

Resolution Guide

- Resolution - a document that outlines a solution to a problem or contentious matter of global significance. This is the general term that the United Nations uses to refer to their laws and policies.
- Clause - one section of a resolution outlining one particular action that must be taken in efforts to solve the issue at hand. It is important that a clause only discusses one particular action.
- Phrase - the first word(s) of a clause.
- Preambulatory clauses - the first section of a resolution. This section outlines the background to a given problem.
- Operative clauses - the second part of a resolution. This section includes the actions that must be taken in order to solve the problem.

Basis of a Resolution

Who: Any delegate in the committee can write a resolution. Delegates have the option of being the **main submitter** or a **signatory**. Conferences occasionally allow for delegates to also be a **co-submitter**.

When: The best resolutions are written prior to the conference. Delegates usually attend conferences with a few clauses written, and plan on merging them with other delegates to create a resolution. However, the most successful delegates usually have an entire resolution written before the conference and choose clauses to include from other delegates carefully.

Why: Resolutions represent the basis of all conferences. The ultimate purpose of any MUN conference is to pass resolutions and come up with the most effective way to solve a given issue. All debate, negotiation and teamwork essentially lead up to the resolution.

Structure of a Resolution

FORUM - *State your committee*

QUESTION OF - *State your topic*

SUBMITTED BY - *State your country here. Once you merge resolutions with other delegates, the main submitter's country goes here.*

Heading

Preambulatory Clauses

*These are meant to contain background information, describing the issue. They explain what the past and current situation is and state facts regarding the issue.

Operative Clauses

*These contain the actual solutions. The Operative clauses are the most essential part of a resolution. Strong Operative clauses lead to more delegates voting in favour of your resolution. The Operative clauses explain what can be done to resolve an issue. Please note that successful and strong operative clauses not only explain what can be done, but give possible sub-clauses on how it could be achieved.

How to format Preambulatory clauses -

Insert the Preambulatory word in italics - then continue with your clause - end with a comma,

Examples -

Alarmed by the fact that maritime piracy costs shipping companies about \$15-16 billion annually in solely the boundaries of the Indian Ocean and other smaller seas of Southern Asia,

Recognizes the efforts of the British, Canadian, Turkish, German, Danish, French, Pakistani, Indian, Iranian, and Russian military who continue to patrol the Indian Ocean and performing anti-piracy training,

How to format Operative Clauses

1. Operative clauses are always numbered and indented to the right;
2. They end with semi-colons;
 - a. Sub-clauses are formatted by letter,
 - b. They end with commas,
 - i. Sub-sub clauses use roman numerals and also end with a comma,

Example -

1. Declares accordingly that as a result of the instability in many sectors of most countries affected by piracy, that most of the solution efforts be carried out on land including:

a. A campaign in the affected country that inhibits the idea of the unemployed youth resorting to maritime piracy,

b. Consequently calling for an agreement between the government of the country and the United Nations for the government to pursue in its efforts to take prompt action and improve needed sectors including but not limited to:

i. Political issues including corruption within the ruling body,

ii. Social issues including unjust laws or inequality between the population,

iii. Intellectual issues of the people including a lack, or prevention of education,

iv. Economic issues including over-taxing, and unreasoned inflation of prices,

v. Any other basic issues in the country that prevent the people possessing from basic human rights,