Political Science 87 (International Diplomacy) is a simulation of international diplomacy addressing an acute problem or crisis. This quarter we will examine the diplomacy among European powers on the eve of World War I.

**Hypothetical Scenario: The Congress of Geneva.** The date of the first meeting is July 1, 1914. After news of the assassination of Franz Ferdinand on June 28 reached the capitals of Europe, the leaders decided to try to find a diplomatic solution to the Austrian-Serbian crisis and the other issues that are threatening a widening war in Europe. The states that had frequently assembled as the Concert of Europe have agreed to send representatives to a conference in Geneva. They have agreed to designate Switzerland as the convener and chair of the Congress. Other invited governments are:

- Kingdom of Albania
- Austro-Hungarian Empire
- Kingdom of Belgium
- Kingdom of Bulgaria
- Kingdom of Denmark
- Republic of France
- German Empire
- Kingdom of Greece
- Kingdom of Italy
- Grand Duchy of Luxemburg
- Kingdom of Montenegro
- Kingdom of Serbia
- Kingdom of Greece
- Kingdom of Norway
- Kingdom of Serbia
- Kingdom of Spain
- Kingdom of Sweden
- Republic of Portugal
- Russian Empire
- Kingdom of Romania
- Swiss Confederation
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland

**Assignment.** Each student will represent one of these governments. Each week the students will assemble as a session of the Congress to discuss resolutions proposed by the member-states. I will provide at least one resolution or petition for discussion for each meeting. You may also introduce your own resolutions for discussion during the three meetings of the Congress.

**Background.** I will give a “lecture” during the first meeting that will provide a brief sketch of the issues, interests, and events leading to the outbreak of World War I. You may also want to check the web-site: www.firstworldwar.com

**Rules of Procedure.** We will use the attached Rules of Procedure.

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**Grades.** Freshmen Seminars are graded on a Pass/Fail basis. You should attend each week and participate in the discussions as a representative of “your” government. Please sign the attendance sheet each week.
RULES OF PROCEDURE

Before meetings:
1. **Proposed resolutions** must be submitted to the Secretary of the Congress (that is, the instructor of the class) as an e-mail attachment by noon on Friday before the meeting.
2. The **Provisional Agenda** will be circulated as an e-mail attachment by 5 pm on Friday before the meeting.

At the opening of each weekly meeting:
1. The first item of business is **Adoption of the Provisional Agenda**.
   a. At this time representatives may propose **Amendments to the Provisional Agenda** with the addition of proposed resolutions.
   b. At later times in a meeting representatives may introduce proposed resolutions if the President deems this to be an “urgent matter.”

To speak:
1. **To speak on the substance** of a resolution, amendment, or motion, a representative should indicate this to the President by raising a hand with one finger (no not that finger). The President will place names on the speaker’s list in the order each representative raises a hand. Representatives speak from their seats at the table.
2. **To make a procedural motion** (which takes precedence over speaking on the substance), a representative should indicate this to the President by raising her/his hand with two fingers.

Procedural motions:
1. Procedural motions require no seconds. The representative proposing a motion may withdraw it until it has been voted on. If a representative withdraws a motion, another representative may reintroduce the same motion.
2. The **order of precedence of motions** is as follows (highest to lowest):
   [1] To suspend the meeting for a set period of time [for example, to hold a caucus for ten minutes];
   [2] To adjourn the meeting [until the next week’s regularly scheduled meeting];
   [3] To postpone discussion of the question to a certain day or indefinitely;
   [4] To introduce an amendment; or

Amendments:
1. Amendments must be presented in writing. Proponents may circulate these in printed or electronic form or write them on the whiteboards of the conference room.

Voting:
1. Adoption of a **procedural motion** requires a simple majority.
2. Adoption of a **resolution or amendment** requires a simple majority, but any one of the 5 great powers (Austria, France, Germany, Russia, UK) may kill a resolution or amendment by voting “no.” (An abstention by a great power does not kill a resolution.)
3. Amendments should be voted before the entire resolution. The President shall decide the order in which amendments are considered.
4. A resolution may be divided for separate votes on major parts—upon the motion of any representative, but only with the consent of the proponent of the resolution.
RESOLUTIONS

Most actions of the Congress will be expressed in resolutions submitted in draft form under the sponsorship of one or more governments. Resolutions recommend action to be taken by the states of Europe.

