



Rules of Procedure

The most important difference between normal Rules of Procedure and the RoP of the NAC is the fact that every nation has veto powers. As the NATO needs a unanimous consensus as they are setting up a Draft Communiqué, a document concerning the opinion of the council on a certain matter.

Statements

The goal of the NAC isn't setting up a resolution on a topic, but the production of accords: statements. While writing statements, you do not have to stay put to the rules when writing a resolution; you can write anything you like, as long as:

1. It stays a point-wise statement.
2. It contains a committee-wide vision and consensus.

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The course of debate will be almost identical to normal MUN-debate with resolutions, but there will be a few adjustments.

1. All delegations will have a very short policy statement on each issue, so every delegate knows the view of each delegation on the topic.
2. After that, there will be a lot of lobbying time, in order for all delegates to form a consensus between all member states.
3. After lobbying, debate starts according to ad-hoc rules. Delegates can hand in amendments for the statement, the chair will set debate time and after time has elapsed, delegates will vote on the amendment.
4. After time on the issues has elapsed, the committee will vote on the statement, which has to be passed unanimously.

N.B. These rules of procedure are formed to simulate the North Atlantic Council as well as possible. However, when the Student Officers believe the Rules of Procedure hinder the course of debate, they can, in consultation with the Executive Staff, decide to set aside these rules of procedure and proceed with normal Rules of Procedure, with debating a resolution and holding on to specific rules on phrasing.