

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ASSEMBLY

I. SESSIONS

Rule 1

The Sessions of the Assembly shall be summoned by the President of the Council, acting through the Secretary-General.

Rule 2

The President shall announce the opening, suspension and adjournment of the meetings of the Assembly, direct the work of the Assembly, ensure the observance of the Rules of Procedure, accord the right to address the Assembly, declare the debates to be closed, put questions to the vote, and announce the result of the voting.

Rule 3

The Secretary-General shall be responsible for the organization of the Secretariat of the Assembly and of the Secretariat of any committees set up by the Assembly

II. MEETINGS

Rule 4

1. No Representative may address the Assembly without having previously obtained the permission of the President.
2. Speakers shall be called upon in the order in which they have signified their desire to speak. The Chairman and the Rapporteur of a committee may be accorded precedence for the purpose of defending or explaining the conclusions arrived at by their committee.. The same principle shall apply to any Member of the Council.
3. The President may call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion. If necessary, he may direct the speaker to resume his seat.
4. When a motion is under discussion, a Representative may rise to a point of order, and such point of order shall be immediately decided

by the President in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

5. The Assembly may limit the time allowed to each speaker.

Rule 5

1. Resolutions, amendments and motions must be introduced in writing and handed to the President. The President shall cause copies to be distributed to the Representatives.
2. As a general rule, no proposal shall be discussed or put to the vote at any meeting of the Assembly unless copies of it have been circulated to all Representatives not later than the day preceding the meeting.
3. The President may, however, permit the discussion and consideration of amendments, or of motions as to procedure, without previous circulation of copies.

III. VOTING

Rule 6

1. During the discussion of any question, any Representative may move the previous question or the adjournment. Any such motion shall have priority in the debate. In addition to the proposer of the motion, two Representatives may speak in favour of, and two against, the motion.
2. Parts of a proposal shall be voted on separately, if a Representative requests that the proposal be divided.
3. A Representative may at any time move the closure of the debate, whether any other Representative has signified his wish to speak or not. If application is made for permission to speak against the closure, it may be accorded to not more than two speakers.
4. The President shall take the sense of the Assembly on a motion for closure. If the Assembly decides in favour of the closure, the President shall declare the closure of the debate.

5. When a number of proposals are before the Assembly, the proposal furthest removed in substance from the principal one shall be voted on first.
6. If an amendment striking out part of a proposal is moved, the Assembly shall first vote on whether the words in question shall stand part of the proposal. If the decision is in the negative, the amendment shall then be put to the vote.
7. When an amendment adds to a proposal it shall be voted on first, and if it is adopted the amended proposal shall then be voted on.

Rule 7

1. Except where otherwise expressly provided in the Covenant or by the terms of a treaty, decisions of the Assembly shall be taken by an unanimous vote of the Members of the League represented at the meeting.
2. All matters of procedure at a meeting of the Assembly, including the appointment of committees to investigate particular matters, shall be decided by a majority of the Members of the League represented at the meeting.
3. All decisions taken in virtue of these Rules shall be considered as matters of procedure.
4. A majority decision requires the affirmative votes of more than half of the Members of the League represented at the meeting.
5. For the purposes of this Rule, Representatives who abstain from voting shall be considered as not present.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Rule 8

1. The President may declare a meeting to be adjourned or suspended, if a proposal for adjournment or suspension made by him does not meet with objection from the Assembly.
2. The President shall declare an adjournment or suspension of the meeting upon a vote to this effect by the Assembly.

Rule 9

The General Committee, in cases where it deems it necessary, may revise the resolutions adopted by the Assembly, changing their form but not their substance. Any such changes shall be reported to the Assembly.

Rule 10

The resolutions adopted by the Assembly shall be circulated by the Secretary-General to the Members of the League within fifteen days after the termination of the Session.

V. RULES OF PROCEDURE

Rule 11

These Rules of Procedure shall apply to the proceedings of committees of the Assembly.

Rule 12

These Rules of Procedure may be altered by a decision of the Assembly; but no such alteration shall be made except upon a majority vote of the Assembly, taken after a committee has reported on the proposed alteration.