

34th G-8 SUMMIT – SPECIAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

CAUCUS

- **Opening speech**

On the first session, every delegate must make an opening speech, stating their goals and topics of interest concerning the 34th Summit. The speeches will be organized in an alphabetical order and each delegation will have exactly 2 minutes to complete their statements.

When all the delegates have pronounced themselves, a moderated caucus will be set and the G-8 Summit will officially begin.

- **Moderated Caucus**

The moderated caucus is the main discussion manner of the G-8 Summit. By raising a placard, the delegations will express their willingness to make a statement and will have a pre-determined time to express themselves. The Chair will be responsible to organize the moderated caucus, defining an order of speech by choosing – while the delegates have their placard raised - the delegations which will have the right to speak.

- **Informal debate**

The informal debate is like the moderated caucus, but the Chair does not organize the debate – it is only allowed its intervening by request. It's known as an informal conversation although the delegates are not allowed to stand or to leave their seats.

- **Non-moderated Caucus**

The Non-Moderated Caucus is the more informal way of debate in which the delegates are allowed to leave their seats and to stay stand.

This kind of caucus is usually requested in order to write documents or to settle the opinions of the delegates, in order to permit a more fluent and non-repeating discussion.

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SEPARATED MEETINGS

- **G-13**

It is an honor for the G-8 leaders to receive the support of the five greatest developing countries during the summit. For a single time only, the G-8 leaders may request a meeting with the leaders of the invited countries – Brazil, China, India, Mexico and South Africa. A letter must be written by the G-8 leaders to invite the other leaders to the private meeting. The invitation may be accepted or not – what does not discard the possibility of another invitation in case it is not accepted – and, in case of a positive answer – the Chair will propose the terms and conditions for the meeting.

- **G-8 Chief of States meeting**

At some point of the debate, the G-8 leaders may request a private meeting among themselves in order to discuss topics they consider exclusively important to the G-8 members. The eight representatives must introduce to the Chair a letter – signed by all - requesting this specific meeting, writing all the specifications and relevant topics that make the meeting suggestion valid. The Chair will be responsible to present an approval or a denial for the letter. If approved, the time and date will be presented to the leaders with all the conditions of the meeting.

DOCUMENTS

- **Working documents**

Any regular document that is handed out inside the committee is considered a “working document”. It may contain ideas for topics to be discussed, possible decisions and even information to work on. Every working document – no exceptions - must be introduced to the Chair before being introduced to the committee and all the papers will be numbered as soon as approved and distributed to the delegates – no voting process needed.

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- **Press Release**

To control possible public overreactions and to inform the world what is happening inside the G-8, the committee may need to write some press releases. Press release is basically a small piece of information to be sent to the media in order to update the outside world of the current committee discussions. As soon as the text to the press is finished, it must be shown to the Chair and, if approved, will be put into voting – simple majority – and sent to the media.

- **Summary**

The final document of the G-8 Summit consists of a Summary with all the topics discussed during the meeting. It simply states what has been defined at the Summit and adds ideas and changes to be made during the following years. Since the Summary is a recommendatory letter, it's not subjected to enforcements nor are its decisions definitive.

The paragraphs of the Summary will be submitted to a separated voting, in which only the G-8 members may participate. The paragraph will only be included into the final Summary if all the eight members agree to do so.

VOTING PROCESS

Except for the Summary paragraph voting, all other voting process at the G-8 Summit requires a simple majority (half of the votes of the present members plus one vote) to pass. Also, all members are allowed to vote when requested, but the G-8 members may desire to pass documents without including the participation of the other actors. If all the eight members agree - it must be stated through a written document presented before the voting process -, the other actors will be not allowed to vote in certain occasions as press release approval, for example.

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