PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE OEA/Ser.G

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES CP/CAJP-3771/24 rev. 2[[1]](#footnote-1)/

12 March 2024

COMMITTEE ON JURIDICAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS Original: Spanish

METHODOLOGY   
FOR THE PRESENTATION AND NEGOTIATION IN THE COMMITTEE ON JURIDICAL  
AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS FIFTY-FOURTH REGULAR SESSION

(Approved by the CAJP at its meeting on February 22, 20-24)

This methodology aims at making an effective contribution to the presentation and negotiation of draft resolutions to be referred to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth regular session, in order to optimize the use of available resources and streamline the work of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP). This document was prepared based on the methodology that the CAJP adopted in 2020 and includes updates and new proposals that the current Chair has considered necessary.

1. The Chair invites the delegations of member states to submit their proposals between April 1 and 25, 2024.
2. Proposing delegations are encouraged to hold consultations with other delegations while drafting, and prior to the submittal of, their texts.
3. The Chair encourages the inclusion of preferably one preambular paragraph and up to three operative paragraphs per topic in proposed topics for the omnibus resolutions on human rights, democracy, and international law.
4. Proposals should take into account available financial resources.
5. The proposing delegations should exercise leadership throughout the process of negotiating their proposals. The Chair asks that proposing delegations advance any preliminary reports they deem necessary in order to obtain the broadest possible consensus prior to the formal or informal meeting at which such proposals will be considered.
6. Negotiation of paragraphs will focus on substance, not on style.
7. In order to concentrate efforts and negotiation time, it is recommended that the texts for each topic be drafted on the basis of the texts of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly (pending review by the Style Committee), as contained in Volume I of the Proceedings of the Fifty-third Regular Session, Washington, D.C., United States, June 2023: [AG/doc.5828/23 rev. 1](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/english/HIST_24/AG08909E07.docx).
8. Each draft omnibus resolution should be divided into topics. The order of the topics will be agreed upon once the deadline for delegations to present the texts on the topics has lapsed (April 25, 2024).
9. Delegations shall avoid submitting proposals on topics or paragraphs whose sole purpose is to express appreciation, recognize work, or request additional institutional or financial resources.
10. The CAJP will endeavor to adopt standard formats for operative paragraphs in which the presentation of reports is requested.
11. Proposals that involve holding special meetings should be considered to be held only once every two years.
12. The secretariat will keep a record of the negotiations and will take into account the language in which the original proposal was made, to avoid it being translated back into the original language.
13. Delegations should present the proposed texts agreed upon in informal consultations to the secretariat at least 72 hours prior to formal meetings.
14. In line with the “Agreement of the Permanent Council on the Inclusion of Footnotes and Annexation of Documents” ([CP/doc.4556/11](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_11/CP26202E04.doc)), footnotes referring to any parts of a draft resolution shall be limited to a maximum of two lines. For footnotes that exceed that length, the first two lines will begin on the corresponding page and the remainder of the note will continue at the end of the text of the draft resolution. Furthermore, no annexes shall be appended to draft resolutions, unless they are documents presented to the General Assembly for approval or adoption, such as conventions, charters, and statutes. Any references to documents in the text of draft resolutions should be made using the appropriate title and classification and other identifying information such as name, place and date of the meeting at which the document was considered.
15. In accordance with paragraph III.9 of resolution AG/RES. 2971 (LI-O/21), “Program-Budget of the Organization for 2022,” the Committee will implement the use of the template and follow the agreed-upon criteria for the use of the template as ratified by the General Assembly and detailed in the document CP/doc.5722/21 rev. 1. The financial resources available will be taken into account and the Committee will adhere to the established procedure for the costing of new mandates, published with classification CAAP/GT/RVPP-508/23.

ANNEX I

SUGGESTIONS FOR EXPEDITING THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS AND MAKING EFFICIENT USE OF THE LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE

* 1. In order to ensure equitable attention to topics, the Chair intends to assign the same negotiation time to each of the omnibus resolutions, both in terms of the distribution of the number of meetings and of the amount of time assigned to them at each meeting.
  2. Delegations are urged to refrain from presenting their proposals or reading them aloud, since the texts will already have been distributed in the four official languages of the OAS and will be known to each delegation.
  3. As done in other Committees, the text of paragraphs will not be read out. The Chair should mention only the section title and the number of the paragraph under consideration.
  4. Overall and for each section of the draft resolution concerned – first the preamble and then the operative section – consideration will be given to paragraphs and text in bold that include new proposals and/or changes introduced by delegations.
  5. Changes to paragraphs of draft resolutions made in the framework of formal meetings of negotiation of the CAJP shall be suitably identified with the date on which such changes were made.
  6. Once all the changes to the text of a section have been agreed upon, the section as a whole will be approved, on the premise that anything not in bold has already been adopted by the General Assembly at previous sessions.
  7. The Chair will at all times ensure that the negotiations focus on substance and not on editorial aspects. Delegations requesting the floor are invited to propose specific amendments to the paragraphs under discussion.
  8. Where difficulties arise in reaching agreement, the Chair will request the proposing delegation to enter into informal consultations with the delegations concerned, seek to overcome the difficulties, and transmit the results of such consultations to the secretariat for subsequent approval by the CAJP.
  9. Delegations are also requested to advise the secretariat ([aaristizabal@oas.org](mailto:aaristizabal@oas.org)) of any agreements reached in informal consultations, proposed changes, and/or co-sponsorship of proposals at least 72 hours before the relevant meeting, to allow time for their translation and inclusion in the appropriate draft resolution.

ANNEX II

TIMETABLE FOR THE SUBMISSION, COMPILATION, CONSULTATIONS, AND NEGOTIATIONS OF DRAFT OMNIBUS RESOLUTIONS IN THE CAJP

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| February 22, 2024  Regular meeting of the CAJP | Approval of the methodology for the presentation and negotiation in the CAJP of draft resolutions to be referred to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth regular session |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| APRIL 2024 | |
| Monday, April 1 | First day for submission of texts of draft resolutions for the fifty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly |
| Thursday, April 25 | Last day for submission of texts of draft resolutions for the fifty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly |
|  | |
| MAY 2024 | |
| 1. Thursday   May 2, 2024  2:30 - 5:30 p. m. | Beginning of negotiations of draft resolutions for the General Assembly |
| 1. Tuesday   (informal meeting)  May 7, 2024  2:30 – 5:30 p.m.  Informal meeting of the CAJP | Negotiation of draft resolutions for the General Assembly |
| 1. Thursday   May 9, 2024  2:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Negotiation of draft resolutions for the General Assembly |
| 1. Tuesday   (Informal meeting)  May 14, 2024  2:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Negotiation of draft resolutions for the General Assembly |
| 1. Thursday   May 16, 2024  2:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Negotiation of draft resolutions for the General Assembly |
| 1. Tuesday,   May 21, 2024  2:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Negotiation of draft resolutions for the General Assembly |
| 1. Thursday,   May 23, 2024  2:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Negotiation of draft resolutions for the General Assembly |
| 1. Tuesday,   (Informal Meeting)  May 28, 2024  2:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Negotiation of draft resolutions for the General Assembly |
| 1. Thursday,   May 30, 2024  2:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Conclusion of the negotiation of draft resolutions for the General Assembly |

CP49218E04

1. . Revision 2 of this document is issued solely for the purpose of including a link to the volume of resolutions and declarations adopted by the General Assembly at its fifty-third regular session, as reviewed by the Style Committee. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)