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### Third session

## **Organization of the third regular session of the Far Eastern Model United Nations General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items**

### **First report of the General Committee**

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## **I. Introduction**

1. The General Committee has the honor to place before the FEMUN General Assembly, for its consideration, the following report, drafted on 4 May 2018, regarding the organization of the third regular session and future sessions of the Assembly, the adoption of the agenda and allocation of items.
2. The rules of procedure utilized at the Far Eastern Model United Nations 2018 (FEMUN) are drawn from the United Nations. Where there is a contradiction of those rules, those of MUNRFE will take precedence.

## **II. Organization of the session**

### **A. General Committee**

3. The General Committee will meet periodically throughout the session to review the progress of work and to make recommendations to the FEMUN General Assembly on the general program of the session and on measures aimed at improving its work.
4. The General Committee took note of rule 40 of the FEMUN rules of procedure pertaining to the functions of the Committee.
  - A. The third regular session of FEMUN General Assembly should begin on Friday, 4 May 2018.
5. The General Committee recommends that all committees conclude their work on Monday, 7 May 2018.
6. The third session of the FEMUN General Assembly will close on Monday, 7 May 2018.

### **B. Seating arrangements**

7. The General Committee has drawn lots for the purpose of choosing the Member State to occupy the first desk on the FEMUN General Assembly floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin. The name drawn was Equatorial Guinea.

### **C. Schedule of meetings**

8. The General Committee took note of the fact that, in view of logistical and administrative constraints, the first plenary meeting will take place on Friday, 4 May 2018 between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The second plenary meeting will take place on Monday, 7 May 2018 between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
9. The General Committee further takes note that, due to similar constraints, as outlined above, meetings of the Main Committees during the first session, including informal meetings, will take place on Saturday, 5 May 2018 through Monday, 7 May 2018.

#### **D. General Debate**

10. The FEMUN General Assembly will indicate a voluntary guideline on the length of speeches of a maximum of 3 minutes for the heads of political groups and a maximum of 2 minutes for individual states for each statement.
11. The General Committee recommends that chairmen of the committees fully exercise their functions laid out in rules 106 of the rules of the procedure of the FEMUN General Assembly.

#### **E. Conduct of meetings, length of statements, explanations of vote, right of reply, points of order and concluding statements**

12. The General Committee also draws to the attention of the FEMUN General Assembly that explanations of votes should be limited to 1 minute; that, when the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in the plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, either in the Committee or in the plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in the plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee.
13. The General Committee wishes to notify the FEMUN General Assembly that the right of reply for any delegation on any item at a given meeting should be limited to one minute. Delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the speaker's list. Each delegation will have a maximum of two rights of reply.
14. The General Committee also recommends to the FEMUN General Assembly that, in order to save time at the end of the session, the practice of making concluding statements in the Assembly and its Main Committees are not acceptable except for statements by the presiding officers.

#### **F. Records of meetings**

15. The General Committee wishes to inform the FEMUN General Assembly that during the third session, records will be kept for the plenary meetings of the FEMUN General Assembly.

#### **G. Resolution**

16. The General Committee brings to the attention of the FEMUN General Assembly that:
  - Efforts should be made to reduce the number of resolutions adopted by the FEMUN General Assembly.
  - Efforts should be made to merge draft resolutions should there be more than one in each of the committees.
  - In order to ensure that resolutions have greater political impact, they should be short, in particularly the preambular sections, and should focus more on action-oriented operative paragraphs.
  - Whenever possible, for the adoption by the FEMUN General Assembly of the agreed-upon content of resolutions and decisions, informal consultations should be carried out with the maximum possible participation of Member States.

- The terms “takes note of” and “notes” are neutral terms that constitute neither approval nor disapproval, while “welcomes” expresses approval.
17. The General Committee noted and decided to bring to the attention of the FEMUN General Assembly that the Secretary-General encourages Member States to transmit all draft resolutions and decisions in electronic form in accordance with the guidelines outlined by the Secretariat.

## **H. Documentation**

18. The General Committee may also wish to draw to the attention of the FEMUN General Assembly that:
- Resolutions should contain requests for observations from State or reports by the Secretary-General insofar as they are likely to facilitate the implementation of the resolutions or the continued examination of the question.

## **III. Adoption of the agenda**

19. The General Committee considered the draft agenda of the third session submitted by the Secretary-General. All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the third session have been communicated to Member States in the provisional agenda of the third regular session (A(FEMUN)/3/150).
20. The items proposed for inclusion are listed in the agenda, which appears in paragraph 21 below.
21. The General Committee recommends to the FEMUN General Assembly the adoption of the following agenda:

### **Agenda organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization**

1. Opening of the session by the President of the FEMUN General Assembly.
2. Minute of silent prayer and meditation.
3. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee.
4. General debate.

#### **A. Sustaining Peace**

5. Promotion of International Cooperation to Combat Illicit Financial Flows in order to Foster Sustainable Development
6. Improving Mechanisms for Accountability and Transparency within the UN System

#### **IV. Allocation of items**

22. Subject to changes that may be made by the General Committee, the allocation of the items of the draft agenda would be as follows:

##### **Plenary meetings**

1. Opening of the session by the President of the FEMUN General Assembly.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items; reports of the General Committee.
4. General Debate.

##### **Second Committee**

- (a) **Item 5** (Promotion of International Cooperation to Combat Illicit Financial Flows in order to Foster Sustainable Development)

##### **Fifth Committee**

- (a) **Item 6** (Improving Mechanisms for Accountability and Transparency within the UN System)