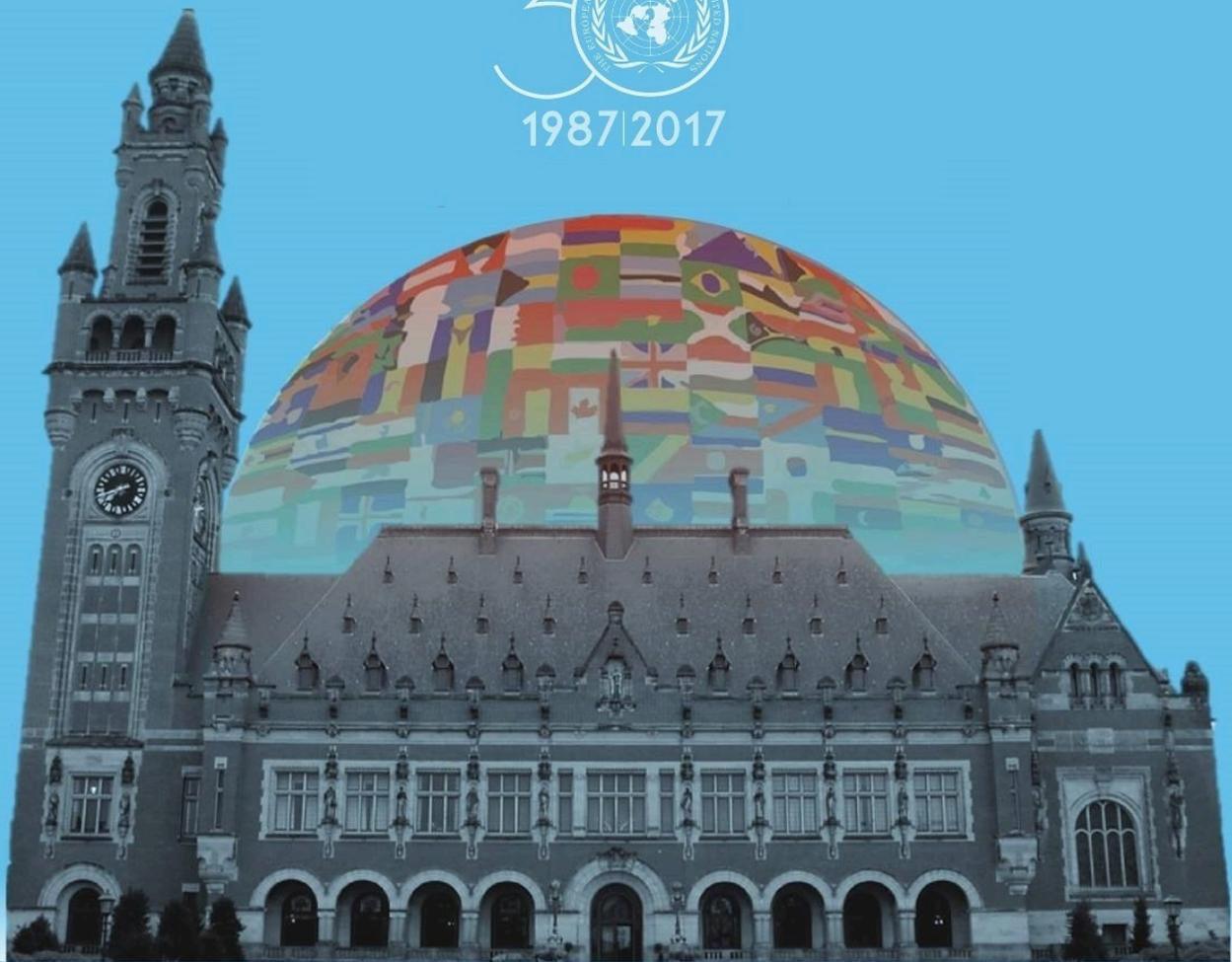


# TEIMUN

THE EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS

## HISTORICAL CRISIS COUNCIL

### RULES OF PROCEDURE



# **Part 1 – General Rules**

## **1. Introduction**

The following rules apply to the Historical Crisis Council of The European International Model United Nations (TEIMUN) 2017. It is therefore of crucial importance for all delegates to understand the rules of procedure and abide by them for the duration of the conference. There may be slight variation from the rules applied in the actual council by the Chair. Abidance by these rules, and thorough knowledge thereof, are a prerequisite for the success of the conference.

