



Thailand Model United Nations THAIMUN

THAIMUN Simplified Procedure for Debating Resolutions

1. **Roll call** – each committee begins with a roll call of each country. Delegates answer (“present and voting”)
2. **Position Papers** (1 minute opening statement): each delegate will deliver a one minute statement about their country’s position on at least one of the topics to be debated in the committee
3. **Lobbying and merging**: a one hour, or more, period for delegates to exchange and merge resolutions (each delegate should bring to the conference some clauses or even a completed resolution)
4. **Resolution read by main co-submitter** (Operative clauses only). The Chair will choose one resolution for debate and ask the main co-submitter to read the Operative clauses
5. **Points of Clarification**: delegates have an opportunity to ask questions on the meaning of details in the resolution
6. **Main co-submitter’s FOR speech** (2-3 minutes)
7. **Points of Information**: delegates ask questions about previous speech
8. **Caucus** for 15 minutes or so for delegates to write FOR, AGAINST or TO speeches (there will not be a speakers list)
9. **Chair selects first Against speaker** (2-3 minutes)...Points of Information follow
10. **For speech**...Points of Information
11. **Against speech**...Points of Information
12. **To speech**...Points of information (Please note, a TO speech is about the topic not the resolution)

13. For speech...Points of Information
14. Etc., etc., etc.
15. **Vote:** When the Chair has decided that all arguments for and against the resolution have been heard he/she will ask delegates to vote for, against or abstain. Voting is done by raising the country placard

Amendments

Amendments can be made to the Resolution:

Friendly amendments: main co-submitter is happy with the amendment – no vote required

Un-friendly amendments: main co-submitter is hostile to the amendment – vote required

Note passing

During the committee session delegates may communicate with each other by passing notes, delivered by a floor secretary (or page). Notes must be related to the topic under debate. Notes of a personal nature will be taken to the Chair and the delegate will be reprimanded