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**RULES OF PROCEDURE**

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**United Nations Conference on Sovereignty and Self-determination  
Special Rules of Procedures**

**01. General Rules of Procedure**

These Special Rules of Procedure only approach specific points in which the procedures of the United Nations Conference on Sovereignty and Self-Determination differ from those of the other committees.

In all cases not approached in these Special Rules, the General Rules of Procedure shall apply. For that reason, all delegates attending this Conference must be familiar with those General Rules.

**02. Duties of Delegates**

Each country present at the conference will be represented by one delegate, who is presumed to possess the diplomatic authority required to fully defend his/her country's views and interests on the matter dealt with by the Conference, debating, working on documents and voting on procedural and substantive matters.

While supposed to be fully aware of their countries' official position and interests beforehand, delegates are nonetheless allowed to correspond with their governments in order to obtain authorization to undertake certain actions (beyond those



already listed in the ‘credentials’ section of the General Rules of Procedure) or to request specific information.

### **03. The Convention**

The delegates at the conference will not work on a Resolution. By the end of the Conference, they are expected to have agreed upon and signed an official Convention, whose official name shall be determined by the delegates themselves. Length and specific content of the Convention will also depend on the will of delegates and on the discussions and work that will occur throughout the Conference.

More than one draft Convention and amendments may be on the floor at the same time.

Before being introduced for debate, all draft conventions and amendments require the approval of the UN Staff. Draft conventions require 5 (five) signatures to be introduced. The fact that a delegate has signed a draft Convention simply means he/she wants to have its contents discussed, not meaning that his/her country necessarily agrees with it nor that he/she would officially become a signatory to its final text.

Draft conventions may be amended. Rules regarding amendments to Conventions are the same as those of the General Rules of Procedure concerning amendments to Resolutions.

### **04. Reservations**

Reservations will be acceptable, regarding the Convention produced during this Conference. Delegations willing to make a reservation must hand to the UN Staff a written sample of it before the voting on the draft resolution begins. Once reservations are read, the process of voting on a draft Convention may be started. In case the draft Convention is approved, all of its signatories will be asked to vote on the reservations. For a reservation to become part of the approved document and for the country that made it to become a party to the Convention, the signatories must consensually vote in favor of it.



## **05. Official Statements**

If deemed appropriate, any delegate may move a motion to issue an Official Statement on behalf of the members of the Conference. An Official Statement is a UN official document meant to inform the public on some of their deliberations and developments of the Conference. If the motion is ruled to be in order, the delegate will read the proposed text for the statement, and the UN Staff will ask if any member objects to it. There being no objection, the statement is considered to be issued and released to the public.

## **06. External Participations in the Deliberations**

In case that any member of the Conference wish to invite any specific individual or representative of organization or government to participate (without vote) in the deliberations of the Conference, he or she should submit a request in writing to the UN Staff. The UN Staff will ask if any delegate objects to the invitation. There being no objection, the invitation will be issued. The issuing of the invitation, however, obviously does not guarantee that the required guest will be willing and able to participate in the Conference.