## **GSMUIN 2011**



What to Expect

### UN Overview

The purposes of the United Nations are to maintain international peace and security; to develop friendly relations among nations; to cooperate in solving international economic, social, cultural and humanitarian problems and in promoting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; and to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in attaining these ends.

## History of the UN



- Replacement for the League of Nations
- January 1, 1942 Declaration of the
   United Nations
- San Francisco in 1945the Charter

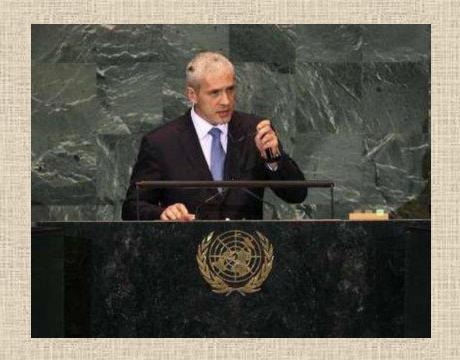
# What Is Parliamentary Procedure?

• Determines everything about how a committee runs

- How it works:
  - Attendance
  - Speakers' List
  - Caucuses
  - Voting Procedure



#### **Points**



- Point of Inquiry/Parliamentary Inquiry
- Point of Personal Privilege
- Point of Information

## Motions: Moving Debate

- Set the Agenda
  - "Motion to set the agenda with \_\_\_\_\_\_ as the first item, followed by..."
- Start a Caucus
  - "Motion for a \_\_\_\_ minute [un]moderated caucus with a \_\_\_\_ speaking time for the purpose of \_\_\_."
- Move into Voting Procedure
  - "Motion to close debate and move into voting procedure."

## Resolution Writing

• Resolution: the very long sentence your committee aims to produce as a solution to the particular issue or situation being dealt with.

Working papers -> Draft resolutions ->

Resolutions



#### **Resolution Clauses**

- Preambulatory clauses:
  - Why is this working paper made?
  - Establish background, reference precedent, summarize situation
- Operative clauses:
  - What does this working paper do?
  - Explains or recommends actions.

## Sponsors and Signatories

- Sponsors- principal writers of the working paper, agree on substance and will definitely vote for it.
- Signatories- may or may not agree with the substance of the bill, but agree to see it debated.
- 1/5 of the committee must be a sponsor or signatory of the working paper.

#### **Amendments**

- After a working paper has been introduced, amendments can be added to the draft resolution to add to, delete, or revise a clause.
- Friendly and Unfriendly
- Dividing the Question

### **Position Papers**

- Introduction to your country and its history as it pertains to the topic
- Brief overview of committee as it relates to topics
- How the issue effects your country
- Your country's policies and justifications
- How and what your country believes should be done
- How other countries affect your country's position
- Include quotes, statistics, and actions taken by your country

# Novice Committees at GSMUN XIV

#### Disarmament and Security Committee

- Nuclear/Biological/Chemical Nonproliferation
- Private Military Contractors

#### Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian Committee

- Women's Education
- Pandemics

## Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

- Legal Rights of Terrorists
- Organized Crime and the Drug Trade

### Conference Tips

- Note-passing between delegates is often important to developing solutions in committee. Colorful post-its make notes memorable and neat.
- Bring spare cash! We will be selling t-shirts, and there will be multiple fundraisers for Children, Incorporated!
- Don't worry! GSMUN is a wonderful conference for both novices and experienced delegates! Your chairs will go over everything you need to know, including parli-pro, again at the conference.

# Are there any points or motions on the floor?

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