



# **Addendum to the Rules for the Organization of American States**

Except for the changes listed here, all other rules are the same as the Rules Handbook.

## **IV. General Motions**

### **A. Motion to Close Debate**

The Organization does not need to pass a motion to close debate in order to vote on any Draft Resolutions. At the Chair's discretion, and with a two-thirds majority of the Organization voting in approval, debate shall be closed once the Organization has sufficiently debated the given topic.

## **V. Directives**

Directives are used to act as a method to obtain information or carry out an action. If an individual or a group of individuals wishes to send a directive, it can be submitted secretly without the committee at large knowing.

### **A. Action Order**

An action order, commonly referred to as a directive, is used to direct the actions of a particular country or organization. Delegates may send unilateral action orders so long as they fit their diplomatic portfolio powers. For example, the Ambassador from the United States cannot directly order drone strikes on another country, though he or she can make recommendations to the President to do so. Note that the Organization cannot send action orders as a committee; they can use resolutions to achieve this end.

### **B. Communiqué**

A communiqué is used to make an inquiry or statement to an outside entity such as a foreign government or a non-governmental organization. Additionally, a communiqué can be sent by an

individual or a group of individuals and not necessarily the committee at large. It may also be used if a delegate seeks clarification on his or her country's policy.

**Example:** To: Government of France; In order to effectively address immigration policies between French Guiana, Suriname, and Brazil, we wish to receive your government's stance on immigration limits in South America. From: The Organization of American States.

### **C. Press Release**

A press release is used to make statements to the international community on behalf of the committee. The most frequent usage of a press release is when the committee decides to make a reaction to a crisis or comment that it is currently working on in resolving an international dispute. Individual delegates can also issue press releases to discuss their country's positions.

**Example:** The United States condemns the oppression of minority and opposition groups in Venezuela and encourages the liberalization of that country's democracy.