Osgood Center for International Studies

# MODEL SECURITY COUNCIL

Rules of Procedure 2020 – Short Form

| Motion | Purpose | Debate | Vote | Explanation |
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| **Point of order** | Correct an error in procedure | None | None | Refers to a specific rule |
| **Appeal of the Chair** | Challenge a decision of the Chair | None | Majority | Question the Chair's ruling on a Point of Order |
| **Suspension of the Meeting** | Recess meeting for a defined period | None | Majority | Used to go into informal debate or break for a given time |
| **Adjournment of the Meeting** | End meeting | None | Majority | Used only on final day; ends Council Session |
| **Adjournment of Debate** | End debate without a substantive vote | Two in Favor Two Against | Majority | Ends debate on the topic; requires roll call |
| **Closure of Debate** | Vote on all draft resolutions; move to an immediate vote | Two Against | 2/3 Majority | Ends all discussion on the topic |
| **Division of the Question (used only in voting)** | Consider clause(s) separately from the rest of the draft resolution | | | Voted on in order of most to least radical |
| | **Part I:** Procedural vote on if this motion should be considered | Two in Favor Two Against | Majority | **If passes:** Clause(s) removed and voted on separately <br><br> **If fails:** No change to clause(s) |
| | **Part II:** Substantive vote to accept or reject separate clauses | None | Majority | **If passes:** Annex passed <br><br> **If fails:** Clause(s) discarded and no longer part of the draft resolution |
| **Roll Call Vote (used only in voting)** | Vote by roll call, rather than show of placards | None | None | Granted upon request without deliberation, additional motions may be considered |
| **Adopt by Acclamation (used only in voting)** | Adopt a draft resolution as a body by consensus | None | None | Once mentioned, Chair must ask if there are any dissensions; additional motions may be considered |
| **Reconsideration** | Reopen debate on an issue (Must be made by a member who voted in favor of Adjournment of Debate) | Two Against | 2/3 Majority | Reopens debate on a topic that was previously ended by Adjournment of Debate |
| **Set the Speaker's Time** | Set or change the time allotted to each speaker | Two in Favor Two Against | Majority | Rarely used; prior approval from the Dais required or may be ruled out of order; never permitted during the first committee session |
| **Close the Speakers List** | No additional speakers may be added to the list | None | Majority | Once a closed list is exhausted, the committee goes directly into voting procedure |
| **Reopen the Speakers List** | Open a closed list | None | Majority | Reopens the list; allows more speakers to be added |

*Note: The Rules of Procedure are listed in order of precedence*