## **2. Language**

English is the only official and working language of TEIMUN 2017. It should be used at all times during council sessions, and as much as possible during social events. The only exception to this rule is 17th century dialects, which may be used insofar as the delegates remain comprehensible.

## **3. Chairpersons**

- a. In the exercise of their functions stated hereafter, the chairs are subject to these rules and are responsible to the Secretariat.
- b. The Chairs entertain equal authority in front of the Assembly and their cooperation is governed by internal rules applicable to Staff members, as defined by the Secretariat.
- c. The Chair (any reference to the "Chair" hereafter includes all gavel-wielding Staff members) will have complete control of the proceedings at any formal meeting and ensure the adherence to these rules. In particular, the Chair will declare the opening and closing of each meeting, direct discussion, announce decisions, and rule on points of order. The Chair may also propose the adoption of any procedural motion to which there is no significant objection. In case of disruptive or dilatory behavior of any delegates, the Chair reserves the right to take appropriate measures. The Chair may direct discussion to a limited extent at their discretion, but the expectation is that the debate will be led by the delegates and not the Chair.

- d. In case of a procedural issue not covered by these rules, the Chair will take a decision that is considered compliant with the spirit of these rules. In this event, the Chair will announce to the council the use of this rule. Decisions taken by the Chair under this rule can be subject to appeal.
- e. The Chair has the authority to deem the behavior of any delegate/delegates inappropriate and take the appropriate action. These actions can be discussed in consultation with the Secretariat and all appeals from delegates should similarly involve both the Chair and a member of the Secretariat.
- f. In addition to his moderation role, the Chair shall represent the highest religious authority of all sides of the conflict. He shall thus have sovereign control over all religious matters and shall send directives pertaining to his office.
- g. The Chair shall be addressed by delegates as "Your Holiness", and shall be treated with the utmost respect and humility, as befits his divinely appointed position as the very Mouth of God.

#### **4. Characters**

- a. Each Character will be represented by one or two delegates and will irrespectively be afforded one voice, both in directives and any other capacities.
- b. Delegates are expected to have carefully read these rules of procedure, and to have thoroughly prepared for every session.
- c. The dress code for the conference is business attire, although delegates are encouraged to role-play if they are able. In the event of a delegate wearing inappropriate attire, the Chair has the right to take appropriate measures.
- d. Where formal statements are made, delegates must not talk or in any way disrupt the atmosphere of the council and will be called to order by the Chair in case of non-compliance. It is also not in order to bang the table, clap, call out or in any way acknowledge agreement or disagreement with another delegate's speech when not recognised by the Chair.
- e. Delegates are expected to use courteous and respectful language towards the Chair and their fellow delegates at all times, and to refrain from using slang and offensive language during debate.

- f. In order to receive a certificate confirming their participation at the conference, each delegate must attend at least 80% of all sessions; this includes the excursion that will be organized during the week.
- g. Delegates may refer to themselves in the first person inasmuch as they are speaking as their respective character.
- h. When referring to an institution with an acronym, Delegates should write out the institution's full name on first use, followed by the acronym in brackets. For example, HRE would be written "Holy Roman Empire (HRE)".

## **5. Secretariat**

- a. The Secretariat is comprised of the Secretary-General, who takes precedent, and the Under-Secretary-General. Any reference to the Secretariat hereafter refers to either member of the Secretariat.
- b. The Secretariat may attend Assembly sessions and make written or oral statements at any time and cannot be excluded from the proceedings.
- c. Proposals of the Secretariat, although non-binding, are considered of high importance and delegates are kindly requested to abide by them.

