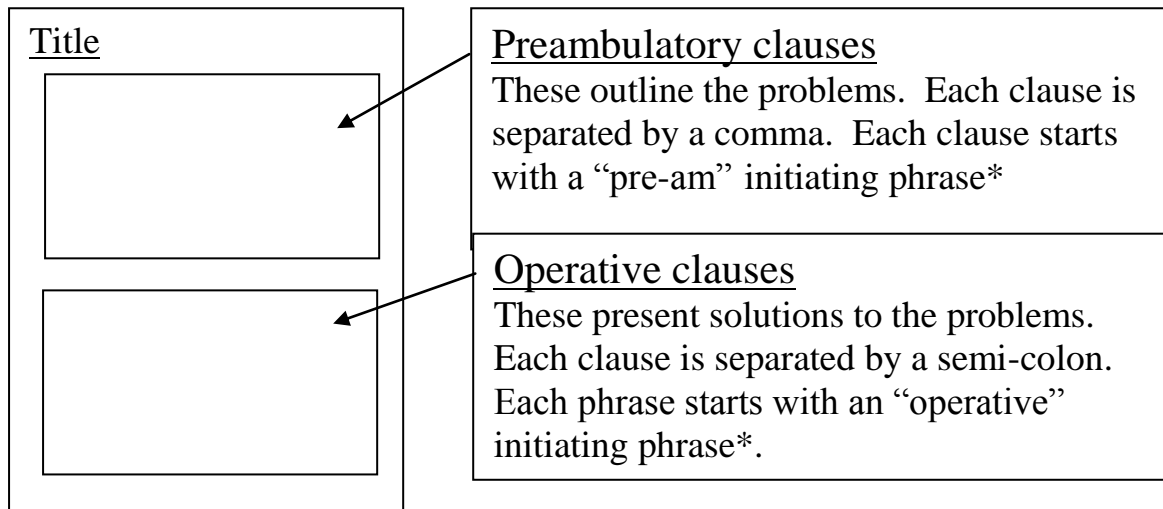


How to write a resolution

The basic structure of a resolution is shown below.



OPERATIVE CLAUSES

- Operative clauses state what you want the UN to do.
- Use a present tense verb to start the clause,
e.g. Recommends, Suggests, Requests, Decides.
See below for more operative clause phrases.
- Number each clause.
- Underline the initiating phrase.
- End each clause with a semi-colon.
- For most conferences 6 to 12 operative clauses will normally be expected, although this may vary. Some conferences have maximum and minimum limits on the length of resolutions.

<i>Accepts</i>	<i>Considers</i>	<i>Expresses its hope</i>	<i>Regrets</i>
<i>Affirms</i>	<i>Declares</i>	<i>Further ...</i>	<i>Requests</i>
<i>Approves</i>	<i>Deplores</i>	<i>(+ another</i>	<i>Resolves</i>
<i>Asks</i>	<i>Draws attention</i>	<i>term already</i>	<i>Solemnly affirms</i>
<i>Authorises</i>	<i>Designates</i>	<i>used)</i>	<i>Suggests</i>
<i>Calls for</i>	<i>Emphasises</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Supports</i>
<i>Calls upon</i>	<i>Encourages</i>	<i>Proclaims</i>	<i>Takes note of</i>
<i>Condemns</i>	<i>Endorses</i>	<i>Reaffirms</i>	<i>Transmits</i>
<i>Congratulates</i>	<i>Expresses its</i>	<i>Recommends</i>	<i>Trusts</i>
<i>Confirms</i>	<i>appreciation</i>	<i>Reminds</i>	<i>Urges</i>

PREAMBLE

- The preamble outlines the background to the resolution.
- Start each clause with a verb that describes the UN's attitude to the situation
e.g. Believing that..., Acknowledging that..., Concerned by...,
See below for more preamble clause phrases.
- Underline the initiating phrase.
- End each clause with a comma.
- Approximately 5 to 8 pre-ambulatory clauses are normal in a resolution.

<i>Affirming</i>	<i>Emphasising</i>	<i>Having</i>	<i>Noting with</i>
<i>Alarmed by</i>	<i>Expecting</i>	<i>considered</i>	<i>approval</i>
<i>Approving</i>	<i>Expressing its</i>	<i>further</i>	<i>Observing</i>
<i>Aware of</i>	<i>appreciation</i>	<i>Having devoted</i>	<i>Reaffirming</i>
<i>Believing</i>	<i>Expressing its</i>	<i>attention</i>	<i>Realising</i>
<i>Bearing in mind</i>	<i>satisfaction</i>	<i>Having examined</i>	<i>Recalling</i>
<i>Confident</i>	<i>Fulfilling</i>	<i>Having studied</i>	<i>Recognising</i>
<i>Contemplating</i>	<i>Fully aware</i>	<i>Having heard</i>	<i>Referring</i>
<i>Convinced</i>	<i>Fully alarmed</i>	<i>Having received</i>	<i>Seeking</i>
<i>Declaring</i>	<i>Fully believing</i>	<i>Keeping in mind</i>	<i>Taking into</i>
<i>Deeply concerned</i>	<i>Further</i>	<i>Noting with regret</i>	<i>account</i>
<i>Deeply conscious</i>	<i>(+another term</i>	<i>Noting with</i>	<i>Taking into</i>
<i>Deeply convinced</i>	<i>already used)</i>	<i>satisfaction</i>	<i>consideration</i>
<i>Deeply disturbed</i>	<i>Guided by</i>	<i>Noting with deep</i>	<i>Taking note</i>
<i>Deeply regretting</i>	<i>Having adopted</i>	<i>concern</i>	<i>Viewing with</i>
<i>Deploring</i>	<i>Having</i>	<i>Noting further</i>	<i>appreciation</i>
<i>Desiring</i>	<i>considered</i>		<i>Welcoming</i>

Formatting your resolution

1) At the top of your resolution put four headings, as shown below:

COMMITTEE:

QUESTION OF:

SUBMITTED BY:

CO-SUBMITTED BY:

- After 'Committee', insert your committee name
(Political, Human Rights or Economic & Social)
- After 'Question of', insert the topic of your debate
('Piracy in the Indian Ocean', 'Human Trafficking' or 'Fair Trade')
- After 'Submitted by', insert your country name.
- After 'Co-submitted by', leave this space blank so that you can fill in the names of countries that agree to support your resolution during the lobbying process.

2) Under your heading, leave three blank lines to insert the names of other co-submitting countries.

3) Just above the preamble, write:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
followed by a blank line.

4) Leave a blank line between the preamble and the operative clauses.

5) At the end of the last operative clause, change the semi-colon to a full-stop.

6) Indent the second and subsequent lines of any clauses that go over more than one line (like this sentence).

An example resolution, properly formatted, is shown on the next page.

Example resolution

