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What are Resolutions?

Role of a resolution

Resolutions are the ultimate goal of the committee session, they aim to solve the problems that the committees are discussing.

Who writes the resolution?

- Any delegate can contribute to the resolution writing process.
- The author of the resolution is the sponsor.
- Most resolution must have multiple sponsors as it takes a collective group to reach a resolution.

What is a resolution?

- A resolution is a document that contains all the issues that the committee wants to solve and the proposed solutions to those issues.
- It should be referred to as a draft before it is passed during the voting procedure.

When/where are they written?

- Resolution writing process takes place during unmoderated caucuses, where delegates are able to collaborate, share ideas and form blocs.
- Resolution writing will become more focused during the later sessions, when each country's policies have become more clear.

What is the role of a resolution?

- The ultimate purpose of a committee session is to pass a resolution.
- The resolution that gains the majority vote in voting procedure will be passed.

How to write a resolution?

Resolutions have three key sections, the **heading**, the **pre-ambulatory clauses** and the **operative clauses**

Heading

Heading contains, the committee name, the sponsors, the signatories and the topic

- **Sponsors** are the authors of the resolution, those who have been fundamental in the writing process
- **Signatories** other delegates in the committee who don't necessarily agree with every clause, but support the whole

Pre-ambulatory clauses

The pre-ambulatory clauses state all the issues that the committee wants to resolve, it may state the reasons why the committee is addressing these issues, highlighting previous international actions on the issues

Pre ambulatory clauses may include:

- Past UN resolutions, treaties, or conventions related to the topic
- Past regional, non-governmental, or national efforts on the topic
- Reference to the UN charter or other international frameworks and laws
- Statements made by the secretary-general or a relevant UN body or agency
- General background information or facts about the topic, and its significance and impact

How to write a pre-ambulatory clause

1. Take a statement that you want to write about
2. Combine that with a pre-ambulatory phrase
3. End it with a comma

In general, you want fewer pre-ambulatory clauses than operative clauses (see below), this is because having more operative clauses conveys that you have more solutions than problems

Operative clauses

Operative clauses state the solutions that the sponsors of the resolution proposes to resolve the issues raised.

They should address the issues specifically mentioned in the pre-ambulatory clauses.

How to write an operate clause

1. Take a solution that you want to include in a draft resolution
2. Combine with an operative phrase
3. Numbered to show logical progression, and makes them easy to refer to

Use more detail in operative clauses, which make them stronger and clearer.

PRE-AMBLUATORY PHRASES

Affirming	Emphasizing	Nothing with deep concern
Alarmed by	Expecting	Noting with satisfaction
Approving	Expressing its appreciation	Noting further
Aware of	Expressing its appreciation	Noting with approval
Bearing in mind	Fulfilling	Observing
Believing	Fully alarmed	Reaffirming
Confident	Fully aware	Realizing
Contemplating	Fully believing	Recalling
Convinced	Guided by	Recognising
Declaring	Having adopted	Referring
Deeply concerned	Having considered	Seeking
Deeply conscious	Having examined	Taking into account
Deeply convinced	Having received	Taking into consideration
Deeply disturbed	Having studied	Welcoming
Deeply regretting	Keeping in mind	
Desiring	Noting with regret	

OPERATIVE PHRASES

Accepts	Emphasizes	Notes
Affirms	Encourages	Proclaims
Approves	Endorses	Reaffirms
Authorizes	Expresses its appreciation	Recommends
Calls	Expresses its hope	Regrets
Calls upon	Further invites	Requests
Condemns	Deplores	Reminds
Considers	Draws the attention	Strongly affirms
Declares accordingly	Further invites	Support
Deplores	Further proclaims	Trusts
Designates	Further reminds	Transmits
Draws the attention	Has resolved	