## **6. Quorum, Attendance and Roll Call**

- a. At the beginning of each session, the Chair will conduct a roll call of Characters in alphabetical order. Delegates shall establish their presence in the committee in either of the two following manners:
  - i. Present and Alive: A Delegate that declares themselves "Present and Alive" shall have full capacities to partake in all aspects of the council, including speaking right, directives and informal negotiations.
  - ii. Present but deceased: A Delegate that declares themselves "Present but deceased" shall respect the idiom "dead men tell no tales" and shall not participate in a formal capacity in the council until assigned a new character.
- b. If delegates arrive during or after the roll call, they are required to send a note to the Chair stating their presence and mortal state. As long as delegates have not informed the Chair of their arrival, they will not be allowed to take formal action in the council.

- c. Activities of the council shall start at the appointed start time or thereafter when at least one half (1/2) of the characters are present, based on the registration list that will be provided to the Chair by the TEIMUN Board of Directors. If quorum is not met within fifteen minutes after the scheduled starting time of the session, the council shall proceed with the number of characters present irrespective of the number of delegates present. Quorum shall be assumed when Assembly activities begin.
- d. The Chair may at any time, and especially before entering voting procedures, revisit the quorum at their own discretion.

## **7. Use of electronic devices**

- a. It is expected that all delegates bring an electronic device to TEIMUN 2017.
- b. All directives shall proceed via the Deus Crisis Software. Any other formal documents must be word-processed and emailed to the chair.
- c. The usage of electronic devices or sending of directives may be temporarily prohibited at the discretion of the chair during particular occasions.

## **Part 2 – Council Activity**

### **8. Minute of Silence**

- a. At the very beginning and at the very end of each session there will be an opportunity for a minute of silence for prayer or meditation. Any delegate may move for a minute of silence before the first roll call takes place or immediately after the debate has been adjourned. The Chair will allow at most one motion at the beginning and one at the end of the session.
- b. Alternatively, it is in order for the Chair or for the Secretariat to call for a minute of silence.
- c. There is no debate on this motion, and its adoption is entirely up to the discretion of the Chair. Any decisions concerning this motion are not subject to appeal.

## 9. General Activity

- a. Unless otherwise stated, the council will be in a state of continuous unmoderated caucus. That is to say, informal discussion and negotiations are in order, and the sending of directives is the primary form of action. Points and motions may also be raised (see sections below). The Chair will ensure that the delegates remain on topic. Delegates are encouraged to remain in character for the duration of the council sessions.
- b. The Chair may at any point call the council to order in order to announce developments, initiate a formal discourse or for any other relevant matter pertaining to the council. Delegates are expected to be present and attentive when a call to order is issued.
- c. Directives will serve as the primary form of action for both individual and collective actions. These are decisions and proposed actions taken by the character that have a tangible impact on the situation at hand. They may include anything from market purchases to troop movements to public declarations, the hiring of bodyguards, a secret message or the playing of a practical joke. Delegates are encouraged to be creative and detailed, as this will be rewarded. These directives are then processed by the backroom, who will translate them into reality in light of the pre-existing context, available resources, etc. **Please note: directives are not automatically reality. They are proposed actions that may or may not play out as expected.**
  - i. Directives will be considered and processed by the backroom and a response will be generated with the consequences of the directive being made clear to the character who proposed it. Only at this time will the effects of the directive enter the scenario.

## 10. Points

- a. The following points are in order when the floor is open, unless otherwise specified, and should normally be recognised by the Chair as they arise:
  - i. *Point of Personal Privilege*: A Delegate may raise a Point of Personal Privilege if a matter impairs them from participating fully in the activities of the council. The Chair or, if required, the Secretariat shall try to effectively address the source of impairment. This point may interrupt a speaker, although should only do so when absolutely necessary. Delegates do not need to raise a Point of Personal Privilege if they need to use the bathroom.

