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To introduce a point or motion, the following phrases may help you after you've been recognised:

- "The delegation of Germany moves for [name of the motion]"
- "France would like to introduce a motion to [name of the motion]"
- "Point of [name of the point]"

Please **do not say** "The United States motions for [name of the motion]" or "Point of Motion" (It is either a point or a motion, it can never be both).

Points				
Points always take precedence and are entertained immediately	Point	Debate	Vote	Purpose
	Point of information to the chair	None	None	Ask the chair about the rules of procedure
	Point of order	None	None	Correct a procedural error or a disregard of diplomatic conduct
	Point of information to the speaker	None	None	Pose questions to the current speaker when the speaker's time has not yet elapsed
	Right of reply	None	None	To reply to an insult or wrong statement made by another delegate
Motions				
Order	Motion	Debate	Vote	Purpose
Level I (Entertained first)	Suspension of the meeting	None	Simple majority	Suspends the meeting, usually for the purpose of an unmoderated caucus, a press conference or a moderated caucus. All three motions require the total time, for a moderated caucus additionally the individual speaker's time, the topic and a moderator must be stated.
Level II	Adjournment of the meeting	None	Simple majority	End the meeting immediately
Level III	Adjournment of debate	2 pro / 2 con	Simple majority	End debate without vote
	Amendment of the agenda	None	Simple majority	Add a new agenda item to the primary agenda
	Closure of debate	2 con	Two-thirds majority	Move to substantive voting Immediately
	Declare a topic an important question (restricted to the General Assembly)	2 pro / 2 con	Simple majority	Substantive votes during the debate on this agenda item now require a two-thirds majority to pass.

Motions (continued)				
Order	Motion	Debate	Vote	Purpose
Level III	Decision of competence	None	Simple majority	Declare the committee incompetent to deal with a particular issue
	Reconsideration of a topic	2 con	Two-thirds majority	Resume negotiations about a topic which has already been concluded
Level IV (Entertained last)	Adoption of the agenda	None	Simple majority	Approval of a specific order of the agenda. Exact order with all topics needs to be stated
	Close/re-open the speakers list	None	Simple majority	No further speakers can be added to the speakers list if the list is closed
	Exclude the Public	None	Simple majority	Excludes all members of the public (visitors, press, NGOs, faculty advisors) from the committee for a certain amount of time
	Have an expert speech	None	Simple majority	Invites an expert to the committee to give a speech; Speaker and topic must be stated
	Set the speaker's time	2 pro / 2 con	Simple majority	Set or change the speaker's time limit
Immediately	Appeal the decision of the chair	None	Simple majority	Challenge a decision of the Dais; A point of order must precede.
	Declare a vote substantive (restricted to the Security Council)	None	None	Must be brought in directly after a motion and declares the vote on it substantive with all its consequences; After this motion has been brought in, a vote is conducted whether to redeclare the vote procedurally. This vote is substantive.
Motions during Voting Procedure				
Phase	Motion	Debate	Vote	Purpose
All phases	Roll call vote	None	None	Vote by roll call on substantive matters
Phase 2	Division of the question (first vote)	2 pro / 2 con	Simple majority	Vote on specific operative clauses separately
Phases 2 & 3	Adopt by acclamation	None	Objection	Adopt a draft resolution/amendment without voting upon it. This motion fails through objection to it
Phase 3	Voting clause by clause	None	None	Vote upon each clause of a draft resolution separately