



PSCI 3510 Terrorism and Political Violence Guide to Writing Resolutions

A resolution consists of three sections: the heading, preambulatory clauses, and operative clauses.

Heading

The heading contains four pieces of information: the committee name, the sponsors, the signatories, and the topic. It is single spaced and left-aligned.

Resolution UNCT/3510/1.1

UN Counter-Terrorism Committee
Sponsors: China, Russia and Kazakhstan
Signatories: Bolivia, Ethiopia, Italy, Senegal
Topic: Stopping terrorist financing

Sample resolution heading

- The committee name will be the same for all resolutions.
- The sponsors are the authors of the resolution. Each resolution must have a minimum of two sponsors.
- The signatories are other delegates in the committee who do not necessarily agree with the resolution but would like to see it debated. Each resolution must have a minimum of ~~two~~ one signatories. (If there are ~~four~~ three sponsors, no signatories are needed.)
- Only UNSC members can serve as sponsors or signatories. Invited delegations can lobby SC members and can even help draft resolutions but cannot themselves be sponsors or signatories.
- The president and vice-president are responsible for ensuring that draft resolutions correspond to this format and for assigning numbers according to the format in the upper right corner. Each new draft resolution should be numbered sequentially (1.1, 1.2, etc.) in chronological order of submission.

Preambulatory Clauses

The preamble of a draft resolution states the reasons for which the committee is addressing the topic and (optional) highlights past international action on the issue. Each clause begins with a present participle (called a preambulatory phrase or action word) 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 action words:

Affirming	Deeply conscious	Emphasizing
Alarmed by	Deeply convinced	Expecting
Approving	Deeply disturbed	Further deploring
Bearing in mind	Deeply regretting	Further recalling
Believing	Desiring	Guided by
Confident	Emphasizing	Having adopted
Contemplating	Expecting	Having considered
Convinced	Expressing its appreciation	Having examined
Declaring	Fulfilling	Having received
Deeply concerned	Fully aware	Keeping in mind

Noting with deep concern
Noting 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 (third person singular) at the beginning of your sentence followed by the proposed solution. Each clause should follow the following principals:

- Clauses 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 action words:

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