

GALMUN 2024 Crisis RULES OF PROCEDURE



The procedure for a crisis committee is different from a regular committee. There are no resolutions, or clauses; delegates usually represent characters instead of countries and must take actions in real time that will affect the flow of debate and events during the committee. Crisis committees allow for speakers lists, moderated and unmoderated caucuses and periodical news updates and crisis delegates are able to send different types of directives to the backroom.

❖ Key Terms

Front Room:

The front room is what we all know as the committee: the room in which the delegates hold debates and discussions that are presided over by the chairs. It is run according to the rules of procedure specified in the pages below.

Backroom:

The Backroom are the crisis staff to whom committee delegates send their directives and press releases. The Backroom decides the outcome of directives and their effects (such as battles, invasions, and assassination plots, trade agreements, etc) based on their chances of success depending on the facts on the ground and the other directives sent by all delegates within the committee. The backroom also does periodical news updates in order to keep everyone up to date about the events happening in the simulation (such as key battles, changing relations between countries, imminent dangers and more). The backroom will also be responsible for any Communiqués sent by delegates to the ‘outside world’ (countries or characters that are not represented in the front room).

Directives:

Directives are the main tools that delegates will use in order to carry out both unilateral, bilateral, and multilateral actions. Later on in this document, more information will be provided about how directives work and what types of directives a delegate can use.

❖ Flow of debate (front room)

Within the front room (the committee) itself, the flow of debate will proceed in the following manner:

1. Roll Call: this is to be done at the beginning of every MUN session.
2. Opening Speeches: delegates are allowed to deliver an opening speech of 60 seconds at the beginning of the first MUN session within the conference.
3. The floor is open to motions: the chairs are to open the floor to motions, allowing delegates to raise motions to shape the flow of debate. Here are the motions that are in order:
 - Motion for a General Speakers List – the motion should specify the general speaking time and the individual speaking time.
 - Motion for a moderated caucus – the motion should specify the general speaking time, the individual speaking time and the topic.
 - Motion for an unmoderated caucus – the motion should specify the general time.
4. Once a point has been fully implemented and completed, the chairs are to reopen the floor to motions, allowing delegates to raise motions again.

Here are the point that in order:

- Point of Personal Privilege
- Point of Inquiry.
- Point of order.
- Point of Information.

Important notes:

- Clauses and Resolutions are not in order within the GALMUN 2024 crisis committee, since the committee does not represent an actual body or organization, with delegates representing characters from all over the world of the simulation.
- We would advise to review the official GALMUN Rules of Procedures document, as many of the rules that apply to MUN committees within this conference also apply to this crisis committee.
- The rules of the front room might change depending on the topic and simulation. Delegates will be updated of any special rules by chairs and conference organizers.

❖ Directives

There are six types of directives:

1. Private Directive:

An action or order a delegate wants to carry out that they do not want other delegates from knowing. These actions can include: Sending a spy, sending an assassin, having a private meeting, sending an army under cover, preparing an ambush, investing funds with an ally, starting secret negotiations with another party, building infrastructure, changing their location on the map, etc. It should be noted that there is always a chance that their actions become public if they are not planned well or if they are discovered.

2. Public Directive:

An action or an order a delegate wants to carry out that does not need to be private. It is best suited for actions that cannot be hidden or do not need to be hidden from the public and from other delegates. For example, building a new palace, increasing taxes, going to public festivals, joining forces, besieging a city, and more.

3. Joint Private Directive:

A private and secret action or order carried out by multiple delegates together. For example, preparing an invasion army, creating a secret treaty/alliance, launching a multilateral operation of some sort, reaching compromise regarding certain delicate matters of state, assign military roles, and more. The same directive needs to be signed by all participating delegates. Alternatively, each delegate needs to

send a copy of the joint directive within close time proximity and the names of the other participating delegates needs to be mentioned within the text.

4. Joint Public Directive:

An action or order carried out by multiple characters together in public or actions that the participating delegates want to be available for the public at large. For example, joining an invasion army, starting a festival, going to public religious service together, joining a public treaty/alliance, reaching a trade agreement, and more. The same directive needs to be signed by all participating delegates. Alternatively, each delegate needs to send a copy of the joint directive within close time proximity and the names of the other participating delegates needs to be mentioned within the text.

5. Communiqué Directive:

A delegate can send messages to characters or countries that are not represented in the crisis front room committee. The Communiqué directive will be handled by the backroom. A delegate may send a communiqué by their own. It is also possible for multiple delegates to send the same communiqué, in which case they would need to sign all their names within the same communicate directive.

6. Press Release Directive:

A statement or an update from a delegate or a group of delegates that they wish to share with the general public and with the delegates of the committee. After the press release directive is sent, the backroom would mention it when updating the committee.

- Important Notes

- Delegates must make sure to write their directives with as much details as possible. The better detailed and well planned, the more likely that they would be successfully implemented.

