

# Resolutions

In a country's government, official documents are drafted, which aim to solve a specific situation. In the United Nations, similar documents are also drafted; these are called Resolution. Resolutions –in the UN and in MUN- are submitted by one member state, which is generally the largest contributor to the resolution and/or the most involved in the issue –out of the merging group. Resolutions are not written by one member state, but are a combined effort between different member states who've taken interest in that specific issue. Although a Main Submitter could contribute the most, that's not to say that no one else can contribute, as every delegate has an equal opinion.

Resolutions, which are successful, are ones that can appeal to the majority of the parties (states) involved and doesn't contradict. By giving solutions to both sides, which are just, and doesn't punish one side completely, or favour the other side completely are more likely to pass as they can appeal to more member states in the house. Resolutions, which only touch on the factors involved in the issue, are generally more vague and less likely to pass, however, those that aim to resolve many or most of the factors involved are more likely to pass as they offer incentives to the various problems, which contribute to the issue.

Unlike in the Security Council<sup>1</sup>, Advisory Panel<sup>2</sup> or in IGOs<sup>3</sup>, where resolutions are Ad Hoc<sup>4</sup>, resolutions in other committees are written before debate. There are three components to every resolution:

## The Heading

The Heading is a mandatory part of resolutions. Though they don't contribute to the content of a resolution, they address the committee; state the issue being resolved, the submitter of the resolution, and those who've co-submitted the resolution (signatories).

## Preambulatory Clauses

The Preambulatory clauses describe what the issue is. They explain what the past and current situation is and state facts about the issue. You'll find during the Lobbying stage, that for delegates who haven't researched that specific issue as their focussed one, they are more likely to sign onto your topic if you've addressed and explained the situation of that issue well and have accurate facts about it.

## Operative Clauses

The Operative clauses are the most essential part of a resolution. Strong Operative clauses lead to more delegates voting in favour of your resolution. The Operative clauses explain what can be done to resolve an issue. Please note that successful and strong operative clauses not only explain what can be done, but give possible sub-clauses on how it could be achieved.

On the following page one can find a sample resolution submitted by Japan on the Nuclear Disarmament of DPR Korea from the First Committee of the General Assembly (GA1)

## Sample Resolution (Layout Annotation)

**FORUM:** GA1 (Disarmament and International Security)

**QUESTION OF:** Nuclear Disarmament of DPR Korea

**SUBMITTED BY:** Japan

**CO-SUBMITTED BY:** The United Kingdom, the Republic of France, the Russian Federation, the United States of America, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of India, the Netherlands, the Italian Republic, Canada, the Republic of South Africa, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Commonwealth of Australia, the Federative Republic of Brazil

**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,** —The Addressed House (In Upper Case)

Preambulatory Clauses

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Noting with Concern how states that pose a threat to international peace and security are referred to as Rogue States,

Further recalling the numerous Six-Party Peace Talks between the People's Republic of China, Japan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, and the United States of America,

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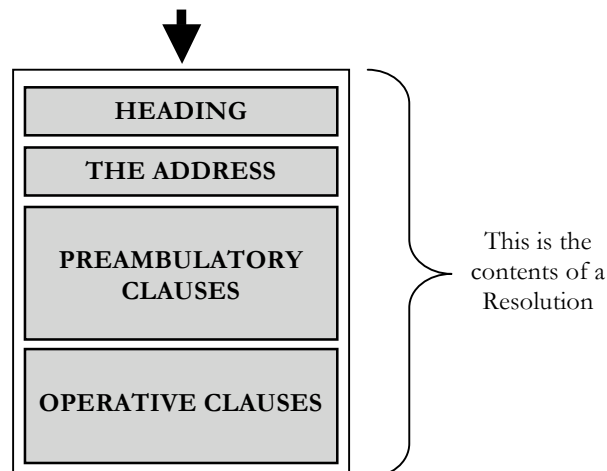
- 1) Urges the use of IAEA and the OPCW in regard to:
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- 2) Calls for DPR Korea to terminate all Nuclear and Airborne Missile Activity by a set date, under the decision of the Six Party Talks, with the observance of the IAEA and the Security Council;
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In Summary a Resolution's layout should go in the following order:



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## Resolution Do's and Don'ts

A period/full stop (.) ends the last operative clause, indicating the end of the resolution

In summary, remember that in:

### Heading:

Begin with "Forum" indicating the committee

Continue with "Submitted by" to indicate who is the main contributor/main speaker of the Resolution

Follow this by "Co-Submitted by" to illustrate those who've signed on (signatories) to the Resolution

Use the full official name of the delegations (one gets delegates to sign on during the Lobbying Stage<sup>1</sup>)

Address the Committee (in Upper Case), following this, comes the Preambulatory clauses

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### In the Preambulatory Clauses PLEASE DO:

- State strong and recent facts about the issue
- Use statistics where applicable
- Mention the past situation and current situation
- Recall any passed resolutions by the UN on the issue
- Relate any other organisations involved in the situation
- State relevant organisations’ efforts in the situation
- If applicable, use developing countries/LEDCs or developed countries/ MEDCs

### In the Preambulatory Clauses PLEASE DON’T:

- Be too one sided/bias
- Use “Third World countries”/ “poor countries” or “First World countries”/ “rich countries”

### In the Operative Clauses PLEASE DO:

- Aim to find solutions, which solve the smaller problems that contribute to the issue
- Elaborate on the solutions in your operative clauses (sub clauses and sub-sub clauses)
- Make use of any UN organisations or create ones to help the issue
- Emphasize cooperation between governments and relevant UN organisations
- Explain different methods of approaching the same problem through clauses

### In the Operative Clauses PLEASE DON’T:

- Break the sovereignty a government has over its land
- Mention specific sources and specific (numbers) amount of funding
- Be vague with your solutions, or simply state a way of solving something without explaining ways of doing so
- Create unrealistic solutions to the issue, which are vague solutions/ not possible to be put into force

### In All Clauses PLEASE DON’T:

- **PLAGIARISE:**As Plagiarism isn’t at all tolerated at MUN conferences, even if one is trying to get ideas from resolutions. One can only use similar ideas, and rewrite them as ones own, not use that particular clause/ resolution! At MUN conferences, plagiarism is dealt with strongly and often results in one being removed from the conference, and problems between ones school/delegation and the conference management.



