# Points and Motions

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<td>One minute of silence</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Point of Order</td>
<td>Correct an error in procedure</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Motion to appeal the decision of the chair</td>
<td>Overrule the decision of the chair</td>
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<td>Suspension of the meeting</td>
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<td>Set the speakers time</td>
<td>2 / 2</td>
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<td>Move directly into voting procedure</td>
<td>only 2 against 2/3</td>
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<td>End debate on the question without substantial vote</td>
<td>2 / 2</td>
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<td>Motion to reconsider a question</td>
<td>Reopen an adjourned debate</td>
<td>2 / 2</td>
<td>2/3</td>
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<td>End the whole session</td>
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<td>Divide out parts of the Draft Resolution</td>
<td>P: 2 / 2 S: none</td>
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<td>Motion to adopt by acclamation</td>
<td>Adoption of Draft Resolution or Amendment without vote</td>
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<td>Unanimity</td>
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<td>Motion to declare the topic an important question</td>
<td>Substantial votes require 2/3 majority (GA-Committees only)</td>
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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