

SPECIAL RULES OF PROCEDURES

GROUP OF 20

SINGAPORE MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2023

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GENERAL RULES

Rule 1.1

This document shall function to inform Delegations of the Specialised Rules of Procedure (SROP) that will be endorsed in this committee, the Group of 20 (G20).

Rule 1.2

Standard Rules of Procedure take proper effect in this G20. The rules and regulations hereunder shall act as the governing document, in tandem with the official standard Rules of Procedure (ROP) of Singapore Model United Nations (SMUN) 2023, with regard to committee proceedings In this G20.

Rule 1.3

The Dais, along with the Secretariat, reserves the right to implement the SROP in accordance with **Section I** and **Section IV** of the standard ROP.

Rule 1.4

In any instance of dispute between the following SROP and the standard ROP, the SROP shall prevail, in accordance with **Section IV** of the standard ROP.

COMMITTEE SCOPE

Rule 2.1

This section serves to provide information on the composition of this G20. Along with the contents of this document, it should function to lay out the purview of this G20.

Rule 2.2

In this G20, for the purposes of debate, there will be no observer delegations, including permanent guest invitees.

Rule 2.3

Given the underlying principles of the G20 as an intergovernmental forum, all substantive motions will require a consensus to pass. This is the circumstance in which all member states are required to vote in favour of a substantive matter for it to pass. Abstentions are in order and will not be counted as a vote against. However, the total number of abstentions must not exceed one-tenth (1/10) of the total number of delegations present, rounded up to the nearest whole number.

PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS

Rule 3.1

With regard to the special mechanics of this G20, the precedence of the relevant motion are as follows, listed in order from most disruptive to least disruptive. For clarity, the points and motions that will function specific to this G20 have been <u>underlined</u>, and the motions under standard ROP that will not hold effect in this committee have been struck out (-).

- a. Point of Personal Privilege
- b. Point of Order
- c. Point of Parliamentary Inquiry
- d. Right to Reply
- e. Motion to Adjourn Debate
- f. Motion to Suspend Debate
- g. Motion for an Unmoderated Caucus
- h. Motion for a Moderated Caucus
- i. Motion to Introduce Leaders' Declaration
- j. <u>Motion to Introduce Unfriendly Amendment</u>
- k. Motion to Table Leaders' Declaration
- I. Motion to Close Debate and Move into Direct Voting Procedure
- m. Motion to Table the Question—
- n. Motion to Change the Speaking Time

Rule 3.2

When the council is in voting procedure on a **Leaders' Declaration**, the following motions are deemed most to least superseding:

- a. <u>Motion to Reorder Leaders' Declarations</u>
- b. Motion to Divide the House
- c. Motion to Divide the Question
- d. Motion to Roll Call Vote

DEBATE PROCEEDINGS

Rule 4.1

Council sessions will begin with a **Joint Committee Session**, followed by **separate sessions in the Finance and Sherpa Tracks**, under which the members of each double-delegation will split into. Finally, the committee will culminate in the **Leaders' Summit**. The flow of debate specific to this G20 is illustrated in the following flowchart (Figure 01):

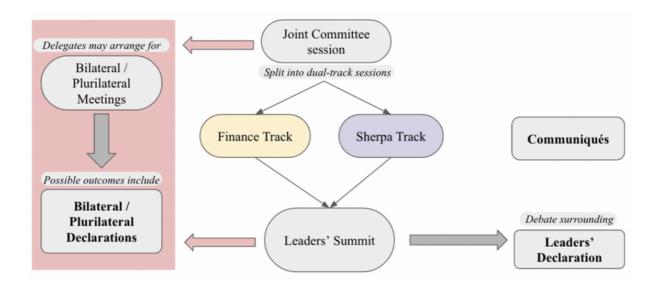


Fig. 01

Delegates may reference Figure 1 (Section VIII, Rule 8.1) of the standard ROP for an illustration of debate surrounding the Leaders' Declaration.

