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HISTORICAL CRISIS COMMITTEE: THE TROUBLES

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STARTING DATE: Early 1982

The Historical Crisis Committee: The Troubles shall take only this Handbook as a basis for the Rules of Procedure and implement each and every rule strategically and with consideration for the historical atmosphere and the authority of the Ulster Unionist Party (UUP).

Delegates in the HCC: The Troubles will be simulating the UUP Assembly Group, while external forces and interests will be at the discretion of the academic team.

BEGINNING OF THE SESSIONS

1. Each session shall commence with the Roll Call taken by the Committee Board, constituting the Leader of the Ulster Unionist Party and the Deputy Leader of the UUP Assembly Group.
2. Quorum is met when exactly one-half plus one of the members of the Committee are present. The session must not begin unless the quorum is met.
3. At the beginning of the very first session, each politician must deliver an Opening Statement in their committee which will last for a maximum of 60 seconds.
4. There will not be any established General Speaker's Lists and the Leaders shall declare the floor open for any points or motions.

MOTIONS GOVERNING DEBATE

1. There are only two types of Caucuses: Semi-Moderated Caucus and Unmoderated Caucus.
 - a. Semi-Moderated Caucus

Semi-Moderated Caucus is quite similar to Moderated Caucus, with the sole exception of the absence of "total time" and "individual speaking time". The committee board is the only authority with the means of deciding the "total time" of the caucus and may interrupt or cut off the speech of any parliamentarian. Nevertheless, the Leader or the Deputy Leader must explain their reasons to the committee member in question if they decide to cut off their speech.

In a Semi-Moderated Caucus, the right to speak will be granted by the Leaders of the UUP Assembly Group. The maximum speech length is limited to 5 minutes.

A Motion for a Semi-Moderated Caucus requires a simple majority to pass.

b. Unmoderated Caucus

The Unmoderated Caucus procedure is the same as that of the EUROsimA 2021 Standard Rules of Parliamentary Procedure, but total time can be restricted according to the decisions of the committee board.

A Motion for an Unmoderated Caucus requires a simple majority to pass.

c. Motion to Terminate the Debate

d. Motion to Suspend the Meeting

e. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

(These motions shall have the same procedure as stated in the official EUROsimA 2021 Rules of Procedure.)

DOCUMENTS

There are three types of official documents that are possible to draft by either of the Committees, namely:

1. Joint Executive Bill
2. Military Directive
3. Request for Information

(There will be NO Personal Directives)

1. Joint Decision Document (JDD)

- When the Assembly Group decides to take action, it shall draft a JDD regarding the topic upon which they have agreed. The contents of the JDD may consist of political, economic, and social aspects of the related topic.
- Joint Executive Bills shall answer the questions of:
- What? When? Where? Why? Who? How?
- Executive Bills must be directly submitted to the committee board via (virtual) message paper when their drafting is finalized.
- If the committee board accepts the content of the submitted JDD, they shall put the proposal to a vote. JDDs require a two-thirds majority to pass.

- Joint Executive Bills may address more than one issue and shall consist of full operative sentences which will be enumerated accordingly.

A Sample Joint Executive Bill (Courtesy of EUROsimA 2019's Joint Crisis Committee)

*Committee of Public Safety Joint Executive Bill No.1
To High Supremacy of National Convention,*

Members of COPS have decided upon:

1) New regulations which will be made in the prices of below mentioned goods for the sole purpose of increasing economic stability:

a- bread

b- oil

c- wheat

2) Establishment of new 'Information Centrals' in order to gather information about public opinion for future agendas... which will be placed in... with the support from...

*Responsible Chef: Maximilien Robespierre
(Signature)*

.....

2. Military Directive

DISCLAIMER: The Ulster Unionist Party rejects any allegations regarding having ties to Unionist paramilitary organizations.

- A Military Directive can only be written for the **DIRECT** and **IMMEDIATE** actions that the Committee would like to take.
- The Military Directive may be submitted to the committee board via message paper, and it shall require a two-thirds majority of the votes in the Committee to be implemented.
- A Military Directive has exactly the same format as a Joint Executive Directive.

3. Request for Information

- This document might be formatted individually and be relayed to the committee board via message paper when there is a direct question or request for information regarding the current situation.
- Request for Information **MUST** contain only **ONE** question at a time and there **MUST NOT** be more than **THREE** requests sent in one day per politician.
- Requested information will be provided within one day.

POWERS

- Parliamentarians must realize that they do not represent either the British cabinet or the government of Northern Ireland as such a thing does not exist in this timeframe.
- The UUP enjoys widespread support among Northern Ireland's electorate (refer to the 1982 parliamentary election results).
- With this support, they can claim to represent the best interests of the Unionists during possible negotiation processes.
- Drawing on Unionist strongholds in Northern Ireland, any decision taken by the UUP Assembly Group may have certain effects on Northern Ireland as a whole. Therefore, the parliamentarians should always act with consideration.

SPECIAL FEATURES

1. During their speeches, delegates may stand or sit as they please.
2. No technological devices (obviously excluding their usage for Zoom and other such software necessary for the proceedings of debate) are allowed during the committee sessions.
3. Delegates must follow the Western Business Attire in the sessions as the dress code.
4. In the case of elections, resignation, removal from the office, death, etc., the position and personalities of Assembly members are open to change.
5. The Secretariat **ALWAYS** reserves the right to reject inappropriate or untimely requests.

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