- Delegates must make sure that the directives they are sending should contain plans and actions that their characters are actually capable of carrying out.

- Delegates are advised to stay true to their characters when sending directives.

- Press releases and public declarations don't necessarily have to include correct information. They may contain lies to sway the flow of debate, to influence the world of the simulation and to gain an advantage over competitors.

- How to write a directive

Directives must include the following elements:

1. The name of the delegate or delegates writing or sending the directive.
2. That the directive is to be sent to the backroom.

3. The type of directive (Private directive, Public directive, Joint Private directive, Joint Public Directive, communiqué Directive or Press Release Directive).
4. The text of the directive.

- Examples of Directives:

Sample of Private Directive

To: Backroom
From: George Washington
Type: Private Directive

Ask my advisor Barlington Darcy to scout the surrounding area around the town of Wicksfeld. There, he must take note of the number of enemy soldiers patrolling the area and report back immediately.

In addition, I would like to move from Philadelphia to join Horatio Gate who is currently with his troops located in Upper state New York. I would like to travel alone with only my close entourage.

Sample of Public Directive

To: Backroom
From: Benjamin Franklin
Type: Public Directive

I would like to return back to the United States and to end my role as the ambassador to France. Please inform the Royal Majesty of France of my decision and begin preparing my household to leave the country. Update me when I am back in my house in Boston.

Also, begin constructing a school in Boston. Give it the name of Freedom Academy. Use some of the funds from the continental congress and from the funds raised by the Prussian embassy.

Sample of Joint Private Directive

Sample of Joint Public Directive

To: Backroom
From: George Germain and William Franklin
Type: Joint Public Directive

As leading civil administrators of British affairs in the Americas, we have agreed and decided to remove General Clinton from his role as general of the 2nd and the 3rd British army regiments. Send a letter to general Clinton of our decision.

The 2nd Regiment is to be given to General Cornwallis, while the 3rd British Army Regiment is to be temporarily led by William Franklin until a proper general is to take his place.

The 3rd regiment is to move to North Carolina and to await further instructions.

Sample of Communique Directive

To: Backroom
From: John Adams
Type: Communique Directive

Send the following letter to Philip the King of Spain in Madrid

“Your Hispanic Highness, we here in the Americas are rebelling against the British Crown for the sake of freedom and fairness.

We propose an alliance. We ask you to provide military support in return for favorable trade benefits and for parts of British Colombia.

Please return to us if you are interested in such an alliance”

Update us with any replies to this communique.

Sample of Press Release Directive

To: Backroom
From: George Germain
Type: Press Release Directive

Read out the following public statement in London and then publish it around the empire. Send copies to all kings and leaders in Europe and the Americas.

“As of a month ago, we have captured the rogue rebel, George Washington. The American Rebellion, that has caused much horror and bloodshed, is now losing ground and is about to be finally brought to justice.

We hereby call for all Rebels to put down their weapons and we ask all kings of Europe to cease their assistance to these evil disturbers of the peace, for their cause is about to end.”

Tips for Crisis Committee

- Be constantly active in the committee by sending directives, sending notes to other delegates in order to build trust and foster cooperation, and of course participating in the debate.
- Right to reply is not in order. Right to follow up is in order at the chair's discretion.
- Motion to extend points of information is in order at the chair's discretion.
- Be very specific in your directives in order to make sure they succeed. The backroom may exploit any weaknesses in your directives if you are not specific and detailed enough, so make sure to cover any loopholes in them.
- Stay organized: Keep track of key points, arguments and counterarguments, and prioritize issues that need to be addressed.
- Stay focused: Stay focused with the crisis at hand and avoid getting sidetracked by unrelated topics.
- Make sure to work with other delegates, as they are the key to carrying out successful actions and having control of the flow of debate.
- Even though the delegates are all within one committee, it does not mean that their characters are actually in a committee. They might be in different locations across the simulation.
- Crisis committees are all about being logical, analytical, flexible and being able to improvise, so delegates are advised to be constantly on their toes and to always think outside of the box.
- Delegates must beware that actions have consequences. As such they must prepare for any negative effect that might be caused by their decisions and directives.
- Delegates are advised to understand their characters well. Some characters are military men while others are civic leaders, merchants, thinkers or religious persons. By understanding their characters, delegates would be able to better make use of their skills and to know how to expand their skills into other fields.
- Stay in character: Remain in role and stick to the perspective and values of your assigned character and the beliefs of your nation.

**** In accordance with the principles of Model United Nations, it is imperative that all delegates act in good faith and engage in a fair and open simulation of diplomacy. The use of pre-written directives undermines the spirit of MUN and detracts from the experience of participating in a crisis committee. Therefore, it is strictly prohibited for delegates to bring or use pre-written directives during the crisis committee. ****