i>Emphasizing</i>	<i>Taking into consideration</i>
<i>Encouraged</i>	<i>Taking note of the observations</i>
<i>Expressing concern</i>	<i>Taking note of the report</i>
<i>Expressing its appreciation</i>	<i>Underlying</i>
<i>Faithful to</i>	<i>Viewing with concern</i>
<i>Fearing</i>	<i>Welcoming</i>
<i>Wishing to</i>	

Operative phrases in resolutions

Operatives describe solutions in detail. Select an operative phrase to start your operative paragraph. Make sure the operative

paragraph is numbered accordingly. End the operative paragraph with a semicolon, except end the last operative paragraph with a period.

<i>Accepts</i>	<i>Draws the attention of</i>
<i>Accepts with appreciation</i>	<i>Elects</i>
<i>Accepts with deep appreciation</i>	<i>Emphasizes</i>
<i>Accepts with gratitude</i>	<i>Empowers the Mediator</i>
<i>Acknowledges</i>	<i>Endorses the Declaration</i>
<i>Adopts</i>	<i>Endorses the urgent appeal</i>
<i>Affirms</i>	<i>Entrusts the Committee</i>
<i>Agrees with the observations</i>	<i>Envisages</i>
<i>Appeals to all States</i>	<i>Establishes a special fund</i>
<i>Appoints</i>	<i>Establishes a target of</i>
<i>Approves</i>	<i>Exhorts all Member States to</i>
<i>Authorizes</i>	<i>Expresses concern over</i>
<i>Believes that</i>	<i>Expresses its appreciation</i>
<i>Calls attention to</i>	<i>Expresses its concern</i>
<i>Calls the attention of</i>	<i>Expresses its confidence</i>
<i>Calls upon Member States</i>	<i>Expresses its deep appreciation</i>
<i>Commends</i>	<i>Expresses its deep concern</i>
<i>Compliments</i>	<i>Expresses its firm conviction</i>
<i>Concurs with the observations</i>	<i>Expresses its gratitude</i>
<i>Condemns</i>	<i>Expresses its profound indignation</i>
<i>Confirms</i>	<i>Expresses its satisfaction</i>
<i>Congratulates</i>	<i>Expresses its solidarity with</i>
<i>Considers</i>	<i>Expresses the hope</i>
<i>Decides</i>	<i>Expresses the opinion that</i>
<i>Decides accordingly</i>	<i>Extends the mandate</i>
<i>Decides also</i>	<i>Firmly supports the people</i>
<i>Decides further</i>	<i>Insists that</i>
<i>Declares that</i>	<i>Instructs the Committee</i>
<i>Demands</i>	<i>Invites</i>
<i>Denounces</i>	<i>Invites once again</i>
<i>Deplores</i>	<i>Invites the attention of</i>
<i>Designates</i>	<i>Is of the opinion that</i>
<i>Determines that</i>	<i>Looks forward to the</i>
<i>Dissolves the Committee</i>	<i>meeting</i>

Makes an urgent appeal to
*Mandates the Secretary-
General*
Notes that
Notes with appreciation
Notes with interest
Notes with regret
Notes with satisfaction
Pays tribute to
Proclaims
Proposes
Reaffirms
Realizes
Reasserts
Recalls
Recognizes
Recommends that
Refers the report to
Regrets
Reiterates
Rejects
Reminds the States parties
Renews the mandate
*Requests the Secretary-
General*
Resolves
Solemnly adopts
Stresses
Suggests that
Supports the efforts
*Takes note of the
observations*
Takes note of the report
Transmits
Trusts that
Underlines
*Urgently requests the
Committee*
Urges all States
Welcomes

ANNEX 9 – GUIDELINE FOR OBSERVERS

Sessions	Procedure	Guidelines
1	Formal Meeting	The observer CAN make a statement during the Formal Meeting.
2	Draft of the Press Elements and Draft Resolution	The observer CAN contribute to the draft process of both documents. He/She will be allocated to one of the groups as per the decision of the Presidents and Penholders.
3	Review and adoption of Press Elements and Stakeouts	The observer CANNOT raise objections to a bullet point . But he/she CAN make comments and suggestions during the review and adoption of the Press Elements. The observer CAN make a statement and interact with the Press Corps during the Stakeouts.
4-6	Line-by-line review and Debate of Amendments	The observer CANNOT propose amendments during the Line-by-line Review. He/She CAN only make comments and suggestions of amendments and ask if one or more Council members can propose his/her idea of amendment on the observers' behalf. The observer CANNOT raise objections to an amendment during the debate. But he/she CAN make comments and suggestions and propose alternative writings of a paragraph during the debate to help the Council to reach consensus.
7	Adoption (vote)	The observer CANNOT vote during the adoption. But he/she CAN make a statement before or after the adoption to present his/her agreement (before) or reserves (after) to the resolution adopted.



www.famun.com.br

 [famunfacamp](https://www.instagram.com/famunfacamp)

 [famunfacamp](https://twitter.com/famunfacamp)

 [facampfamun1](https://www.facebook.com/facampfamun1)

 famun@facamp.com.br