## Some Bad Clauses

1. *Asks for the Government of DPR Korea to withdraw all nuclear weapons;*

**Explanation:** This is an unrealistic clause, and it is vague. It asks for DPR Korea to simply withdraw their weapons, however, it doesn't state how they should, why they should (the consequence if they don't, such as being sanctioned) and it doesn't provide a time span in which they should do it. It could be asking them to withdraw their weaponry now, or in 50 years. It is unknown as it is not elaborate.

2. *Calls for the UN to collect \$100,000,000 from DPR Korea for holding nuclear weapons and asks that the IMF gives one quarter of it to third world countries for development*

**Explanation:** This clause refers to a specific amount of funding, which cannot be discussed. It also refers to a specific source and how much of the money they will take. As specific funds cannot be discussed at MUN, this clause is an example of a bad clause. The clause also refers to the colloquial term "third world countries", which is not the official address of LEDCs. For it to be bettered, it could call on the United Nations to collect funds from DPR Korea if they refuse to disarm their nuclear program, and then could ask that relevant organisations use the funds in helping developing countries.

3. *Suggests that the currently government of DPR Korea immediately step down from power and allow the United Nations to act as a provisional government from where, re-elections should be held within one day the current government stepping down*

**Explanation:** This clause is unrealistic as it asks a re-election to be held after one day of the government stepping down. In reality that is not possible as there would be conflict within the country that would first need to be dealt with and the disarming of nuclear weaponry would also need to be solved before a re-election can happen. As it asks for the government to step down and then have the UN act as a provisional government, it also breaches the sovereignty that DPR Korea has over its country, making it a strongly disputable clause.

4. *Requests within 60 days a report from the Director General of the IAEA on whether DPR Korea has established full and sustained suspension of all activities mentioned in this resolution, as well as on the process of Korean compliance with all the steps required by the IAEA Board and with the other provisions of this resolution, to the IAEA Board of Governors and in parallel to the Security Council for its consideration;*

**Explanation:** Although this is a very good clause, and makes use of the IAEA well, and offers incentives to the situation, which member states can agree upon, this is however, a plagiarized clause from the UN Security Council Resolution 1737. As Plagiarism isn't at all tolerated at MUN conferences, even if one is trying to get ideas from resolutions. One can only use similar ideas, and rewrite them as ones own, not use that particular clause/ resolution! At MUN conferences, plagiarism is dealt with strongly and often results in one being removed from the conference, and problems between ones school/delegation and the conference management.

## Useful Preambulatory Clause Starters

<b>Affirming</b>	<b>Having adopted</b>
<b>Alarmed by</b>	<b>Having considered</b>
<b>Approving</b>	<b>Having considered further</b>
<b>Aware of</b>	<b>Having devoted attention</b>
<b>Bearing in mind</b>	<b>Having examined</b>
<b>Believing</b>	<b>Having heard</b>
<b>Confident</b>	<b>Having received</b>
<b>Contemplating</b>	<b>Having studied</b>
<b>Convinced</b>	<b>Keeping in mind</b>
<b>Declaring</b>	<b>Noting with regret</b>
<b>Deeply concerned</b>	<b>Noting with deep concern</b>
<b>Deeply conscious</b>	<b>Noting with satisfaction</b>
<b>Deeply convinced</b>	<b>Noting further</b>
<b>Deeply disturbed</b>	<b>Noting with approval</b>
<b>Deeply regretting</b>	<b>Observing</b>
<b>Desiring</b>	<b>Reaffirming</b>
<b>Emphasizing</b>	<b>Realizing</b>
<b>Expecting</b>	<b>Recalling</b>
<b>Expressing its appreciation</b>	<b>Recognizing</b>
<b>Expressing its satisfaction</b>	<b>Referring</b>
<b>Fulfilling</b>	<b>Seeking</b>
<b>Fully alarmed</b>	<b>Taking into account</b>
<b>Fully aware</b>	<b>Taking into consideration</b>
<b>Fully believing</b>	<b>Taking note</b>
<b>Further deploring</b>	<b>Viewing with appreciation</b>
<b>Further recalling</b>	<b>Welcoming</b>
<b>Guided by</b>	

Please Note: Any of these Clause Starters can be reused by adding “further” or “deeply” in-front of it. For example: “Noting” can be reused by becoming “Further Noting” or “Concern By” can be reused by becoming “Deeply Concerned By”

## Useful Operative Clause Starters

Accepts	Endorses
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Asks	Further proclaims
Authorizes	Further reminds
Calls	Further recommends
Calls for	Further requests
Calls upon	Further resolves
<b>Condemns</b>	Has resolved
Confirms	Hopes
Congratulates	Invites
Considers	Notes
<b>Decides</b>	Proclaims
<b>Declares accordingly</b>	Reaffirms
<b>Demands</b>	Recommends
Deplores	Regrets
Designates	Reminds
Draws the attention	Requests
Emphasizes	Sanctions
Encourages	Solemnly affirms
Endorses	<b>Strongly condemns</b>
Expresses its appreciation	<b>Strongly Urges</b>
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All clauses that are in **red** can only be used by the Security Council.

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