

Paris Peace Conference Rules of Procedure

General Rules

Rule 1: Scope & Application

The following rules of procedure apply in full to all sessions, ordinary and extraordinary, of the Paris Peace Conference at KINGMUN 2019. No other rules of procedure are applicable.

Rule 2: Delegate Conduct

As ranking officials from their respective countries, delegates are expected to remain courteous and respectful to all staff members and other delegates; appropriate diplomatic language, abstention from profanity and/or any other inappropriate behavior, and a willingness to fulfill the duties of individual roles is required.

English will be the official and only working language of the committee, and affected accents are not permitted. Speech is required to be in third-person. As such, first-person pronouns (i.e. I, he, we) are not allowed. Western business attire is mandatory during all committee sessions, and the Chair will immediately call to order delegates who do not abide by this rule.

Delegates are expected to be present at the beginning of every committee session. Roll call will be taken before debate is opened, and delegates arriving late must submit a note to the Dais indicating whether they are present or present and voting. Delegates who will not be present for part or all of a committee session must inform the Dais beforehand by note or by email.

Rule 3: Creating the Treaty and Use of Electronic Aids

The Treaty will take place on a Google Document, which will be shared with all delegates to edit. Delegates are expected to refrain from modifying the treaty without committee approval. The use of laptop computers, tablets, or other similar devices will be permitted during committee session. Wifi will be provided by the venue, and access information will be relayed by the Dais. Delegates are expected to refrain from accessing sites besides the treaty document, unless given explicit permission from the Dais. Cell phones are prohibited during committee session and delegates may not use electronic devices to communicate in any manner with other delegates while the committee is in session. Any questions about electronic devices should be brought to the Dais.

Rule 4: General Powers of the Secretariat

The Secretary-General and other members of the Secretariat reserve the right to modify or suspend these rules at any time, and may serve as a member of the Dais at the discretion of the Director.

Committee Rules and Format

Rule 5: General Powers of the Committee Staff

For the purposes of the Paris Peace Conference, the dais will act as moderators and facilitators of debate in committee. The dais will be comprised of a Director, Chair, and Assistant Director.

The Director will be responsible for holding authority over debate and rules of procedure. The Director may also advise the committee on further actions and how to proceed in debate.

The Chair will be responsible for the operation of ChairMUN, the application of the following rules of procedure, and the opening and closing of committee sessions.

The Assistant Director will be responsible for assisting in facilitating debate and enforcing the rules of procedure in committee.

Rule 6: Role of Delegates

For the purposes of the Paris Peace Conferences, delegates will act representatives for countries in the post-WWI era. Certain delegates have roles of countries that were dissolved during the course of the war; they will continue to act as the representative of the nation that had existed during the war. Delegates must remain within the constraints of the time period, and may not refer to events that occur in the future as evidence of any kind.

Rule 7: Flow of Debate

Points

The Paris Peace Conference Committee will entertain all points outlined in the regular longform Rules of Procedure (ROP).

Motions

There are a variety of motion that may be proposed by delegates throughout committee. Certain motions will be determined appropriate or inappropriate at times based on dais discretion, but they may be motioned for at any point when the dais prompts the committee for points or motions.

Motion to Open Debate

When prompted for points or motions, delegates may begin debate by proposing a motion to open debate. Once opened, the committee will automatically move into a **perpetual moderated caucus**.

Motion to Enter Perpetual Moderated Caucus

The default for debate in the Paris Peace Conference will be a perpetual moderated caucus. It will have a set one minute speaking time for the duration of the conference. Delegates will be prompted by the dais to raise their placard if they wish to speak, and will be called on one at a time to speak. Delegates may return to a perpetual moderated caucus by proposing this motion when prompted by the dais.

Motion to Propose a Clause

The final document of this committee will be a treaty, and the method in which it will be written is by clause. Delegates may propose a clause to add to the treaty when prompted by the dais. If the motion passes, the delegates will present the clause they wish to add to the treaty to the committee.

Motion to Debate a Clause

Following the presentation of a clause, delegates may motion to debate on the specifics of the proposed clause. This debate will take form as a moderated caucus with speaking time and length set by the delegate who proposed it. During the caucus, delegates may debate anything surrounding the topics within the clause, and may edit the wording or content of the clause based on debate.

Motion to Vote on a Clause

Once the moderated caucus for debating the clause expires, the delegates must vote on the proposed clause. This vote must be a simple majority in favor of the clause in order for the clause to pass. If the clause passes, it will be added to the overall treaty. If it does not pass, it will be discarded. After the vote on the clause, committee will automatically return to the perpetual moderated caucus.

Motion to Remove a Clause

During the course of debate, if delegates determine that they wish to remove a clause from the document because they no longer wish to follow its principles, they may motion to remove it from the document. Once this motion has been proposed and approved by the dais, the committee must vote on whether or not they wish to

remove the clause. The motion will only pass if $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the committee votes to remove the clause.

Motion for an Unmoderated Caucus

When prompted by the dais, delegates may motion for an unmoderated caucus. The caucus may not exceed the length of 15 minutes unless the dais determines that a longer time will be productive for committee. Unmoderated caucuses may be extended by $\frac{1}{2}$ the original time.

Rule 8: The Treaty

The final document that will be produced by the debate of the Paris Peace Conference will be a Treaty. The Treaty will outline reparations to be paid, who should be responsible for paying them, any restrictions that may be placed on countries, and the future of cooperation and coordination between countries to avoid further conflict.

The Treaty will be produced through a series of clauses that will be voted on throughout committee. The Dais will keep the complete document, and will share it with the committee so all members have access. As clauses are passed throughout debate, the Dais will add them to the Treaty.

Motion to Present the Treaty

Debate will end and the treaty will be finalized when a delegate proposes a motion to present the treaty, and the committee passes the motion. If the motion passes, the Dais will print out the finalized treaty. The four or five primary advocates of the Treaty will then present the treaty to the committee, reading through each clause until the end.

Motion to Sign the Treaty

Following the presenting of the Treaty, the dais will prompt the committee for points or motions. The motion to sign the Treaty will be the only accepted motion at that time. Once the motion passes, delegates may get up and sign the final Treaty with their country names. Delegates who disagree with the ideas of the Treaty may abstain from signing it. If a simple majority of delegates sign the treaty, is it effectively passed and put into place.

Motion to Close Debate

Once the Treaty has been signed, delegates may motion to close debate. Once this motion is passed and voted upon, no other motions may be proposed or passed. The motion will end all debate for the conference.