

# **FREDMUN 2017**

## **RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR CRISES CABINETS**

### **I. GENERAL RULES**

#### **Rule 1 - Scope**

- (a) These rules shall be applicable to both crisis cabinets of FREDMUN 2017, under the reservation of the Rule of the present Rules of Procedure;
- (b) They shall be considered adopted in advance of the session;
- (c) No other rules of procedure are applicable;
- (d) All Crisis members will be using the Deus Crisis Platform software throughout this session.

#### **Rule 2 - Language**

English shall be both official and the working language of the committees. No other language is permitted when in session.

#### **Rule 3 - Delegations and credentials**

- (a) Each individual character of the committee shall be represented by one delegate;
- (b) All participants will receive their credentials (badges and placards) from the Staff members prior to the opening of the Conference, upon registration;
- (c) Every participant should wear their approved credentials at all times during the conference.

#### **Rule 4 - Powers of the Director**

The Director is the final and sole institution concerning any decision upon the interpretation of these rules. The Director shall not seek or receive instructions from any person or from any other authority external to the Secretariat of the FREDMUN;

- (b) The Director may designate their Backroom to act on their behalf.

#### **Rule 5 - Powers of the Chair**

Apart from referred to specific rules about the powers of the chairs, Chairs also have the authority to:

- a) Declare opening and closing of each plenary meeting of the session
- b) Moderate the debates and make sure that all the measures will be taken, in order to guarantee a diplomatic and high-leveled simulation of the crisis cabinets;
- c) Keep the crisis team informed about the progress of their cabinet's work, the negotiations between the participants, the different opinions expressed and the actions taken;
- d) Manage any actions that occur between the participants and take care of any urgent situation needed, in order to ensure the normal progress of the procedure;
- e) Inform the delegates about recent incidents, updates, press;
- f) Take all the necessary measures in case of inappropriate behaviors and clear violation of the Rules of Procedure; if a delegate receives three official warnings by the Chairs, they may kindly be asked to temporarily exit the room;
- g) Reserve their right for a brief caucus, in case it is necessary;
- h) Apply and interpret the Rules of Procedure;
- i) Modify, alter or even temporarily suspend the Rules of Procedure, if necessary;
- j) Chairs are also individual characters, as part of the Crisis scenario. They are the Head of their respective cabinet.

### **Rule 6 - Powers of the Crisis Backroom**

Apart from anything referred to specific rules about the powers of the Crisis Backroom, its members under the guidance of the Director have the authority to:

- a) Inform the cabinets about recent incidents, subplots and any information required; all those information should be considered as truthful and nobody may question them;
- b) Resolve misunderstandings between the participants in issues of intelligence, information and the reality of incidents;
- c) Compose and share intelligence briefings to the participants and/or press releases;
- d) Carefully study the actions of the participants and decide about their impact in the progress of the tasks;
- e) Receive the delegates' actions and respond to them;
- f) Communicate with the Chairs and guide them about the progress of the tasks;
- g) Decide in first and last degree, if an information or incident is truthful or not;
- h) Take any other decision at the Director's discretion, which cannot be appealed.

### **Rule 7 - Quorum**

- a) The Chair shall declare a committee open and permit debate to proceed, without taking into consideration the presence or absence of the participants;
- b) In the beginning of each session the Chair shall verify the presence of the participants via Roll Call. No motion required for the specific action;
- c) Any participants who is asked to declare their presence, should raise their placard and declare their presence, otherwise they will be considered as absent and will be lacked all the rights mentioned in the Rules of Procedure;
- d) Any participant who arrives at the cabinet after the Roll Call shall send a note to the Chair, informing them about their presence;
- e) The Chair shall inform the cabinet about the Quorum and the majorities required for taking any decision, based on the given Crisis scenario.

### **Rule 8 - Dress Code**

- (a) FREDMUN's dress code requires formal/business attire, unless otherwise specified, depending on the Crisis scenario.
- (b) Representatives not respecting the dress code of the conference during the formal sessions may be excluded from the conference at the discretion of the Secretariat.

## **II. RULES REGARDING DEBATE**

### **Rule 9 - Open Debate**

After the verification of the Quorum, the Chair will automatically **Launch Open Debate**. Such a debate in this situation refers to informal discussion, without applying any formalities. Delegates are free to use the first person pronoun. No other motion is applicable. The Chair shall begin by briefing the delegates of the situation, with reference to the Crisis scenario. The succession of the speakers is decided directly, after the requests of the participants to take the floor. There is no formal procedure dictating or limiting the discussion.

### **Rule 10 - Tour De Table**

The Chair has the authorization to introduce the cabinet into a Tour De Table procedure, when necessary. During this period, the participants shall take the floor at an order defined by the Chair and deliver a speech for the time defined by the Chair. Any delegate who wishes to suggest the motion of the cabinet to a Tour De Table period, he/she shall make a **Request to Tour De Table**. If the Request is approved by the Chair, the cabinet shall automatically move to a Tour De Table period. The decision of the Chair cannot be appealed.

### **Rule 11 - Directives**

All Directives constitute a part of the procedure and the debate. These are sent through Deus Crisis Platform. Participants may freely send such directives to the Chair, to another delegate, to the Crisis Backroom, even to a participant of another cabinet. The Directives can be in any format, as long as they are clearly understood, in order to avoid the creation of misunderstandings. Depending on the given budget (usually set by the Backroom Team under the Director) or the Crisis scenario, all Directives might be affected and might be deemed either realistic or unrealistic. For example, if the allocated budget for one of the cabinets is set at \$1bn, then the budget has to be respected. Despite this being a crisis simulation, the cabinets and the Backroom shall attempt to be as realistic as possible. Only the Crisis Backroom Team under the Director may have the ability to freeze the Directives at will. Freezing the Directives does not necessarily suspend/adjourn the debate.

### **Rule 12 - Suspension of the meeting/debate**

- (a) The cabinets' sessions can be paused for a predetermined time (suspension);
- (b) The Chair may entertain the suspension of a session at their discretion, particularly with regard to the program of events provided by FREDMUN. The Director may also inform the cabinets of a decision to suspend the meeting.

### **Rule 13 - Adjournment of the meeting**

Cabinets' sessions can be closed for the remaining time of the conference (adjournment). This means that the Crisis Committee adjourns the meeting and is no longer in session.

### **Rule 14 – Modifications**

The Director and the Cabinet Chairs may choose to operate under different rules. Heads of Cabinets must inform the Director in the event they choose to follow a different procedure. The Director may also choose to modify the current Rules of Procedure at will (in consultation with the FREDMUN Secretariat) and should also inform all Crisis members upon reaching such a decision.