

OTHER RULES OF PROCEDURE

It was agreed that on all questions of procedure not covered by its own rules of procedure the Conference and the Commissions should in appropriate cases be guided by the principles of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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This Commission held only one meeting, at which it merely elected its officers. Its duties, as set out in the Rules of Procedure, were to assist the Plenary Conference and to co-ordinate the work of the various Commissions.

Most delegations assumed that the General Commission, a Committee of the whole Conference, would be the Steering Committee and would co-ordinate proposals affecting more than one peace treaty. The Soviet Union, however, ensured that no problems were referred to the General Commission and that the control of the Conference was kept in the hands of the General Secretariat.

The impotence of the General Commission reflected the Conference's piecemeal and undirected approach to every problem and its failure to treat as an interrelated whole either the political, economic, or military aspects of the Eastern European and Mediterranean peace settlement.