Vocabluary

**Jus ad bellum:** Law governing state’s rights to use force

**Jus in bello:** Encompasses rules governing conduct of the conflict

**Jus post bellum:** Dispensation of justice after a conflict

Preambulatory Clauses

The preamble of a draft resolution states the reasons for which the committee is addressing the topic and highlights past international action on the issue. Each clause begins with a present participle (called a preambulatory phrase) and ends with a comma. Preambulatory clauses can include:

* References to the UN Charter;
* Citations of past UN resolutions or treaties on the topic under discussion;
* Mentions of statements made by the Secretary-General or a relevant UN body or agency;
* Recognition of the efforts of regional or nongovernmental organizations in dealing with the issue; and
* General statements on the topic, its significance and its impact.

Sample Preambulatory Phrases

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| Affirming Alarmed by Approving Bearing in mind Believing Confident Contemplating Convinced Declaring Deeply concerned Deeply conscious Deeply convinced Deeply Disturbed Deeply Regretting Desiring Emphasizing | Expecting Emphasizing Expecting Expressing it’s appreciation Fulfilling Fully aware Emphasizing Expecting Expressing it’s appreciation Fulfilling Fully aware Further deploring Further recalling Guided by Having adopted Having considered | Having examined Having received Keeping in min Noting with deep concern Nothing with satisfaction Noting further Observing Reaffirming Realizing Recalling Recognizing Referring Seeking Taking into consideration Taking note Viewing with appreciation Welcoming |

Operative Clauses

Operative clauses offer solutions to issues addressed earlier in a resolution through the perambulatory section.  These clauses are action oriented and should include both an underlined verb at the beginning of your sentence followed by the proposed solution.  Each clause should follow the following principals:

* Clause should be numbered;
* Each clause should support one another and continue to build your solution;
* Add details to your clauses in order to have a complete solution;
* Operative clauses are punctuated by a semicolon, with the exception of your last operative clause which should end with a period.

Sample Operative Phrases

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| Accepts Affirms Approves Authorizes Calls Calls upon Condemns Confirms Congratulates Considers Declares accordingly Deplores Designates Draws the attention Emphasizes | Encourages Endorses Expresses its appreciation Expresses its hope Further invites Deplores Designates Draws the attention Emphasizes Encourages Endorses Expresses its appreciation Expresses its hope Further invites Further proclaims Further reminds | Further recommends Further requests Further resolves Has resolved Notes Proclaims Reaffirms Recommends Regrets Reminds Requests Solemnly affirms Strongly condemns Supports Takes note of Transmits Trusts |