



RULES OF PROCEDURE - HISTORICAL CRISIS COMMITTEE

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HISTORICAL CRISIS COMMITTEE (HCC):

The Historical Crisis Committee (HCC), unlike many other committees, is one that is entirely centered on historical issues and purely dynamic. In this committee, delegates are able to step into the shoes of historical leaders during periods of crisis and debate on their grounds, enabling them to vicariously simulate the crisis at hand. The HCC is also built upon the idea of directives instead of resolutions. Directives are short “resolutions” that detail an action that will be taken. Maneuvering through the intricacies of the HCC requires not only in-depth historical knowledge of the time period but also extensive debating and problem-solving skills to, essentially, alter reality and bring about peaceful solutions.

Directives:

- Directives are essentially action plans or mini-clauses. The difference between a directive and resolution/clause is that directives are not voted or debated upon, what is debated upon is the effect of the directive and consequences. The directives are sent to the chairing panel through a google form and then once the chairing panel deliberates on your directive, the decision to pass it or reject it will be made.
- There are 2 types of directives, Public and Secret/Private directives.
 - **Public** directives are directives that when accepted and the event takes place within the timeline of the committee, everyone knows who performed the action and why.
 - **Secret** directives are when the directive passed takes place and the consequences of the action are being experienced but the perpetrator or

whoever made the decision/wrote the directive will not be announced to the delegates.

- Essentially in a public directive, the whole committee knows who did what, while with a secret directive, the whole committee knows what happened but they don't know who did it. Bear in mind, if your secret directive is quite undetailed and just as in real life, it is unplanned and has a chance to go wrong, the chairing panel has the right and probably will manipulate your directive. This may result in a disadvantage for you, hence you must be careful with both Secret and Public directives.

Directive Guide:

CRISIS COMMITTEE DIRECTIVE GUIDE

Committee Procedure:

- In MUN LOCALS HCC, each committee session is going to be different in terms of how the debate and procedures go. We may have court procedure for one debate session, we may have war procedure, we may have many different adaptations of different procedures depending on the context of the committee and what the chairing panel see fit. We do want to make it clear that if you do not know these procedures, it is not a problem. The chairing panel before implementing any new procedure will be explaining it to the delegates and ensuring that the delegation understands how everything is about to go down.
- Even though the HCC procedure is an adaptation of almost every type of MUN procedure depending on the context. We will be following a core procedure which is a foundation for almost all HCC committees.
 - The Committee will stay in a state of constant open debate. This means that the floor will always be open to speeches, points and motions. However these must not disrupt the speaker and it is under the chairing panel's discretion whether to entertain a speech, point or motion. We will also be opening the committee to unmoderated debate where the delegates will be debating without moderation. If the unmoderated debate is getting out of hand with delegates not respecting each other's speaking time, the chairing panel will step in to either return to moderated debate or the chairing panel will implement semi-moderated debate.
 - In terms of directives, at the start of each crisis committee, the delegate gets the chance to send directives within the allotted time where the chairing panels will be accepting directives. During a committee session the chairing panel will either provide a distinct un-moderated caucus for the delegates to

write and send in their directives or the chairing panel will open the directives form while the debate is flowing in the committee. Please do note that this is all dependent on various factors happening in the committee and that it is under the chairing panel's discretion to accept the review of directives at any time.

- Public Agendas and Secret Agendas
 - Public Agenda/General Agenda: These are goals and objectives a delegation must achieve throughout the duration of the conference, these goals will be public meaning all other delegations should be aware that you are attempting to achieve them. These are agenda's you should be aiming to achieve however if you wish to achieve some other goals that are justifiable and within the foreign policy of your delegation, you are permitted to do so as well.
 - Secret Agendas: Secret Agendas are quite a fun inclusion into Crisis Committees. A secret agenda is a goal a delegation must achieve secretly throughout the duration of the committee, it is recommended that the delegates do not reveal their secret agenda's to their peers however it is completely up to their discretion.

Speeches:

- For MUN LOCAL's HCC, there will be opening speeches at the start of the first committee session but that is the only thing the delegates are allowed to prepare prior to the conference other than research and understanding the topic and their delegation.
 - Each Opening speech may not exceed 4 minutes, nor should be shorter than 1 minute. The chairing panel will be expecting and taking into consideration not only the content of the speech but also the delivery. Considering that the HCC is a crisis committee and each delegate is representing a person and not a full nation, each speech is less formal and constrained by the rules and regulations. The delegates are expected to be passionate, use personal pronouns, and personal anecdotes for the historical figures they represent. This not only goes for opening speeches but all speeches.
- Throughout the committee, the chairing panel will be entertaining motions for speeches on the crises that are taking place or any speech of that matter pertaining to the context of the committee. Attached below is the guide to speeches in a crisis committee.

-  **CRISIS COMMITTEE GUIDE-SPEECH GUIDE**

Committee Resources:

- Delegation Guides, Secret Agenda's, Committee Timeline Starting Date, Resources Packets and Delegation Teams will be sent out to the delegates 24 hours prior to the first debate session to prevent over-preparedness by the delegates for the committee. This means the delegates will not be able to access their Secret Agenda's and General Delegation goals prior to the conference meaning they would not be able to prepare any resources such as speeches or directives prior to the day of the conference.

Conclusion:

Crisis Committees are by far some of the most fun and engaging committees the model united nations has to offer. For the MUN LOCALS 2025 HCC, the chairing panel will be hosting either an in-person or online training session to acclimatize the delegates to procedure and committee information. The Chairing Panel will contact you asking about your preferences on when, how and where to host a training session so please keep an eye out for that.

We look forward to meeting you all in the conference and are very excited for a successful Historical Crisis Committee.

**THANK YOU
AND
GOOD LUCK**