

# WRITING YOUR RESOLUTION

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## Definition:

A resolution is a written proposal that deals with the issues being entertained by a UN committee. In your case, your resolution will need to concern topics that would fall within one of the standing committees being heard at our Model United Nations conference. (*You should consult your advisor for a listing of these committees.*) Your resolution will first be heard in a sub-committee setting, then ranked. Should you rank well enough to move on to committee, you will present your resolution again for consideration by the committee as a possible resolution to be heard in the Plenary Session of the General Assembly.

**PLEASE USE THE RESOLUTION TEMPLATE PROVIDED ON OUR WEBSITE TO TYPE YOUR RESOLUTION ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:**

## Structure:

Resolutions are divided into three parts:

1. Header
2. Preambulatory Clauses
3. Operative Clauses

Here's a further description of what those sections should include:

### ▪ **HEADER**

The header will provide the basic information about your resolution purposes, used mainly for administrative purposes by the Secretaries General. (AKA State YIG Office) The template on our website includes a prompt for all of the items required for your header. They are:

**Sponsor** (Your country)

**Delegates** (Alphabetical listing of your country members)

**Committee** (One of the standing committees)

**Topic** (Of your choosing, so long as it fits into one of our committees)

### ▪ **PREAMBULATORY CLAUSES**

These clauses introduce the problem at hand, provide necessary background information, and give a general indication of the attitude of the resolution. You should begin each of your preambulatory clauses with an underlined word, as in the sample resolution found in this manual. Please see the list of sample preambulatory clause beginnings in this manual for some ideas.

### ▪ **OPERATIVE CLAUSES**

Your operative clauses should be the meat and potatoes of your resolution. They should outline your ideas and specific proposed actions for the resolution. An operative clause should present your solution or solutions to the problem you're addressing. A good operative clause can be one of many things: original, innovative, concerning policy, and economically and politically feasible. Each of your operative clauses should be numbered, and like your preambulatory clauses, should begin with an underlined word or words. Each clause should end with a semi-colon. Some good examples of operative clause beginnings are: *Calls for*, *Strongly encourages*, & *Establishes*.