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Azul Policy Proposal for INC-5.2: Procedural Voting Proposal

Procedural Voting Proposal: “Rolling Consolidation Method”

Type: Procedural motion under Rule 38 (majority vote)

Purpose: To change *how* text is negotiated in contact groups — not the treaty’s content.

Draft Operative Text

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee,

Recalling Rule 27 and Rule 33 of its Rules of Procedure. Noting the need for efficient and inclusive consideration of the draft instrument to end plastic pollution; Decides that, for the remainder of this session and subsequent sessions, the Committee shall:

1. Consider each section of the draft text in thematic contact groups chaired by two co-facilitators from different regional groups;
2. Review text using a real-time “rolling” consolidation method, with changes displayed live and duplications merged immediately;
3. Limit interventions per delegation to two per paragraph per round of discussion;
4. Produce a daily consolidated text for posting on the official portal; and
5. Refer only unresolved bracketed language to the plenary for further consideration.

Voting Mechanics

1. Introduce as a motion at the start of a session item (under “Adoption of the organization of work”).
2. If the Chair rules it *procedural*, it needs >50% of members present and voting.

3. If challenged, the Committee votes first on whether it's procedural (that vote itself is procedural).
4. If adopted, it becomes binding for the session unless amended or suspended by another procedural vote.

Procedural Voting Proposal: “Secretariat-Led Consolidated Draft Management”

Type: Procedural decision under Rule 38 (majority vote if not adopted by consensus)

Purpose: Enhance efficiency and transparency by assigning the Secretariat a formal role in real-time text consolidation during contact group sessions.

Draft Operative Text

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee,

Recalling Rule 27 and Rule 33 of its Rules of Procedure, Recognizing the authority of the Secretariat to provide technical and logistical support to the Committee, Noting the need to expedite the preparation of a legally binding instrument to end plastic pollution,

Decides that:

1. The Secretariat shall prepare and display in real time a “rolling consolidated text” during each contact group session, incorporating agreed language and merging duplicative proposals while retaining unresolved text in brackets;
2. Co-facilitators shall direct the Secretariat on technical instructions for the organization of text;
3. Daily consolidated drafts shall be posted by the Secretariat on the official document portal before the start of the next day's negotiations;
4. The Secretariat shall circulate a “clean bracket report” at the end of each session summarizing all remaining bracketed items;
5. The Secretariat's role shall be strictly procedural and without prejudice to the substantive positions of any delegation.

Voting Mechanics

1. Introduce under “Adoption of the organization of work.”
2. Chair rules it procedural → requires simple majority (>50%) of members present and voting.
3. If someone challenges the Chair’s ruling, first vote on whether it’s procedural, then on the proposal itself.