Rule 4.2

The G20 committee sessions are scheduled as shown in the following table (Figure 02):

Duration	Day 1		Day 2		Day 3		Day 4		
	Room 1	Room 2	Room 1	Room 2	Room 1	Room 2	Room 1	Room 2	
30 min			Council Session 3						
30 min				Bilateral /		G "			
30 min			Joint Committee	plurilateral meetings	Council Session 6	Council Session 6	Council Session 8	Bilateral /	
30 min			Session		Finance Track	Sherpa Track	Leaders' Summit	plurilateral meetings	
30 min			Council Session 3	Council Session 3					
30 min			Finance Track	Sherpa Track					
	Lunch								
60 min			Council Council						
60 min	Council Session 1	Bilateral /	Session 4	Session 4					
	Joint	plurilateral meetings	Finance Track	Sherpa Track	Council	Council	Council	Bilateral /	
15 min	Committee Session	Committee			Session 7	Session 7	Session 8	plurilateral meetings	
45 min									
15 min			Council	Council Session 5	Finance Track	Sherpa Track	Leaders' Summit		
15 min			Session 5						
30 min	Council Session 2	Bilateral / plurilateral meetings	Finance Track	Sherpa Track					
30 min	Committee Session								
30 min									
30 min									

Fig. 02

(Exact timings in the schedule may be subjected to change)

Rule 4.3

Committee Documents (henceforth referred to as 'CD') comprise content that serves to represent a collective outcome of stakeholders in this G20, and hence wield international weight relative to other documents, which may be committee-centric to a greater extent.

Rule 4.4

In ascending order of international significance, the documents recognised in this G20 are listed below. For clarity, the documents that will function specific to this G20 have been <u>underlined</u>.

- A. Working Papers
- B. <u>Track-specific Communiqués</u>
- C. <u>Bilateral or Plurilateral Declarations</u> [CD]
- D. <u>Leaders' Declaration</u> [CD]

DUAL-TRACKMECHANISMS

Rule 5.1

This section governs the proceedings of debate within the Finance and Sherpa Tracks, and shall serve as supplementary to the standard ROP.

Rule 5.2

As this G20 is a double-delegation committee, delegations will be split into the two Tracks, whereby each delegation will have a single representative in each Track. The sessions under which such arrangements commence will be referred to as 'dual-track sessions'.

Rule 5.2.1

In the event where only a single delegate from a delegation is present, the delegate present may choose which Track (either Sherpa or Finance) to be present in. The delegate may opt to switch tracks, but this may only be done between council sessions. There is no limit on the number of times a delegate may switch tracks. As such, the decision of the delegate to be present in either the Sherpa or Finance Track will be factored into the assessment of the delegation's performance. However, there will not be compensatory considerations for the delegation in which only one delegate is present.

Rule 5.3

Within the Finance and Sherpa Tracks respectively, the committee will discuss topics as delineated in the Study Guide. Given the dynamic setting of this G20, delegations are reminded that a specific progression on topics need not be set in stone for rigid adherence to in debate.

Rule 5.3.1

Further given the dynamic array of topics at hand, the ideal conclusion of debate surrounding the respective topics would be to pass Track-specific **Communiqués.**

Rule 5.4

A **Communiqué** functions as a collective summary of debate made around each topic, serving to represent the committee's discourse within the specific Track. As such, while it is not an official outcome produced by the committee and resultantly not a CD, a **Communiqué** nevertheless wields significance in facilitating the committee's dynamics and direction of debate and its submission should be honoured by delegations.

Rule 5.4.1

Introduction of Communiqués will only be in order during dual-track sessions, whereby a maximum of one (1) Communiqué may be passed per topic. The submission procedure of Communiqués is parallel to that of Rule 9.1 pertaining to Working Papers, and may be introduced to the committee within the specific Track upon request, subject to approval by the Dais. This also means that in place of Sponsors and Signatories, there will simply be Main Submitter(s) and Co-submitters, pertaining to which there will be a limit of two (2) delegations and four (4) delegations respectively.

Rule 5.4.2

No motion is required to introduce this **Communiqué**. Once the **Communiqué** is introduced to the committee within the specific Track, it will immediately be **voted upon by substantive voting**.

Rule 5.5

For the purpose of simulation, the format of **Communiqués** will be similar to that of conventional Draft Resolutions, as laid out in **Rules 9.2.1 and 9.2.2** of the standard ROP, to which amendments have been made specific to this G20. For clarity, such amendments will be <u>underlined</u>. (Refer to the Annex for a Sample **Communiqué**)

Rule 5.5.1

A Communiqué is to be written in the form of <u>one</u> long and continuous sentence.

Rule 5.5.2

A Communiqué consists of <u>two</u> sections – preambulatory clauses and operative clauses.

