

International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

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 International Criminal Tribunal 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 not required to be in third-person, and as such, first-person pronouns (i.e. I, he, we) are allowed. Delegates are allowed to refer to each other by their designated last names. 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: Use of Electronic Aids

The use of laptop computers, tablets, or other similar devices is necessary and therefore permitted during committee session. Wifi will be provided by the venue, and access information will be relayed by 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 International Criminal Tribunal, 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 Director will be acting as the President of the Criminal Tribunal.

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 Chair may also take on the role of individuals on trial for the purpose of Q&A sessions and gathering evidence.

The Assistant Director (AD) will be responsible for assisting in facilitating debate and enforcing the rules of procedure in committee. The AD may also take on the role of individuals on trial for the purpose of Q&A sessions and gathering evidence.

Rule 6: Role of Delegates

For the purposes of the ICTR, delegates will act as independent justices. Though they have names and countries assigned to them, delegates **do not have to adhere to any principles but their own**. Delegates must represent their own views and verdicts on the case. Though it is encouraged they remain non-partisan and that they act in the interest of pure justice, they may follow their own principles throughout the case.

Rule 7: Flow of Debate

Points

The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda will entertain all points outlined in the regular longform Rules of Procedure (ROP).

Motions

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There are a variety of motions 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 the **speaker's list**.

Motion to Be Added to the Speaker's List

Since there is only one broad topic of debate, the distinction between the standard primary and secondary speakers list will be dissolved; the majority of debate will take place in the speaker's list. The speaking time will be set for one minute. Delegates wishing to be added to the list may do so by raising their placard upon a prompt from the Dais, or by sending a note to the Dais expressing their wish to be added.

Motion for a Moderated Caucus

When prompted by the Dais, delegates may motion for a moderated caucus. The caucus must be motioned for with a set topic, length, and speaking time. During the caucus, delegates may only discuss the designated topic.

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.

Motion to Call a Witness

Justices may, at times, benefit from hearing accounts from a witness about the events being discussed. The Dais will have a predetermined list of witnesses that can be called upon, but delegates may also request the presence of witnesses who are not on the list — if they believe that witness can provide adequate evidence. In order to Motion to Call a Witness, a delegate must propose the motion when prompted by the Dais, and provide a name or label for the witness they wish to call.

Motion for a Q&A with the Witness

The Dais will take approximately 5-10 minutes to prepare witness materials for delegates. When the witness is ready to be presented, the Chair or AD representing the witness will come forth and present a witness statement. Following the statement, the Dais will prompt delegates for points or motions, which is when a delegate may propose this motion with a specified time length. During the Q&A, delegates may ask appropriate questions pertaining to the case to the witness.

Opinions

The Opinion is the final document that serves as the verdict of the court. The opinion encompasses all of the decisions the justices within the court have made.

Rule 8: Format

The Opinion is written in part by every justice in the room. Every idea is represented, despite whether it contradicts another one present. The Opinion is split into three categories: Majority, Concurring, and Dissenting.

- The Majority Opinion is the section describing the verdict of the majority of the court and the reasoning behind their conclusion.
- The Concurring Opinion is the section written and signed by justices who agree with the majority verdict, but feel that the reasoning for their conclusion is substantially different.
- The Dissenting Opinion is the section written and signed by the justices who believe in the opposite verdict and reasoning from the majority of the court.

All of these opinions will be written into a single document, created and shared by the Dais. However, all contents of the Opinion must be discussed by the committee before its **introduction**.

Rule 9: Motion to Introduce the Opinion

Throughout committee session, delegates will be able to work on forming the Opinion. When they feel that the Opinion successfully encompasses the view of all the justices with sufficient and detailed evidence, they may motion to introduce the opinion to the Dais. If this motion passes, a representative for each section (Majority, Concurring, and Dissenting) will describe the verdict and the reasoning for their respective sections. Following their statements, the Opinion will be presented to the Director to be signed and officialized as the Opinion of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.