* 1. **How to Write a Model United Nations Resolution**

**What is a resolution ?**

A resolution a document offers a solution to a problem in the view of the UN.

**The 3 components of resolution**

**I.Heading** – defines which U.N. organ the resolution is addressed to, the subject/title of the resolution, and the country submitting it.

**II.Preambulatory Clauses**–define and give the historical context for the problem the resolution seeks to resolve

**III.Operative Clauses**–are the recommended policies of changes/solutions for the problem outlined in the Preambulatory Clauses.

How is a Model United Nations resolution formatted ?

**Part I: Resolution Heading**

Sample Heading

FORUM: The Economic and Social Council

QUESTION OF: The Enlarged Emergency Disaster Relief Fund

SUBMITTED BY: Germany

SUPPORTED BY :

**Part II: Preambulatory Clauses**

**Central Question:** do the Preambulatory Clauses fully address the problem the resolution aims to solve?

**Critical elements of a Preambulatory Clauses**

1.Should include the submitter’s Perspective on the problem

2.Multiple perspectives, interests, and facets of problem

• International/national/regional/local

• Political

• Economic

• Social Cultural

• Religious, gender, race, ethnic, etc.

• Environmental

3.Causes and effects of the problem

4.History of United Nations and its various organizations treatment of problem [Considerfollowing:]

• UN Charter

• Past UN resolutions or treaties on the topic under discussion

• Statements made by the Secretary

• General or a relevant UN body or agency

**A tip :organization of the Preambulatory Clauses**

Thematically

Chronologically

**Part III: Operative Clauses**

**Central Question:** Do Operative Clauses solve the problem articulated in Preambulatory Clauses?

1. Have they considered all the dimensions of the problem? Environmental, Political, Traditions, Economic, Political, Religious, Gender, Race, Ethnic, etc.?
2. What arguments and parties will be opposed to the solution and how can they be addressed ?
3. What is the timeframe for implementing the steps towards the solution/s?
4. Do organizations need to be created to solve the problem?

• How will be it administrated? Structures, powers?

• Who will be its members?

1. Does each Operative Clause have one main idea or does it contain a mixture of several ideas that should be disentangled?
2. Is there a logical flow to your operative clauses ?

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**Form :** Each operative clause **begins with a verb** (called an operative phrase) and ends **with a semicolon**

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| **PREAMBULAR PHRASES** *(single verb in present participle or other introductory phrase)* | | | | |
| . Affirming  . Alarmed by  . Approving  . Aware of  . Believing  . Bearing in mind  . Confident  . Convinced  . Declaring | . Deeply concerned  . Deeply convinced  . Deeply disturbed  . Deeply regretting  . Desiring  . Emphasizing  . Expecting  . Fulfilling  . Fully aware | . Fully alarmed  . Fully believing  . Further deploring  . Guided by  . Having adopted  . Having considered  . Having examined  . Having studied  . Having heard | . Having received  . Keeping in mind  . Noting with regret  . Noting with satisfaction  . Noting with deep concern  . Noting with approval  . Observing  . Realizing  . Reaffirming | . Recalling  . Recognizing  . Seeking  . Taking into consideration  . Viewing with appreciation  . Welcoming |

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| **OPERATIVE PHRASES** *(verb in third person present indicative tense)* | | | | |
| . Accepts  . Affirms  . Approves  . Authorizes  . Calls  . Calls upon  . Condemns  . Congratulates | . Confirms  . Considers  . Declares accordingly  . Deplores  . Draws the attention  . Designates  . Emphasizes  . Encourages | . Endorses  . Expresses its appreciation  . Expresses its hope  . Further invites  . Further proclaims  . Further reminds  . Further recommends  . Further resolves | . Further requests  . Has resolved  . Notes  . Proclaims  . Reaffirms  . Recommends  . Reminds  . Regrets | . Requests  . Solemnly affirms  . Strongly condemns  . Supports  . Takes note of  . Transmits  . Urges  . Welcomes |

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| **SAMPLE PREAMBULAR PHRASE CRESCENDOS** *(lists start with neutral/weakest and end with strongest phrases)*  **Noting** (by being neutral, this term actually can connote negativity; for example, a resolution “noting the report of the Secretary-General” actually insults the Secretary-General’s work by not being more approving)  **Noting with appreciation** (this is a typical way to recognize a report or other document)  **Noting with satisfaction**  **Noting with deep satisfaction**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Noting**  **Noting with regret**  **Noting with deep regret** |

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| **SAMPLE OPERATIVE PHRASE CRESCENDOS**  **Notes** (see comments on “noting” above)  **Notes with appreciation**  **Notes with satisfaction**  **Welcomes**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Recommends** (used when organs suggest that other organs take an action)  **Invites** (suggest that Member States take an action)  **Requests** (suggest that the Secretary-General take an action)  **Appeals** (suggest that Member States take an action - more emotional)  **Calls upon** (suggest that Member States take an action - more emotional)  **Urges** (strongest suggestion by the General Assembly)  **Demands** (rarely used by the General Assembly)  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Notes with concern**  **Expresses its concern**  **Expresses its deep concern**  **Deplores**  **Strongly deplores**  **Condemns** (rarely used by the General Assembly) |

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| **Terms often misunderstood**  **Declares** (used to make a statement)  **Decides** (used to indicate an action to be taken) |

**SAMPLE DRAFT RESOLUTION**

*Please note: the sample resolution presented below is shown for formatting purposes only. It is intentionally simplistic, and is not meant to represent the content of an actual draft resolution.*

**SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION:** Refraining from the Use of Force in International Relations

SUBMITTED TO: The First Committee

SUBMITTED BY: (Your Country)

*SUPPORTED BY :*

*The First Committee*

*Recognizing* that the use of force in international relations cannot be condoned,

*Affirming* the principles of the UN Charter regarding the non-use of force in international relations, with specific attention to Chapter I, Articles 1 and 2, and Chapter VI, Article 33 regarding the pacific settlement of disputes,

*Seeking* solutions to international problems without the use of force,

*Deeply concerned* that some nations still consider the use of force acceptable,

1. *Requests* all nations to refrain from the use of force in international relations;

2. *Supports* the use of the various United Nations bodies, including the International Court of Justice and the Security Council, for the settlement of international disputes;

3. *Congratulates* all nations which choose to resolve their disputes in a peaceful fashion.