

# AMERICAN MODEL UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL

## ORDER OF PRECEDENCE OF RULES: SECURITY COUNCIL SHORT FORM

RULE	DEBATABLE	VOTE?	INTERRUPT SPEAKER	DESCRIPTION
6.1 Point of Order	No	None	Yes	Used to point out a misuse of the rules
6.2 Point of Information	No	None	No	Ask any rules or non-rules related question of the President, or gain a clarification
6.3 Point of Inquiry	No	None	No	Ask a question of a speaker at the end of their speech, prior to speaker's yielding the floor
7.1 Suspension of the Meeting	No	Majority	No	Recess the meeting for specific period of time -- often for caucusing
7.2 Adjournment of the Meeting	No	Majority	No	End the meeting for the year
7.3 Adjournment of Debate	Yes	Majority	No	Has the effect of removing from consideration any amendment, draft resolution or agenda topic <i>without</i> a vote on the content of that issue
7.4 Closure of Debate on an Agenda Topic	Yes	Majority	No	Ends debate on an agenda topic, bringing all draft resolutions and/or amendments on the floor to an immediate vote
7.5 Closure of Debate	Yes	Majority	No	Ends debate on any issue open to debate and brings it to an immediate vote
7.6 Appealing a Decision of the President	Yes	Majority	No	Challenge a ruling made by the President
7.7 Enter Consultative Session	Yes	Majority	No	Move into an informal debate period
7.8 Add an Agenda Topic	Yes	Majority	No	Add an additional agenda topic to the working agenda
7.9 Change the Order of Consideration of the Working Agenda	Yes	Majority	No	Change the order in which agenda items are set on the Working Agenda
7.10 Set Working Agenda	Yes	Majority	No	Set the daily order for the Working Agenda
7.11 Limits on Debate	Yes	Majority	No	Impose (or repeal) a limit on the length of any form of debate
7.12 Division of the Question	Yes	Majority	No	Divide a draft resolution or amendment into two or more clauses, each to be voted on separately after Closure of Debate
7.13 Consideration of Draft Resolutions	No	None	No	Bring a draft resolution to the floor for discussion
7.14 Consideration of Amendments	No	None	No	Bring an amendment to the floor for discussion
7.15 Party to the Dispute	Yes	Majority	No	Request that a non-Security Council member be invited to the session

- Notes:*
1. *A majority in the Security Council shall always be 9 votes.*
  2. *Historical Security Councils occurring prior to 1963 will require a 7 vote majority for passage.*
  3. *Any motion may be seconded, but no seconds are ever required in the Security Council.*



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**ORDER OF PRECEDENCE OF RULES: GENERAL ASSEMBLY / ECOSOC SHORT FORM**

RULE	SECOND?	DEBATABLE	VOTE REQUIRED	INTERRUPT SPEAKER	DESCRIPTION
6.1 Point of Order	No	No	None	Yes	Used to point out a misuse of the rules
6.2 Point of Information	No	No	None	No	Ask any rules or non-rules related question of the Chair, or gain a clarification
6.3 Point of Inquiry	No	No	None	No	Ask a question of a speaker at the end of their speech, prior to speaker's yielding the floor
7.1 Suspension of the Meeting	Yes	No	Majority	No	Recess the meeting for specific period of time -- often for caucusing
7.2 Adjournment of the Meeting	Yes	No	Majority	No	End the meeting for the year
7.3 Adjournment of Debate	Yes	2 Pro 2 Con	Majority	No	Has the effect of removing from consideration any issue open to debate <i>without</i> a vote on the content of that issue
7.4 Closure of Debate	Yes	2 Con	Majority	No	Ends debate on any issue open to debate and brings it to an immediate vote
7.5 Decision of No Action	Yes	2 Pro 2 Con	Majority	No	<b>ONLY</b> in GA Plenary sessions; signifies no action will be taken on the matter
7.6 Appealing a Decision of the Chair	Yes	2 Pro 2 Con	Majority	No	Challenge a ruling made by the Chair
7.7 Decision of Competence	Yes	2 Pro 2 Con	Majority	No	Question whether the UN body is competent to act on a certain issue within the Charter and international law
7.8 Consideration of Agenda Topics	Yes	No	Majority	No	Change the order in which agenda items are discussed
7.9 Limits on Debate	Yes	2 Pro 2 Con	Majority	No	Impose (or repeal) a limit on the length of any form of debate
7.10 Division of the Question	Yes	2 Pro 2 Con	Majority	No	Divide a draft resolution or amendment into two or more clauses, each to be voted on separately after Closure of Debate
7.11 Reconsideration of Proposals	Yes	2 Con	2/3 Majority	No	Reconsider an item on which debate has been adjourned or upon which a vote has been taken
7.12 Important Question	Yes	2 Pro 2 Con	Majority	No	<b>ONLY</b> in GA Plenary sessions; signifies that a draft resolution or amendment shall require a 2/3 majority vote for passage
7.13 Consideration of Draft Resolutions	Yes	No	Majority	No	Bring a draft resolution that has the requisite number of signatures to the floor for discussion
7.14 Consideration of Amendments	No	No	None	No	Bring an amendment to the floor for discussion
7.15 Setting the Order of Consideration of Draft Resolutions for GA Plenary Session	Yes	No	Majority	No	Establish a priority order for draft resolutions which passed in GA Committees to be considered by the Combined GA Plenary

