



HOW TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION



Lesson: How to Write Model U.N. Resolutions



Introduction: How to Write a Resolution

What is a Resolution?

A written document consisting of your bloc's (group's) solutions to the specified topic.

This is the **goal** in Model United Nations! **To write and pass a resolution.**

Therefore, resolutions are crucial in standing out from other delegates, as well as working with people within the committee.

How a Resolution is Written

The resolution in simple terms is a long sentence, consisting of three parts:

- Header
- Preambulatory clauses
- Operative clauses

Header

There are four parts to a header:

- **Committee name**
- **The topic being discussed**
- **Sponsors (contributors to the draft resolution)**
- **Signatories (delegates who agree to have the resolution presented in the voting stage)**

*The header also includes a resolution number (given by the Chair) and title of the resolution. Additionally, start the actual writing by addressing the committee.

Preambulatory Clauses

- Identifies problems that require solving
- Revisits the past calls to action

To write one...

- 1) State your country's position on the issue
- 2) Insert a preambulatory phrase from the word bank describing how your country feels about the issue
- 3) *Italicize the preambulatory word used*
- 4) End the clause with a comma “,”

Operative Clauses

- Recommends solutions to the issues discussed in preambulatory clauses

To write one...

- 1) State the solutions your country brings forth
- 2) Insert an operative phrase from the word bank describing the action needed to be taken
- 3) *Italicize the operative phrase used*
- 4) Number your clauses
- 5) End each clause with a semicolon “;”

Sample Resolution



Sample resolution taken from:

<https://bestdelegate.com/model-un-made-easy-how-to-write-a-resolution/>

General Assembly Third Committee

Sponsors: United States, Austria and Italy

Signatories: Greece, Tajikistan, Japan, Canada, Mali, the Netherlands and Gabon

Topic: "Strengthening UN coordination of humanitarian assistance in complex emergencies"

The General Assembly,

Reminding all nations of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, which recognizes the inherent dignity, equality and inalienable rights of all global citizens, **[use commas to separate preambulatory clauses]**

Reaffirming its Resolution 33/1996 of 25 July 1996, which encourages Governments to work with UN bodies aimed at improving the coordination and effectiveness of humanitarian assistance,

Noting with satisfaction the past efforts of various relevant UN bodies and nongovernmental organizations,

Stressing the fact that the United Nations faces significant financial obstacles and is in need of reform, particularly in the humanitarian realm,

1. Encourages all relevant agencies of the United Nations to collaborate more closely with countries at the grassroots level to enhance the carrying out of relief efforts; **[use semicolons to separate operative clauses]**
2. Urges member states to comply with the goals of the UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs to streamline efforts of humanitarian aid;
3. Requests that all nations develop rapid deployment forces to better enhance the coordination of relief efforts of humanitarian assistance in complex emergencies;
4. Calls for the development of a United Nations Trust Fund that encourages voluntary donations from the private transnational sector to aid in funding the implementation of rapid deployment forces;
5. Stresses the continuing need for impartial and objective information on the political, economic and social situations and events of all countries;
6. Calls upon states to respond quickly and generously to consolidated appeals for humanitarian assistance; and
7. Requests the expansion of preventive actions and assurance of post-conflict assistance through reconstruction and development. **[end resolutions with a period]**