- a. Preambulatory clauses describe the issue being discussed, acknowledge and reference past actions taken, <u>summarise debate surrounding the topic</u> and offer support for the operative clauses that follow. Each clause begins with an *italicised* verb in continuous tense and ends with a comma.
- b. Operative clauses state the appropriate discussed actions, ideally in detail, to be undertaken by the committee. All clauses must be grouped as appropriate by Article Headers, which should be a short summary of its contents. Each clause begins with an underlined active verb in present tense and ends with a semicolon (;) except for the last clause, which ends with a period.

Rule 5.6

Council Updates (henceforth referred to as 'Updates') are content curated by the Dais to stimulate debate in accordance with happenings in the committee. They will be released periodically, by discretion of the Dais, through online means.

JOINT COMMITTEE SESSION MECHANISMS

Rule 6.1

This section governs the proceedings of debate during Joint Committee Sessions and the convention of the Leaders' Summit. It shall serve as supplementary to the standard ROP.

Rule 6.2

During both Joint Committee Sessions and the Leaders' Summit, which precede and succeed the dual-track sessions respectively, double-delegations will be in their complete pairs. Henceforth, 'committee assemblies' refer to both Joint Committee Sessions and the Leaders' Summit.

Rule 6.3

During committee assemblies, Bilateral/Plurilateral Meetings will be in order. Such meetings serve as an exchange **between a minimum of two (2), and maximum of five (5) delegations** outside of committee proceedings.

Rule 6.3.1

Delegations are to have a single representative engaging in a Bilateral/Plurilateral Meeting, such that **each present delegation is represented in committee assemblies at all times.** Such meetings will be held in a space separate from the main committee venue.

Rule 6.3.2

In the event where only a single delegate from a delegation is present, the delegate may choose to excuse themselves from the venue to attend a Bilateral/Plurilateral Meeting. **Upon the delegate's departure from the venue, the delegation will be removed from quorum.** Hence, substantive action taken during the delegate's absence, if any, will not include their delegation.

Rule 6.4

Bilateral/Plurilateral Meetings need not necessarily seek a concrete outcome. However, **Bilateral/Plurilateral Declarations** may arise from such meetings. To outline its stipulated contents, such Declarations should comprise actionable proposals, or decisive action on matters relevant to debate commencing in the committee. All **Bilateral/Plurilateral Declarations** will follow the format and submission protocols of a **Communiqué**.

Rule 6.4.1

Delegates may refer to **Rule 5.5** for the format of a **Bilateral/Plurilateral Declaration**. Delegates may also refer to the Annex for a sample **Bilateral/Plurilateral Declaration**.

Rule 6.4.2

Bilateral/Plurilateral Declarations do not require any voting, and simply require the consent of all countries involved in the declaration for it to pass.

Rule 6.5

Information on the availability of meeting slots for Bilateral/Plurilateral Meetings will be made accessible to the committee during the committee assemblies. Such slots will be available in blocks of **ten (10) minutes.**

Rule 6.5.1

Delegations may request for the arrangement of a Bilateral/Plurilateral Meeting **via email** to the Dais. Such requests are subject to approval by the Dais, and must lay out the following details:

- 1. Time slot(s) to be used,
- 2. Participating delegations; who must be carbon copied ('CC') in the email,
- 3. A meeting title, which should encapsulate its purpose.

Rule 6.5.2

Bilateral/Plurilateral Meetings consisting of the same exact delegations may not be scheduled for more than two (2) slots per committee session. However, they may be scheduled in a consecutive fashion provided a change has been effected in the stipulated delegations.

Rule 6.6

During the Leaders' Summit, the **Leaders' Declaration** will serve as the ideal outcome of committee debate, and functions as the penultimate resolution for the G20. The committee may reference Track-Specific **Communiqués** in crafting this CD.

Rule 6.6.1

All procedures pertaining to Draft Resolutions under the standard ROP, unless explicitly stated in this document, will govern the procedures surrounding **Leaders' Declarations**.

Rule 6.6.2

The Motion to Table the Question will not be in order during the Leaders' Summit.

Rule 6.7

For the purpose of simulation, the format of the **Leaders' Declaration** will be similar to that of conventional Draft Resolutions, as laid out in **Rules 9.2.1 and 9.2.2** of the standard ROP, to which amendments have been made specific to this G20. For clarity, such amendments will be <u>underlined</u>. (Refer to the Annex for a Sample **Leaders' Declaration**)

Rule 6.3.2.1

A **Leaders' Declaration** is to be written in the form of <u>three</u> long, continuous sentences.

