

FS19 Special Rules of Procedure

Appendix for the European Council

(credits to Marc Sinner, EC Chair at ZuMUN 2018)

ad Rule #4: Participation of Non-Members

The President of the European Commission and other non-members invited by the President of the European Council do not participate in substantive votes. On procedural matters, they enjoy full and equal rights.

ad Rule #24: Working Papers

The European Council does not make use of Working Papers.

ad Rule #25: Draft Resolutions

Draft Resolutions in the sense of the ordinary Rules of Procedure are replaced by Draft Conclusions. Besides the different format, the following procedural differences should be noted:

- Draft Conclusions do not need signatories. Every member or group of members of the European Council may propose Draft Conclusions.
- Draft Conclusions do not require a vote of introduction. They are considered introduced once the President of the Council distributes them to the members of the Council either physically or electronically.
- Draft Conclusions submitted by a member may be withdrawn or amended by the same member (i.e. friendly amendment) by passing the corresponding notification to the President of the Council who afterwards informs the Council. No further vote is required.

ad Rule #26: Introduction to Draft Resolutions

Obsolete

ad Rule #27: Amendments

Obsolete, as the European Council works with friendly amendments only.

ad Rule #31: Substantive Voting

As the European Council does not have amendments to official documents, the only substantive vote is the final vote on the conclusions to be adopted. Conclusions are adopted by consensus, i.e. every voting member must either vote in favor or abstain.



ad Rule #32: Reordering Draft Resolutions

In case several Draft Conclusions are on the floor when moving into voting procedure, they are voted in the opposite order of introduction, i.e. the one introduced last will be voted first. Once

on document of Conclusions has passed, voting procedure will end. Members of the Council are advised to merge conclusions whenever possible before moving into voting procedure.

ad Rule #33: Division of the Question

Obsolete; the European Council only votes on Draft Conclusions as a whole.

ad Rule #34: Roll Call Voting

Obsolete; the European Council votes by raising placards. The only possible votes are 'Yes', 'No' or 'Abstain'.