- ii. *Point of Order*: A Delegate may raise a Point of Order if a rule or procedure is not properly observed by a Delegate and disregarded unintentionally by the Chair. The Chair will rule on the validity of the point, although their ruling is subject to appeal. This point may interrupt a speaker only in the event that a grave violation of the rules is interfering with the proper process of the activities of the council. In any other case, the Delegate shall wait for the floor to be opened to raise the Point of Order.
- iii. *Point of Parliamentary Inquiry*: A Delegate may raise a Point of Parliamentary Inquiry to request an explanation from the Chair on the rules of procedure. This point may not interrupt a Speaker.
- iv. *Point of Information*: A Delegate may raise a Point of Information to request information on any matter pertaining to the council. Matters pertaining to the historical simulation, such as troop locations, character resources, etc. shall be requested via a directive.
- v. *Right of Reply*: A Delegate who feels that another Delegate has insulted the sovereignty or integrity of their kingdom or state may request a Right of Reply. To make use of the Right of Reply a Delegate may raise its placard, only after the speech has finished. This may not interrupt another speaker. It is at the full discretion of the Chair to grant a Right of Reply without possibility of appeal. If the Chair grants the Right of Reply, they will set a specific time limit for it and will give the floor to the Delegate who requested it. The Delegate should explain why they feel that their State has been offended. A Right of Reply to a Right of Reply is out of order.

## **11. Motions**

- a. Only two motions are in order for the duration of the council:
  - i. *Motion to Suspend the Meeting*: A Delegate may move for a Motion to Suspend the Meeting to halt all council activities until the next scheduled meeting. The Chair may rule this out of order without the right to appeal. Should a suspension be approved, the Chair will specify the time at which the council will reconvene. This motion should be used at the end of the day and for breaks such as coffee breaks or lunch.
  - ii. *Motion to Adjourn the Meeting*: A Delegate may move for a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting in order to suspend all council activities for the duration of the conference and until the council reconvenes at TEIMUN 2018. This motion will be in order only immediately before the official

ending of the Conference and will be ruled out of order if made at any other given time without the possibility of appeal.

## **Part 3 – Historical & World Dynamics**

### **12. Time**

As the name suggests, the crisis will run over a period of around 30 years compressed into seven days of conference. This means that time passes very quickly, specifically in half-year (summer-winter) regular leaps as announced by the chair, along with larger jumps after key events. While smaller scale event and changes do still take place in real-time, this means that larger campaigns, strategies and initiatives will elapse on a turn-based system in accordance with the time leaps.

### **13. Economy**

As outlined in the Background Paper, economics will be managed with the use of a single European currency. Delegates will have a personal treasury as well as any state treasury to use, the exact amount of which will be revealed at request to the backroom. This currency can be used to purchase military, build infrastructure and defenses, and expand the economy. It can also be transferred, for example from one kingdom to another. Treasuries are also replenished (or depleted) over time in accordance with the income (and ongoing expenses) of the characters in question.

### **14. War & Troop Dynamics**

Troops will be distinguished between three types: Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery. A healthy balance is needed for successful performance in battles, taking into consideration the environment of the fight (e.g. a siege vs. a clash on an open plane). Battles are also decided in light of more abstract factors such as morale, leadership (a reputed general, etc.) and the quality of the tactics outlined in the directive. This is done at the discretion of the backroom for smaller battles, with some more interactive involvement of the larger ones (to be explained at the conference).

### **15. Religion**

Each geographic region is under the influence of one dominant religion. This religion can increase or decrease in strength, as well as being replaced by another dominant faith in light of actions taken by characters or by His Holiness, the Chair. This is managed by the backroom. Religious dominance has a 'soft' impact on all

activity in the region, including troop morale, citizen loyalty and the likelihood of rebellion.