



34th MOAS HIGH SCHOOLS PROCEDURES FOR THE SPECIAL WORKING GROUP (GET)

Introduction:

The participants in the Special Working Group (GET – for its Spanish acronym) must follow the same preparation as the regular delegates in the committees: **MOAS Tutorial and/or [Quick Guide](#); [Instructions](#); [Rules of Procedure](#)** (as applicable); [Schedule of Events](#), and [Instructions for Drafting a Declaration](#).

1. The GET is an ad-hoc group created when the number of registered delegations exceeds the number of OAS Member States (34). Therefore, the GET authorities must be elected at the beginning of the GET sessions.
2. The MOAS Secretary General coordinates the elections for the Chair and Vice Chair of the GET, with support of the GET Secretary. All delegates participating in the GET are eligible candidates and may run for these positions, but **only one of the 2 team members may be elected as authority in order to keep their assigned country represented.**
3. The Chair of the GET introduces the OAS Specialist on the subject for a short presentation and a question & answer session.
4. The delegates present their general statements (one minute maximum) following the order precedence. Each of the country team delegates must present a different perspective on the topic of the MOAS Declaration (Art. 36 of the MOAS' Rules of Procedure).
5. The Chair of the GET opens the debate to determine the perspectives to be included in the MOAS Declaration:
 - a. There will be a brainstorming debate where the delegates will propose the perspectives on the subject (Art. 37 of the MOAS [Rules of Procedure](#)). Once there are a few proposals, only 3 perspectives will be chosen. The working groups will be formed based on these 3 perspectives (3 working groups).
 - b. Ideally the working groups should reflect a geographic balance among the regions.
 - c. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the GET will also participate in the working groups in representation of their respective countries. (They will re-assume their roles as authorities once the debate of the draft Declaration takes place

in the GET, and must remain impartial during their roles as authorities. If for any reason they need to defend or clarify their country's official position, they need to inform the delegates that for that moment in they will be acting as delegates and not as authorities.)

6. Each working Group will discuss its perspective, according to the Flowchart ([LINK](#)) and Checklist for Working Groups in the GET ([LINK](#)). Each WG should present 3 or 4 declarative clauses and their respective preamble. These clauses must be agreed by consensus by the whole WG. See the Instructions for Drafting a Declaration ([LINK](#)).
7. The clauses produced by each of the 3 WGs are forwarded to the Chair of the GET, who together with the Vice-Chair, the GET Secretary and the OAS Specialist will put them together in a coherent way to create one Draft Declaration.
8. The draft Declaration is discussed in the GET according to the Flowchart and Checklist.
9. **The GET must approve the draft Declaration by consensus**, before it is presented to the General Committee for further discussion.
10. Once the GET has approved the draft Declaration, the Chair of the GET presents it to the General Committee and must be ready to answer any question (the Vice-Chair may also go and answer questions).
11. Any and all changes proposed by the delegates in the General Committee must be discussed in the GET and included in the Declaration, but these changes must also be approved by consensus (if there is no consensus, then the change(s) cannot be included. Therefore the Chair of the GET will inform the MOAS Chair and, if applicable, the Chiefs of Delegation will discuss those changes during the First Plenary Session of the MOAS General Assembly.

Activities of the GET as per the Schedule of Events of the 34th MOAS/HS (sections related to the GET are written in blue):

December 2:

- 3:45pm: Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the GET.
- 4:00pm: The OAS Expert offers a brief presentation on the topic and answers questions.
- 4:10pm: Each delegate presents his/her General Statement on one perspective of the topic of the Declaration (each of the country team delegates must present a different perspective).
- 4:45pm (approx): Begins the brainstorming process to choose the three (3) perspectives to be included in the MOAS Declaration.

December 3:

- 9:00am: Delegates continue the brainstorming process to choose the 3 perspectives.
- 10:30am: The 3 perspectives must have been established.
- 10:45am: Distribution of delegates into 3 Working Groups (according to each of the 3 perspectives). Delegates discuss and draft the clauses (3 declarative clauses and 2-3 clauses for the preamble) in their working groups.
- 4:15pm (or before): Delegates finish drafting the clauses, and discuss them with the OAS Specialist to incorporate suggestions.
- 5:00pm (or before): Each working group submits their clauses to the Chair.

December 4:

- 9:00am: The GET debates the draft Declaration, which must be approved by consensus.
- 11:30am: The GET finishes debate on the draft Declaration (Clerks make the copies for the General Committee).
- 12:00pm: The Chair of the GET presents the draft Declaration to the General Committee, and delegates suggest changes to the document. As soon as the GET gets input from the General Committee, the proposals are included in the final Declaration, which is approved by consensus in the last meeting of the GET.
- 2:30 pm: Distribution of MOAS Surveys in the GET. Pick-up at 2:45 pm
- 2:45pm–3:45pm: The GET will engage in a **Dialogue on MOAS Experience** according to questionnaire provided by the MOAS Coordination (The GET is an ad-hoc group created as needed, thus no elections can be held for next year, as the committees will be doing during this time).
- 3:45pm-4:00pm: All delegates walk to the OAS Main Building – Hall of the Americas, for the Plenary Sessions. GET delegates sit in the designated area for the GET.
- 4:30pm: Chair of the GET presents the Declaration to the Plenary and Chiefs of Delegation have a short dialogue for its adoption.