

DEBATE IN THE MOAS PERMANENT COUNCIL

1 The Committee Secretary reads the proposal.

2 Chair (whose resolution is to be discussed) "presents" the proposal to the committee indicating why it should be approved.

3 The Chair opens the floor for questions, comments, or amendments about the Preamble.

4 Committee Secretary drafts a speaker list of the delegations that requested the floor.

IF there are no speakers on the Preamble, the Chair opens the floor to debate the Operative clauses. Debate will proceed in order, clause by clause, from first to last.

IMPORTANT: No delegate may interrupt the voting, except for a point of order related to a manner in which the vote is conducted.

IF there are Speakers for the Preamble, the Chair announces that the debate will proceed in order from the first clause to the last clause in the Preamble

The motion or resolution does not go to a vote. Then the Chair proceeds with the next speaker.

IF no one seconds

6 If a delegate presents a motion to change part of the resolution, the Chair asks if anybody "seconds the motion".

5 The Chair gives the floor to the speakers on the list, according to the order of clauses, and keeps track of time.

7 The Chair calls for a vote and asks if any delegation "objects" to the motion. If nobody objects, it passes by consensus. If somebody objects, Chair asks for "those delegations in favor" and "those delegations against."

IF seconded

The Chair may propose the closing of a debate if he considers that the resolution has been discussed sufficiently. At least one delegation must second this motion to proceed to a vote.

IF a delegate is not in the Speakers' List but needs to ask a question or to respond to the Speaker of a motion being debated, the Chair must give him/her the Floor.

8 A motion or resolution passes by majority with the vote of half the number of delegations plus 1. If the vote is for changing a decision already voted, it will need two-thirds of the vote.

9 The Chair announces the result of the vote: the motion or resolution "Passes" or "Does not Pass."

10 After the vote, the Chair gives the floor to the next speaker in the List, and so on. (Chair might alter the order of speakers to provide continuity of debate).