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General Considerations

Chairpersons.

The Board of the General Assembly Plenary Sessions shall be composed of the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary General of the United Nations and the two Deputies of the Secretary General.

Competence of the Chairpersons.

The competence of the Chairpersons may not be questioned by delegates.

Opening General Assembly Plenary

Opening Speech

Each delegation will have assigned an ambassador who will deliver a speech during the opening ceremony. The speech will not exceed the 1.00 minute time limit and will summarize the country's policy on what the delegate considers the most urgent matters of the country.

Right of reply

It is a statement of the country concerning one of the former 5 speeches that were heard.

Sample opening speech:

Your Excellency the Secretary General, madam/mr president, honorable delegates, Greece as a member of the European Union, NATO and of course the United Nations has affirmed its desire for peace and co-operation. In that feeling of mutual understanding Greece urges Cyprus and Turkey to reach a common ground agreement. Further encourages and commits itself towards a peaceful and compromising solution of the name of the F.Y.R.O.M . Also expresses its hope for the amelioration

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of the Greece-Turkey relations. Finally Greece stresses the importance of ongoing environmental protection in order to face global climate change. Keeping in mind that this has become a common effort by all countries towards achieving this goal Greece wishes you all the most constructing debates during the days of the conference.

Sample right of reply:

The United Kingdom would like to express it's support to the United States of America concerning the struggle against terrorism and bringing all suspects of terrorist attacks to justice. The delegation of Iceland would like to remind the delegation of Greece that her commitment towards environmental protection is not valid. The violation of the Kyoto protocol which the delegation has signed by emitting an extra 50% of harmful gases compared to the amount they should have been reduced is proof of that.

Thank you

Closing General Assembly Plenary

Quorum

All three committees including the ECOSOC participate in the General Assembly Plenary session. The Concurrent General Assembly will observe the quorum requirements of rule 5. In the combined General Assembly Plenary Session a quorum will be one-third of the member delegates in attendance at the conference.

Officers

The President of the General Assembly shall act as the principal chair of the Assembly.

Authority of the Secretariat

The President's of the General Assembly decisions are final and can not be appealed.



Order of Consideration of Committees in the combined G.A. plenary

The plenary session will begin with the order of committees which follow: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and ECOSOC. Then will follow the reports from the Security Council, European Parliament and NATO.

*Resolutions will not need additional signatures in order to be considered by the G.A.

*When a committee resolution is brought to the floor of the Plenary an automatic limit of debate of 15 minutes is imposed on the discussion; after 15 minutes (including debate and voting procedures) have expired the draft resolution will come to an immediate vote.

*The time limit may be shortened or extended if decided by the President of the General Assembly.

*If a resolution before the combined Plenary fails it may not be reconsidered.

*If a resolution at the Combined Plenary passes, it is considered to be adopted by the Organization.

Rules of procedure

All committee rules apply to the conduct of business in the General Assembly plenary except rules 5, 8, 10, 11.1, 11.2, 13, 13.3, 13.4, 13.5, 13.6, 13.7, 13.8, 13.10, 13.11, 14, 16, 17.5, 17.6, 17.7.