



Crisis Rules of Procedure

At MeDMUN, crisis committees will be run according to several simple motions and procedures. Delegates should use these rules not to manipulate the committee, but to find a solution to the crisis.

Terms to Know:
<i>Caucus:</i> A period of un-moderated debate in which delegates are free to talk to whomever they want.
<i>Continuous Moderated Caucus:</i> A period in which delegates are allowed to speak only upon recognition by the chair. The chair also can help direct the debate in a more substantive direction.
<i>Directive:</i> basically a mini-resolution that can influence updates. These are passed by majority rules and consist only of operative phrases.
<i>Crisis Note:</i> A note sent to the crisis staff that moves the crisis forward.

General Motions:

1) I would like to motion for...

A caucus, voting procedure,

2) I would like to bring ____ to the floor

A resolution, an amendment

3) Point of Inquiry:

To the chair,

4) Point of Order: used to correct the chair if you feel they made an error, or to ask someone speak up, ect.

Explanation of Crisis Committee Parliamentary Procedure

The Crisis operates in a continuous moderated caucus, delegates can motion for a caucus periodically. Chairs will recognize delegates who have their placards raised to speak. Delegates can influence the updates by writing notes or passing directives. Notes are sent to the chair and are secret. Notes should be written similar to the following format, "I want to take action A, because of reason B, to accomplish objective C, with resources such as D & E." Better written notes are more likely to be successful.

Directives are passed like resolutions. A delegates motions a directive to the floor and 1/3 of delegates must support it. To move to voting procedure, a delegate simply motions to voting procedure and the directive is voted on, majority rules. These directives can influence updates in a similar way to notes.

Updates

Updates can be public updates that all delegates hear, but sometimes updates will be secret notes sent from the crisis room to individual delegates. Delegates can share these notes with others if they want to, but do not have to share them.

Rules of Procedure Quick Sheet

Motion	Votes Required	Interrupt
For A Caucus	Simple majority	No
For Voting Procedure	Simple majority	No
To Bring a directive to the floor	One-Third	No
For a Point of order	None	Yes

Directive Phrases

Phrases used in a directive!

Here is a list of common phrases:

Accepts	Draws the attention	Proclaims
Affirms	Emphasizes	Reaffirms
Approves	Further invites	Recommends
Authorizes	Encourages	Regrets
Calls	Expresses its appreciation	Reminds
Calls upon	Expresses its hope	Requests
Condemns	Further invites	Solemnly affirms
Confirms	Further proclaims	Strongly condemns
Congratulates	Further reminds	Supports
Considers	Further recommends	Takes note of
Declares accordingly	Further requests	Transmits
Deplores	Further resolves	Trusts
Designates	Notes	

- 1) *AUTHORIZES an allocation of funds to the World Health Organization to help combat the spread of Ebola;*
- 2) *CONFIRMS that the United States will send 100 aid workers equipped to handle the Ebola outbreak.*