

## How to Write a Resolution Paper

A resolution is essentially one very long sentence, broken down into small parts, that describes why a committee wants to take action, and which actions it wants to take. There are three main parts to a draft resolution: the heading, the preamble, and the operative clauses. The heading must include the names of the sponsors and signatories of the resolution, and the topic it attempts to address.

The pre-ambulatory clauses are the clauses that state the issues the committee wants to resolve, but they do not contain substance and are not legally binding in any committee. They include: past actions taken by UN bodies, past statements by UN agencies, general information or facts about the topic, the significance of the topic and previous efforts. A pre-ambulatory clause starts with a pre-ambulatory phrase in italics, followed the statement, ending with a semicolon.

Operative clauses contain all the solutions that the sponsor(s) of the resolution propose. These clauses set out actual solutions and initiatives for the committee to undertake. They implement new policies or make a statement. It is important that each clause should aim to solve a specific aspect of the issue, and not be too broad. An operative clause starts with an italicised operative phrase, followed by the substance, and ends with a semicolon. The last operative clause finishes with a period.

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**Committee:** UNESCO

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

**Sponsors:** United States, Austria, United Kingdom, Italy, and Japan

**Signatories:** Finland, South Africa, Germany, India, Egypt, and Venezuela

### The General Assembly,

1. 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, and
  2. 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, and
  3. Noting with satisfaction the past efforts of various relevant UN bodies and nongovernmental organizations, and
  4. Stressing the fact that the United Nations faces significant financial obstacles and is in need of reform, particularly in the humanitarian realm, and
  5. 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;
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1. Urges member states to comply with the goals of the UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs to streamline efforts of humanitarian aid, and
  2. Requests that all nations develop rapid deployment forces to better enhance the coordination of relief efforts of humanitarian assistance in complex emergencies, and
  3. 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, and
  4. Stresses the continuing need for impartial and objective information on the political, economic and social situations and events of all countries, and
  5. Calls upon states to respond quickly and generously to consolidated appeals for humanitarian assistance, and
  6. Requests the expansion of preventive actions and assurance of post conflict assistance through reconstruction and development.

## Pre-ambulatory Clauses

Aware of by	Deeply disturbed	Guided	Emphasizing
Referring	Seeking	Having considered	Nothing further
Recalling	Affirming	Taking note	Welcoming
Noting with deep concern	Further recalling	Desiring	Further deploring
Deeply convinced	Noting with satisfaction	Noting with regret	Further believing
Deeply conscious	Keeping in mind	Fully alarmed	Deeply concerned
Fulfilling	Convinced	Declaring	Having heard
Having heard	Fully aware	Recognizing	Contemplating
Having received	Having examined	Bearing in mind	Confident
Believing	Having considered further	Realizing	Deeply regretting
Expecting	Observing	Alarmed by	Having adopted

## Operative Clauses

Accepts	Affirms	Approves	Authorizes
Calls	Calls upon	Condemns	Confirms
Considers	Declares accordingly	Requests	Designates
Draws attention	Emphasizes	Encourages	Urges
Resolves	Supports	Further proclaims	Further recommends
Further reminds	Further requests	Further resolves	Have resolved
Further requests	Further resolves	Have resolved	Notes
Proclaims	Reaffirms	Recommends	Regrets
Reminds			