

# **HISTORICAL CABINET**

## **RULES OF PROCEDURE & COMMITTEE FORMAT**



## **GENERAL RULES**

### **Rule 1: Scope & Application**

The following rules of procedure apply in full to all sessions, ordinary and extraordinary, of the Historical Cabinet at PACMUN 2019. No other rules of procedure are applicable.

### **Rule 2: Delegate Conduct**

As officials from their respective regions, 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 working language of the committee, and affected accents are not permitted. 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 & Internet**

Delegates will not be provided with WiFi. Delegates should prepare to use hotspots or bring USBs should they need them. Delegates are not allowed to use cell phones or other electronic devices to communicate with other delegates while the committee is in session.

### **Rule 4: General Powers of the Secretariat**

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

# COMMITTEE RULES AND FORMAT

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE RUSSIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

### Rule 5: General Powers of the Committee Staff & Committee Format

For the purposes of the Historical Cabinet, 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 running debate, 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 Central Committee, delegates will be representing various ministers and other positions within the Committee. They will be acting as individuals and should represent the beliefs of their positions. Delegates may adopt opinions divergent from the historical figure they represent in their position paper, provided they justify their opinions in their position paper.

### Rule 6: Committee Format

#### Simulation Timing

Each committee session will be considered a single plenary session of the Central Committee. The first session, representing the plenary session of the 11th Central Committee, will occur on 15th April 1923. The chronology of subsequent committee sessions will depend on delegate actions.

## Portfolio Powers

Certain delegates have unique powers inherent to their persona or political position. Certain portfolio powers will only be revealed at the beginning of Committee Session I.

# FLOW OF DEBATE: POINTS AND MOTIONS

## POINTS

The Central Committee will entertain all points outlined in the PACMUN Long-Form Rules of Procedure.

## MOTIONS

This committee will be run as a perpetual moderated caucus. However, the Dais may prompt the committee for points or motions.

Certain motions will be determined appropriate or inappropriate based on Dais discretion.

### Motion to Open Debate

Committee sessions will begin with a prompt for points or motions, whereupon delegates may begin debate by proposing a motion to open debate.

### 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 should focus discussion on the topic of the moderated caucus.

### Motion for an Unmoderated Caucus

When prompted by the dais, delegates may motion for an unmoderated caucus. The caucus should not exceed the length of 15 minutes unless the Dais determines that a longer time will be productive for committee.

### Motion for Information

When prompted by the dais, delegates may motion for additional information regarding recent events. This information will be given in the form of text or a speaker.

### Motion to Add a Clause to the Decree

During the perpetual moderated caucus, delegates may submit clauses to be added to the Current Decree in the form of a directive. The committee will then vote to pass, fail, or table the clause until a further date.

### Motion to Introduce an Amendment

Certain clauses will inevitably be controversial. These controversies can be focused on and addressed through the process of introducing amendments. If sufficient delegates disagree with some number of clauses in the Decree, they can introduce an amendment with the alternate version of clauses they would like to include. These amendments will be submitted to the dais in the form of a general directive

### Motion to Enter Voting Procedure

When prompted by the dais, delegates may motion to enter voting procedure to vote on the passage of a Decree. This motion requires a simple majority to pass and, unlike PACMUN's Long-Form Rules of Procedure, will not require speakers for and against.

### Motion to Postpone Voting on an Amendment

Once the moderated caucus for debating the amendment expires, the Dais will only accept motions to vote on the amendment or postpone voting on the amendment. If the motion passes, the amendment will be voted on after the Decree. The method of voting will be voting by placard, unless otherwise specified by the dais. Amendments require a simple majority to pass

# DIRECTIVES

There will be three types of directives accommodated in this committee: Public General Directives, Private Covert Directives, and Private Overt Directives. Additionally, the committee works to agree upon a single document each committee session, known as a Decree. Each delegate should aim to use these methods improve the Soviet state and their own political power.

## DECREES OF THE SUPREME SOVIET AND COUNCIL OF PEOPLE'S COMMISSARS

Each session of this committee seeks to pass a compiled list of all general directives passed during committee, known as a Decree (because the Central Committee encompasses representatives of various branches of Soviet government, the source of these decrees is unimportant and may vary). These Decrees declare new policies intended to remedy the effects of the issues that are being debated by the State Council. The document will be added to and amended throughout each committee session. During each session, the document will be moderated by the Dais and will be visible to delegates.

## GENERAL DIRECTIVES

Delegates may submit a specific policy or plan to the Dais. These should be written as one or multiple operative clauses. When delegates have written a General Directive, they must solicit 3 sponsors before submitting the directive to the dais. propose it to the committee. The Dais will periodically ask the committee to vote on General Directives. If a General Directive passes by simple majority, it will be added to the draft Decree. In the event an approved General Directive conflicts with a preexisting aspect of the draft Decree, the most recently passed directive takes precedence.

## AMENDMENTS

If some delegates believe there are amendments that should be made to the Decree, or that it should not pass, they may motion to introduce amendments. Amendments should be submitted in the format of a general directive but labelled "Amendment". The Dais will set a 5-minute moderated caucus for debate on said

amendment, which will by default be followed by a voting period. Amendments need a simple majority to pass.

## **PRIVATE DIRECTIVES**

In the instance a delegate wishes to exercise their portfolio power or act unilaterally, they may write a private directive, which includes overt and covert directives.

The consequences of overt directives will be announced to the entire committee, along with any aspect of the directive the issuer of the directive wishes. Covert directives differ in that only parties impacted by the directive will be informed of the impact.

Private directives need no signatories or sponsors and does not need to be approved by the committee. However, they should be used with discretion, and the Dais reserves the right to rule private directives dilatory, particularly when a delegate acts outside their outlined jurisdiction without adequate explanation of how they will do so.

## **VOTING PROCEDURE**

Because a Decree must be passed for each committee session, there will be an expedited voting procedure at the end of each committee session. Delegates will vote to pass or table the decree until a further committee session. After a motion to enter voting procedure passes, there will be a period of debate and then a formal voting period.

### **PERIOD OF DEBATE**

During this time, up to two proponents and two opponents of passing the Decree will be called on to speak by the dais. Speakers will have one minute each, beginning with a proponent speaker and alternating proponent to opponent. There must be the same number of proponent speakers and opponent speakers.

### **MOTIONING FOR VOTING PROCEDURE**

After the period of debate, the Dais will ask for points or motions, whereupon delegates should motion for a specific form of voting. All voting formats outlined in PACMUN Long Form Rules of Procedure are permitted; not all are encouraged. A Decree requires a simple majority to pass.

## **THE PARTIAL VETO**

Delegates that represent Politburo members have partial veto authority, meaning the Politburo must approve of any decree by a 5/7 majority, regardless of the voting of the Central Committee.