



Points and Motions

Points/Motion	Purpose	Debate ¹	Vote ²	D/V ³
Motion for a minute of silent prayer or meditation	<i>One minute of silence</i>	None	None	D
Point of Order	<i>Correct an error in procedure</i>	None	None	D / V
Motion to appeal the decision of the chair	<i>Overrule the decision of the chair</i>	None	Majority	D
Right of Reply	<i>Reply to an offending or insulting statement made in a speech</i>	None	None	D
Point of Information to the chair	<i>Question to the chair</i>	None	None	D / V
Motion to suspend the meeting	<i>Suspension of the meeting</i>	None	Majority	D
Motion to set the speakers time	<i>Set the speakers time</i>	2 / 2	Majority	D
Motion to set the agenda	<i>Set the agenda order</i>	None	Majority	D
Motion to close debate	<i>Move directly into voting procedure</i>	only 2 against	2/3	D
Motion to adjourn debate	<i>End debate on the question without substantial vote</i>	2 / 2	Majority	D
Motion to reconsider a question	<i>Reopen an adjourned debate</i>	2 / 2	2/3	D
Motion to declare the body incompetent	<i>Defer to another committee</i>	None	Majority	D
Motion to adjourn the meeting	<i>End the whole session</i>	None	Majority	D
Motion for a roll call vote	<i>Vote by roll call</i>	None	None	V
Motion to vote clause by clause	<i>Vote clause by clause</i>	None	None	V
Motion to divide the question	<i>Divide out parts of the Draft Resolution</i>	P: 2 / 2 S: none	Majority	V
Motion to adopt by acclamation	<i>Adoption of Draft Resolution or Amendment without vote</i>	None	Unanimity	V
Motion to declare the topic an important question	<i>Substantial votes require 2/3 majority (GA-Committees only)</i>	None	Majority	D
Motion to close speakers list	<i>Closing the speakers list</i>	None	Majority	D
Motion to reopen speakers list	<i>Reopening speakers list</i>	None	Majority	D

1) Debate *Required number of speakers in favour / against the motion*

None: No debate required

2) Vote *Required majority to pass the motion*

Majority: more than 50% of present delegations

2/3: more than 2/3 of present delegations

None: No vote required

3) D / V *When the point or motion can be made*

D – allowed during debate

V – allowed during Voting Procedure

P: Procedural = matters regarding structure of committee session (voting, speaker's list/time, adjournment, etc.); no abstention

S: Substantive = matters regarding the topic at hand

Resolution Clauses

Preambular clauses: (reasons)

- *Affirming*
- *Deeply disturbed*
- *Guided by*
- *Alarmed by*
- *Deeply regretting*
- *Having adopted*
- *Having considered*
- *Observing*
- *Having considered further*
- *Aware of*
- *Emphasizing*
- *Having devoted attention*
- *Believing*
- *Expecting*
- *Realizing*
- *Bearing in mind*
- *Having examined*
- *Recalling*
- *Confident*
- *Having studied*
- *Recognizing*
- *Contemplating*
- *Fulfilling*
- *Having heard*
- *Convinced*
- *Fully aware*
- *Having received*
- *Declaring*
- *Fully alarmed*
- *Keeping in mind*
- *Deeply concerned*
- *Fully believing*
- *Noting with regret*
- *Deeply conscious*
- *Further deploring*
- *Noting with satisfaction*
- *Deeply convinced*
- *Further recalling*
- *Noting with deep concern*
- *Taking note*
- *Welcoming*
- *Desiring*
- *Noting further*
- *Seeking*
- *Referring*

Operative clauses: (solutions)

- *Accepts*
- *Affirms*
- *Approves*
- *Authorizes*
- *Calls*
- *Calls upon*
- *Condemns*
- *Confirms*
- *Considers*
- *Declares accordingly*
- *Deplores*
- *Designate*
- *Draws attention*
- *Emphasizes*
- *Encourages*
- *Endorses*
- *Expresses its hope*
- *Further invites*
- *Further proclaims*
- *Further recommends*
- *Further reminds*
- *Further requests*
- *Further resolves*
- *Have resolved*