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MODEL *UNITED* NATIONS INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURE

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PHASES OF THE DEBATE

ROLL CALL & AGENDA SETTING: THE DAIS (CHAIR) VERIFIES ATTENDANCE, DETERMINES VOTING RIGHTS, AND THE COMMITTEE VOTES ON WHICH TOPIC TO DISCUSS FIRST.

OPENING OF THE GENERAL SPEAKERS LIST (GSL): THE PRIMARY, CONTINUOUS PHASE OF DEBATE WHERE DELEGATES PRESENT THEIR COUNTRY'S OVERALL STANCE ON THE CHOSEN TOPIC.

MODERATED CAUCUSES: FAST-PACED, FORMAL DEBATE BLOCKS WHERE THE COMMITTEE FOCUSES CLOSELY ON SPECIFIC SUB-TOPICS OR MICRO-ISSUES

UNMODERATED CAUCUSES: INFORMAL LOBBYING PERIODS WHERE DELEGATES FREELY LEAVE THEIR SEATS TO NETWORK, FORM ALLIANCES, AND COLLABORATIVELY WRITE DOCUMENTS.

ACTION PHASE (WORKING PAPERS & DRAFT RESOLUTIONS): BLOCS SUBMIT THEIR WRITTEN PROPOSALS TO THE CHAIR, PRESENT THEM TO THE FLOOR, AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

AMENDMENTS: THE PERIOD WHERE DELEGATES PROPOSE SPECIFIC CHANGES, ADDITIONS, OR DELETIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS.

VOTING BLOC: THE FINAL PHASE WHERE THE ROOM IS SEALED, AND DELEGATES OFFICIALLY VOTE ON AMENDMENTS AND FINAL RESOLUTIONS TO PASS THEM INTO MUN LAW.

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THE WORKING PAPERS

DOCUMENT	WHAT	WHEN	HOW
Position Paper	Country's written position on the topic.	Before committee.	Only the introductory paragraph is read.
Working Paper	Informal ideas and solutions created by delegates.	After negotiation and bloc-building.	
Draft Resolution	A formal version of the working paper.	After the working paper is accepted for consideration.	The chair checks format and clauses; sponsors are required.
Resolution Paper	The final text voted on by the committee.	After debate and amendments.	Discuss amendments, then vote on the final text.

1	Submit the Working Paper WHEN: Once your bloc has developed a proposal.	Submit the working paper as required. Its title follows the topic number and the order in which the paper was submitted. Example: the second paper under Topic 1 becomes 1.2.
2	Motion to consider WHEN: After the paper is submitted.	Make a motion to consider Working Paper X.X. The chair then puts the motion to a procedural vote.
3	Sponsors are recognized WHEN: If the motion passes.	The required sponsors are recognized to the podium. In the procedure shown in the presentation, 5 sponsors are recognized.
4	1 pro / 1 con WHEN: After sponsors are recognized.	One speaker in favor and one speaker against are called to the podium to argue whether the paper should be considered.
5	Procedural vote WHEN: After the pro/con speakers.	The committee votes procedurally to consider the working paper.