Rule 6.3.2.2

A **Leaders' Declaration** consists of <u>three</u> sections – preambulatory clauses, <u>conclusive clauses</u> and operative clauses.

- a. Preambulatory clauses describe the issue being discussed, acknowledge and reference past actions taken and <u>offer support for the operative clauses to follow</u>. Each clause begins with an *italicised* verb in <u>present tense</u> and ends with a comma, with the exception <u>of the last clause, which ends with a period</u>.
- b. Conclusive clauses act as a summary of the clauses throughout the **Leaders' Declaration** and debate surrounding such clauses, particularly on proposed actions. Each clause should be in present tense and ends with a semicolon (;) with the exception of the last clause, which ends with a period.
- c. Operative clauses state the appropriate discussed actions, ideally in detail, to be undertaken by the committee. Each clause begins with an underlined active verb in present tense and ends with a semicolon (;) except for the last clause, which ends with a period.

Annex

Sample Communiqué¹

Committee: The Group of Twenty

Topic of: Welfare and Prosperity

Main Submitters: Argentina, Turkey

Co-submitters: China, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Saudi Arabia

We, the Group of Twenty governmental representatives of the Sherpa Track,

Affirming the convention of all G20 countries,

Recalling that the basic needs of every individual includes food,

Keeping in mind the G20 Lunch Action Plan introduced in 2019,

Noting the areas of enhancement in existing Lunch Plans,

Looking back on discussion of concrete Lunch operation plans that seek to achieve accessibility for all,

Echoing views raised that the procedure and provisions for Lunch reflect the accountability of governmental bodies and the G20 as a collective front,

Banking on discourse around the welfare and prosperity at the G20 forum so far,

Upholding the values of the G20 as an intergovernmental forum housing representatives whose needs should be fulfilled,

Presenting the propositions on strengthening welfare and prosperity of the G20,

Hereby,

ARTICLE I: ESTABLISHING THE GROUND FOR THE G20 SETTING

- 1. <u>Defines</u> 'Lunch' as lunch,
- 2. Defines 'welfare' as prosperity, comprising:
 - a. Needs of representatives,
 - b. Effects of provisions made for representatives
- 3. <u>Defines</u> 'prosperity' as welfare
- 4. Defines 'Representatives' as us,
- 5. Defines 'Secretaries', 'Chauffeurs', 'Representatives-of-Staff', 'Chefs' as our friends,

¹ Y20 Indonesia. Y20 Indonesia 2022 Communiqué.

ARTICLE II: PROTECTING COLLECTIVE WELFARE

- 6. Emphasises the need to step up efforts that address the prosperity of Representatives,
- 7. Calls for immediate action on bolstering the prosperity of provisions,
- 8. Strongly recommends enhancements to provisions under Lunch, inter alia:
 - a. Holding Lunch for twenty (20) hours,
 - b. Giving a wide array of cuisine choices, inter alia:
 - i. Argentinian,
 - ii. Chinese,
 - iii. German,
 - iv. Indonesian,
 - v. Italian,
 - vi. Saudi Arabian, and
 - vii. Turkish,
 - c. Enabling vegan and pescatarian individuals through provision of options,

ARTICLE III: DIVERSITY OF LUNCHING STAKEHOLDERS

- 9. <u>Strongly encourages</u> that the construct of Lunch is reformed to reduce exclusivity to Representatives in promotion of the G20 values, with the following revisions:
 - a. Empowering Representatives' Secretaries, Chauffeurs and Representative-of-Staff, to join the Lunch session,
 - b. Enabling Lunch to become a platform for exchange by placing microphones at every alternate table,
 - c. Supporting Representatives' Chefs by integrating them as servers during Lunch

ARTICLE IV: FORMULATING A ROBUST WELFARE STRATEGY

- 10. Emphasises that aspects of prosperity are not limited to Lunch,
- 11. <u>Calls for</u> the upkeep of the following domains of prosperity to bolster the welfare of the G20 as a space, through the following means of:
 - a. Merchandise, whereby all costs are voided,
 - b. Snack breaks, whereby food and drinks are sourced in accordance with Representatives' requests,
- 12. <u>Recommends</u> that the G20 Working Group includes Representatives' Secretaries, Chauffeurs and Representatives-of-Staff such that diverse representation is ensured.

