

PRAMUN Modes of Address

Dear delegates and chairs, please find below the basic MUN phrases we expect you to use during formal debates at PRAMUN. The following list is, of course, not exhaustive.

Basic rules:

- I. All speeches should begin with “Esteemed Chairs, honorable delegates...” or similar address.
- II. All references to other members of the House should be in the third person, e.g. points of information should begin with a phrase such as “Is the speaker aware that...” and within a speech, a speaker of the house should not say “Adam, you said...” but rather “As the honorable delegate of X has told the House...”
- III. The delegates are never to address other members of the House directly, without being recognized by the Chair (e.g. for points of information).

Phrases to be used by the members of the House:

- “Honorable Chair/Mr. Chairman/Madame Chairman...”
- “The delegate of X requests the floor.”
- “The delegate of X wishes to have the floor.”
- “The delegate of X rises to a point of information/point of order.”
- “The delegate of X wishes to speak for/against the motion/resolution/amendment because...”
- “Is the Chair/the speaker not aware of...”
- “Does the speaker/delegate of Y not agree with me that...”
- “The speaker/delegate of Y stated in their speech that... Do they (not) realize that...”
- “The delegate of X yields the floor to the Chair/to the delegate of Y.”
- “The delegate of X urges the House to give X their support by voting for/against the motion/resolution/amendment

Phrases to be used by the Chair:

- “The House will come to order. / Will the House please come to order?”
- “The Chair calls upon the submitter of the resolution A to read the resolution to the House.”

- “The House has heard the resolution. Is there a second?”
- “The Chair fixes a debate time of 20 minutes for and 20 minutes against the resolution/motion.”
- “The delegate of X has the floor.”
- “All points are out of order until the speaker has concluded their speech.”
- “The Chair recognizes the delegate of Y. To what point do you rise?”
- “Delegate of Y, please rise and state your point.”
- “Will the delegate of Y please state their point of information as a question?”
- “The speaker appears not to have heard/understood the question. Would the delegate of Y please repeat/rephrase the question?”
- “Are there any further points on the floor?”
- “Are there any further points of information to this speaker?”
- “There is a point of order on the floor. Delegate of X, please rise and state your point.”
- “Delegate of X, your point is well taken/not taken.”
- “Will the speaker please make their concluding remarks?”
- “The debate time for/against this resolution/motion/amendment has expired. Will the speaker please yield the floor?”
- “Debate time has expired.”
- “The Chair proposes an extension of the debate time by 10 minutes for and 10 minutes against the resolution/motion.”
- “The Chair proposes a 10-minute informal caucus.”
- “The debate is now closed. We will move into voting procedures.”
- “All points are out of order.”
- “Does your point of order pertain to the conduct of voting? If not, the point is out of order at this time.”
- “The resolution/motion/amendment will now be put to vote.”
- “Will all those in favor of the resolution/motion/amendment please raise their placards?”
- “Will all those against the resolution/motion/amendment please raise their placards?”
- “Are there any abstentions?”
- “Will all those abstaining please raise their placards?”
- “This resolution/motion/amendment passes by X votes for, Y votes against and Z abstentions.”
- “This resolution/motion/amendment clearly passes, clapping is in order.”
- “With X votes for, Y votes against and Z abstentions, this resolution/motion/amendment fails. Clapping is not in order.”