

HANDBOOK OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

# EUROsimA 2018

## General Assembly of the Ottoman Empire

### Handbook

#### A. General Rules

##### Rule 1: Scope

The Standard Rules of Parliamentary Procedure of European Union Simulation in Ankara (hereinafter referred as “EUROsimA”) is applicable to the General Assembly of the Ottoman Empire (hereinafter referred as “GAOE”) simulation of EUROsimA 2018. Bound by the general principles of EUROsimA 2018 and the Rules of Parliamentary Procedure for the General Assembly of the Ottoman Empire, the Secretariat may issue special rules of procedure, prior to the conference.

##### Rule 2: Dress Code

The official dress code of the conference is western business attire. The Members of Parliament are allowed to dress in national, religious or traditional attire only with permission from the Secretariat.

##### Rule 3: Usage of Electronic Devices

Since this committee is a historical one, usage of electronic devices is strictly forbidden during the all committee proceedings, including Restricted Negotiations.

#### B. Committee Rules

##### Rule 4: General Powers of the Committee Directors

The Committee Board consists of Reşad Hikmet Bey and Hüseyin Avni (Ulaş) Bey responsible for managing the debates, they also have a voting right, and can contribute to the official debates. Committee Directors are responsible for the moderation of the committee with the powers granted to them by these rules.

Committee Board also has the right to interrupt the Committee proceedings in order to make a presentation, or to bring in a guest speaker or a Member of Parliament as witness. Directors may transfer their duties to other members of the Board or members of the Secretariat.

Also the Committee Staff shall include the Academic Team members responsible for this committee.

#### Rule 5: Members

The committee shall consist of Members of Parliament as representatives of certain provinces of the Ottoman Empire, including Reşad Hikmet Bey of Istanbul and Hüseyin Avni Bey of Erzurum as the Committee Board.

#### Rule 6: Quorum

Quorum is met if at least 2/3 of the registered Members of Parliament are present in the committee. In case of a problem due to coherent reasons, the Committee Board shall make appropriate decisions to better the flow of the debate after informing the responsible Secretariat member(s).

Presence of two-thirds of the Members of Parliament is required for any decision on a substantive voting.

Committee Board should declare a committee session open by stating: “In the name of Allah and with his Majesty, Caliph of Islam, Amir al-Mu'minin, Sultan of the Ottoman Empire,

Kayser-i Rûm, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Mehmed the Sixth Vahdeddin's royal permission, Parliament is convened!" if the Quorum is met.

#### Rule 7: Communication

Communication can only be in English. In the official documents, Members may use Ottoman Turkish.

Members of Parliament do not have to stand up while talking.

No direct communication with Secretariat is allowed.

#### C. Rules Governing the Agenda

##### Rule 8: Roll-Call

At the beginning of each session, Committee Board will take the Roll-Call, and the Members of Parliament are expected to indicate their status of presence as "present" or "present and voting".

##### Rule 9: Agenda

This Committee has an open agenda. Yet, the ultimate decision maker on these issues is the Secretariat. The Board has the veto power at all times.

#### D. Rules Governing Debate

##### Rule 10: Debate

After the declaration of the start of Parliament session, committee shall move on with the Opening Speeches, which will be made on the stage, and then with the following types of debate, which require simple majority of the committee to pass. Ottoman Parliament will not have the

General Speaker's List; however, Parliament shall conduct a Tour de Table before moving to voting procedure upon any document:

- i. Open Negotiation – In this negotiation type, the members of the Parliament will be expected to engage in a formal debate on a particular issue for a specified period of time. In this form of debate, the Members of Parliament are not permitted to cross talk and must only enter the discussion when the Board of the Parliament recognized them. The MPs who are in favor of a speaker, possess the right to knock the table in order to show his support for the speech.
- ii. Restricted Negotiation - This caucus will allow the Members of Parliament to lobby with each other in an informal manner. More importantly, members should use the Restricted Negotiation to draft any documents that are required for the committee. Restricted Negotiations have a specified time limit.

The Committee Board possesses the right to alter the time of a caucus if they deem necessary.

#### Rule 11: Suspension and Adjournment of the Debate

If the motion to suspend passes, the Committee Board shall declare: “In the name of Allah and with his Majesty, Caliph of Islam, Amir al-Mu'minin, Sultan of the Ottoman Empire, Kayser-i Rûm, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Mehmed the Sixth Vahdeddin's royal permission, Parliament is suspended!” before suspending the session.

If the motion to adjourn passes, the Committee Board shall state: “In the name of Allah and with his Majesty, Caliph of Islam, Amir al-Mu'minin, Sultan of the Ottoman Empire, Kayser-i Rûm, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Mehmed the Sixth Vahdeddin's royal permission, Parliament is adjourned!” before ending the last session of EUROSima 2018.

## E. Rules Governing Committee Document

### Rule 12: Bill

Bill is a legislative act, which does not require a Motion to Close the Debate before the voting upon it, and a document, which can be drafted during the times of crises. The document may not be introduced unless it reaches the signatories of 1/6th of the Committee members. A Bill is adopted by two-thirds majority in a substantive voting.

### Rule 13: Pact

Pact is the final document of the General Assembly of the Ottoman Empire. The document may not be introduced unless it reaches the signatories of 1/6th of the Committee members.

Draft Pact shall be voted upon after a Motion to move to any voting procedure upon the Draft Pact passes. Majority required for the adoption of the Pact is unanimity, which means at least one abstention fails the document.

## F. Rules Governing Voting Procedures

### Rule 14: Substantive Voting Types

- i. Motion for Placard Voting <sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
- ii. Motion to Vote by Secret Ballot <sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
- iii. Motion to Divide the Question <sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
- iv. Motion to Divide the House
- v. Motion to Vote by Acclimation <sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

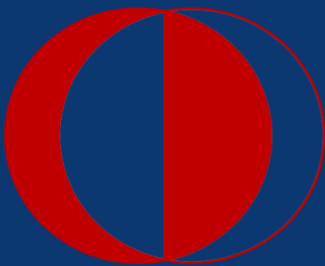
vi. Motion for a Roll Call Vote

Rule 15: Voting by Secret Ballot

Unless a motion for any other type of voting passes, this specific procedure will be directly implemented. All Members of Parliament shall write their vote to a paper and the Board shall declare the result when the voting is finalized.



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