Annex

Sample Leaders' Declaration²

Committee: The Group of Twenty

Sponsors: Argentina, Brazil

Signatories: Turkey, Italy, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom

THE GROUP OF TWENTY,

Affirms the convention of all G20 countries,

Recalls that the basic needs of every individual includes food,

Acknowledges the efforts of the G20 Working Group,

Keeps in mind the G20 Lunch Action Plan introduced in 2019,

Looks toward the G20 Socials Session upcoming this year,

Notes the areas of enhancement in existing Lunch Plans,

Looks back on discussion of concrete Lunch operation plans that seek to achieve accessibility for all,

Echoes views raised that the procedure and provisions for Lunch reflect the accountability of governmental bodies and the G20 as a collective front,

Banks on discourse around the welfare and prosperity at the G20 forum so far.

Lays out the values of the G20 as an intergovernmental forum housing representatives whose needs should be fulfilled.

Upholds the values and virtues of the G20 as an intergovernmental forum,

Presents the propositions on strengthening welfare and prosperity of the G20,

Further.

We, at the Group of Twenty Leaders' Summit,

Call for the bolstering of welfare- and prosperity-centric efforts,

Engage internal and external stakeholders alike in tackling the issue of welfare,

Highlight 'Lunch' and 'Socials' as key aspects of efforts to be implemented,

Keep in mind the macro- and micro- perspectives in the efforts the G20 undertakes,

Guide the actions and directions of the World Live Laugh and Love Welfare Body (WLLLWB) in fleshing out key policy recommendations,

Facilitate the workflow of the Welfare and Prosperity Working Group (WPWG).

Hereby,

ARTICLE I: ESTABLISHING THE GROUND FOR THE G20 SETTING

- 1. Defines 'Lunch' as lunch,
- 2. Defines 'Socials' as socials,
- 3. <u>Defines</u> 'welfare' as prosperity, comprising:
 - a. Needs of representatives,
 - b. Effects of provisions made for representatives,
- 4. Defines 'prosperity' as welfare,
- 5. <u>Defines</u> 'Representatives' as us,
- 6. Defines 'Secretaries', 'Chauffeurs', 'Representatives-of-Staff', 'Chefs' as our friends,

ARTICLE II: PROTECTING COLLECTIVE WELFARE

- 7. Emphasises the need to step up efforts that address the prosperity of Representatives,
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- 9. Strongly recommends enhancements to provisions under Lunch, inter alia:
 - a. Holding Lunch for twenty (20) hours,
 - b. Giving a wide array of cuisine choices, inter alia:
 - i. Argentinian,
 - ii. Chinese,
 - iii. German,
 - iv. Indonesian,
 - v. Italian,
 - vi. Saudi Arabian.
 - vii. Turkish, and
 - viii. Cultural Fusions,
 - c. Enabling vegan and pescatarian individuals through provision of options,

ARTICLE III: DIVERSITY OF LUNCHING STAKEHOLDERS

- 10. <u>Strongly encourages</u> that the construct of Lunch is reformed to reduce exclusivity to Representatives in promotion of the G20 values, with the following revisions:
 - a. Empowering Representatives' Secretaries, Chauffeurs and Representative-of-Staff, to join the Lunch session,
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- 11. Emphasises that aspects of prosperity are not limited to Lunch,
- 12. <u>Calls for</u> the upkeeping of the following domains of prosperity to bolster the welfare of the G20 as a space, through the following means of:
 - a. Merchandise, whereby all costs are voided,
 - b. Snack breaks, whereby food and drinks are sourced in accordance with Representatives' requests,
- 13. <u>Recommends</u> that the G20 Working Group includes Representatives' Secretaries, Chauffeurs and Representatives-of-Staff such that diverse representation is ensured,
- 14. <u>Calls for</u> the World Live Laugh and Love Welfare Body (WLLLWB) to make available the 2022 G20 Gala Lunch Impact Report, along with a set of policy recommendations regarding a welfare- and prosperity-centric strategy framework.

ARTICLE V: HELMING THE CONVENTION OF G20 LEADERS

- 15. <u>Strongly encourages</u> the stringent planning and implementation of Socials as a display of solidarity and collective strength,
- 16. Recommends the enhancement of current Social Plans to include:
 - a. Composition and introduction of 'the G20 Song', that is, a musical piece that embodies the values of the G20 and displays the pride that we take in our work,
 - b. Incorporation of varying languages beyond the *lingua franca* in celebration of the diversity and inclusivity the G20 presents as a collective front.

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