Petitions from non-governmental organizations may be considered upon the recommendation of the representative of a government, but a decision of the Congress to take action must reformulate this petition as a resolution.

STRUCTURE OF RESOLUTIONS

Each resolution has three parts: the heading, the preamble, and the operative clauses.

I. HEADING

To: Congress of Geneva
Subject: the topic of the resolution
Sponsored by: sponsoring country or list of sponsoring countries

The Representatives of the Sovereign Powers of Europe assembled in Geneva,

II. PREAMBLE

The purpose of the preamble is to show that there is a problem that needs to be solved. The preamble of a resolution does everything except propose action or make a substantive statement on the topic at hand. Preamble clauses may begin with:

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<th>Acknowledging</th>
<th>Convinced</th>
<th>Guided by</th>
<th>Noting with regret</th>
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<td>Affirming</td>
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<td>Alarmed</td>
<td>Deeply disturbed</td>
<td>Having approved</td>
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<td>Aware</td>
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<td>Realizing</td>
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<td>Bearing in mind</td>
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<td>Having reviewed</td>
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<td>Cognizant</td>
<td>Expressing appreciation</td>
<td>Noting</td>
<td>Reiterating</td>
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<td>Concerned</td>
<td>Expressing deep appreciation</td>
<td>Further noting</td>
<td>Seeking</td>
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<td>Fulfilling</td>
<td>Noting with concern</td>
<td>Welcoming</td>
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<td>Considering</td>
<td>Fully aware</td>
<td>Noting with deep concern</td>
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<td>Grieved</td>
<td>Noting with grave concern</td>
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III. OPERATIVE CLAUSES

Operative clauses express views, call for action, or instruct others to act so as to achieve some policy goal. Operative clauses should be organized in a logical progression, and each clause should contain a single idea or policy proposal.

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<td>Decide</td>
<td>Express their regret</td>
<td>Further resolve</td>
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<td>Appeal</td>
<td>Decide accordingly</td>
<td>Express their sympathy</td>
<td>Instruct</td>
<td>Reiterate</td>
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<td>Declare</td>
<td>Express their thanks</td>
<td>Invite</td>
<td>Renew their appeal</td>
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<td>Express the belief</td>
<td>Note</td>
<td>Repeat</td>
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<td>Express the hope</td>
<td>Note with appreciation</td>
<td>Suggest</td>
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<td>Call upon</td>
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<td>Further concur</td>
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<td>Strongly support</td>
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<td>Further invite</td>
<td>Note with interest</td>
<td>Support</td>
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<td>Concur</td>
<td>Encourage</td>
<td>Further proclaim</td>
<td>Note with satisfaction</td>
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SYNTAX
The resolution has a distinctive format. The whole resolution is written as one sentence. Specifically,

[1] Italicize the first word or phrase of each clause.
[3] Use commas to separate preamble clauses.
[4] Use semicolons to separate operative clauses.
[5] End the final operative clause (and the whole resolution) with a period.

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

To: Congress of Geneva
Subject: The Situation in Ruvakia
Submitted by: The Representative of Her Serene Highness, Lucille, Grand Duchess of All the Ruvakias

The Representatives of the Sovereign Powers of Europe assembled in Geneva,

Recognizing the continuing threat to the sovereign independence of Ruvakia as a major threat to the peace of Europe,

Recalling their previous calls for an immediate and unconditional end to all aggression against Ruvakia,

Recognizing the odious refusal of the Chudmurtian Defense Force to withdraw from Ruvakia,

Deeply disturbed that the continued fighting and particularly the use of force by Chudmurtian Defense Forces and the Mordvashian Liberation Army has slaughter uncounted numbers of innocent civilians in Ruvakia,

1. Demand that the Chudmurtian Defense Forces withdraw from Ruvakia;
2. Condemn and call for an end to the external support given to the dastardly subversives by the Mordvashian tyranny;
3. Encourage all member states to provide resources for humanitarian aid in Ruvakia.