

# RULES ADDENDUM: REFORMED SECURITY COUNCIL

## Introduction:

1. These rules shall, along with the Long Form of the Rules of the General Assembly Plenary, constitute the rules of procedure for the Reformed Security Council.
2. In the event that this document should conflict with the Long Form of the Rules of the General Assembly Plenary, this document shall take precedence.

## I. COMPOSITION

### Rule 1 – Membership

1. The Reformed Security Council shall consist of twenty-five members of the United Nations.
2. Each member shall have no more than one representative in each body.

## II. SESSIONS

### Rule 2 – Dates of convening and adjournment

The Council shall meet at a regular basis at the discretion of its membership, its President, or the Secretary- General. The Council shall convene at the written request of the President, the Secretary-General, or a majority of its membership as transmitted to the Secretary-General.

## III. AGENDA

### Rules 5/6 – Adoption and Revision of the agenda

The agenda provided by the Secretary-General shall be considered proposed as of the beginning of the session. The Council may vote to accept such a proposal or may vote to approve an agenda consisting of the items within the proposed agenda in a different order, or consisting of any items deemed by the Secretary-General to be within the mandates of the Council.

*The vote described in this rules is a procedural vote and, as such, all delegates (including observers) must cast a vote. For purposes of this rule, “those present and voting” mean those delegates, including observers, in attendance at the meeting during which this motion comes to a vote.*

### Rule 11 - Selection and replacement of the President and Vice President

1. The President shall be appointed prior to the first meeting of the Council. For the purposes of facilitation of debate, the President shall not be a delegate; instead, this appointment shall be done by the Director-General. The President shall chair the Assembly for the duration of the conference, unless otherwise decided by the Director-General. If the President is unable to perform his or her functions, a new President shall be appointment for the unexpired term at the discretion of the Director-General.
2. The Vice Presidency of the Council shall rotate among its membership, with an equal amount of time reserved for each member. The Vice President shall aid the President in chairing the Council, and shall be responsible for management of debate. During this time, the Vice President shall not be awarded the right to speak during formal session (though they may take

part in the work of the Council during Suspensions of the Meeting of any type).

The representative of the member whose time it is to serve as Vice President may choose to waive their right to serve for that time. In the event that the Vice President is unable to perform his or her functions, or chooses to waive such a right, the President shall chair the Council alone.

## VI. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

### Rule 15 – Quorum

The President may declare a meeting open and permit debate to proceed when representatives of at least fifteen of the twenty-five members of the Council are present. The presence of fifteen members shall be required for any decision to be taken.

### Rule 20 – Speeches

4. Immediately following a speech, members of the Assembly may comment on the previous speech. This ability must be authorized by a majority vote of the Assembly (and may also be removed by the same threshold); this motion shall last for the duration of the Assembly's discussion of the current topic. A motion to allow short comments following speeches will allow exactly two short comments of a time to be determined by the President after each speech and is not debatable. Short comments must refer to the substance of the original speech and may not refer to other short comments.

## VII. VOTING

### Rule 34 - Majority required

1. Unless specified otherwise in these rules, procedural decisions of the Council shall be made by a majority consisting of fifteen or more members of the Council voting in favor.
2. All substantive decisions of the Council shall require for passage either the approval of fifteen members of the Council, including the concurrent vote or abstention of the five original permanent members of the Security Council, or the approval of twenty members of the Council.

*For the purposes of this rule, the "five original permanent members" are the French Republic, the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America. For the purpose of tabulation, absent members of the Security Council are considered "abstentions."*

### Rule 37 - Method of voting

1. The Council shall conduct all substantive votes by roll call, except when a member shall request an approval by acclamation. Roll call votes shall be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the members. The name of each present member shall be called in any roll call vote, and one of its representatives shall reply "yes," "no," "no with rights," "abstention," or "pass."
2. The vote of each member participating in a roll call vote shall be inserted in the record.

*Only those members who designate themselves as “present” or “present and voting” during the attendance roll call, or in some other manner communicate their attendance to the President and/ or Secretariat, are permitted to vote and, as such, no others will be called during a roll call vote. Any representatives replying, “pass,” must, on the second time through, respond with either “yes,” “no.” A “pass” cannot be followed by a second “pass” for the same proposal or amendment, nor may it be followed by an abstention on that same proposal or amendment, nor may the representative explain their vote.*

## Rule 38 – Explanation of Vote

1. Representatives may make brief statements consisting solely of an explanation of their vote after the voting has been completed. A representative sponsoring a proposal shall not speak in explanation of vote thereon, except if it has been amended, and the member has voted against the proposal or motion.
2. Permanent members of the Council who vote against a substantive proposal must accompany their vote with an explanation at the conclusion of voting procedure.

*Explanations of vote may only be made by sponsors of a draft resolution who voted against passage of the document – a case only allowed if the draft resolution is amended via unfriendly amendment – or by permanent members of the Council who vote no, thereby vetoing the document. To explain such a vote, the delegate must vote “No with rights” during a roll call vote on the draft resolution and will be granted a length of time to speak after the cessation of voting, but prior to the announcement of the vote total and the outcome of the vote. For purposes of tabulation, “no with rights” shall be considered a “no” as well as a statement of the delegate’s intent to give an explanation of vote. This speaking time shall be used only for the explanation of the shift in the delegate’s position as a result of amendment to the draft resolution.*