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Introduction

A Resolution Paper is essentially a formal document that expresses that committee's solutions or plan of action with regards to the issue being discussed. A well-written Resolution would be the essential product of an effective and productive debate. What follows is our Union and Peace guide on how to write a Resolution Paper. To begin writing a Resolution Paper, delegates must have first had the opportunity to thoroughly debate the topic in order to reach solutions, agreements, and compromises that could be used in a formal Resolution. Delegates who agree and express similar points of view with regards to the topic may then make a motion to open an Unmoderated Debate for the purpose of writing a working paper.



Working Papers, Draft Resolutions, and Voting

1. Delegates with similar views can, during an Unmoderated Debate and in the proper Resolution format, write a Working Paper. Delegates who cooperate in writing a Working Paper can be Signatories of that paper. From those Signatories, five Sponsors will be elected and will present the Working Paper to the committee.
2. For a Working Paper to be considered as a Draft Resolution, the paper needs 1/5 of the voting members as Signatories.
3. The Sponsors of each Working Paper will present their paper during the Speaker's List of the fourth session. Once all Working Papers are presented, the committee will elect one Working Paper through a Roll Call Vote. Each country can only vote in favor of one Working Paper. The elected Working Paper will become a Draft Resolution.

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4. In the fifth session, the Sponsors of the elected Draft Resolution, will present their Resolution to their assigned Main Organ Committee. Once the sponsors present their Resolution, the Main Organ Committee will decide if it passes through a 2/3 majority Roll Call Vote. If the Draft Resolution passes, the Draft Resolution becomes a Resolution Paper.



Resolution Format

A Resolution Paper must be divided into four sections:

1. Heading:

This section contains the following sections and accompanying information:

- Committee name
- Sponsors (maximum 5)
- Signatories
- Topic
- Resolution Statement

2. Opening:

Informs which Main Organ Committee will receive the Resolution

Draft from the delegates within the committee:

The (Main Organ that will be receiving the Resolution Draft)



3. Preamble:

The Preamble includes relevant background information including the topic being addressed and the justification of the solutions being presented. The Preamble is divided into Preambulatory Clauses.

Each Preambulatory Clause must begin with a Preambulatory Phrase included in the guide.

4. Operative Section:

This section must include the clear actions being proposed by the committee and to be undertaken by the United Nations. The Operative Section, is divided in Operative Clauses. Every Operative Clause must begin with an Operative Phrase provided in the guide.

Operative Clauses must be numbered as followed: 1, 2, 3, ...

Preambulatory Phrases

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

Operative Phrases

- Accepts
- Affirms
- Approves
- Authorizes
- Calls
- Calls upon
- Condemns
- Confirms
- Congratulates
- Considers
- Declares accordingly
- Deplores
- Draws the attention
- Emphasizes
- Encourages
- Endorses
- Expresses the appreciation
- Expresses its hopes
- 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 notes of
- Transmits
- Trusts

Sample Resolution Paper

Committee Name: Security Council

Sponsors: Israel, France, Iran, United Kingdom, and Japan

Signatories: United States, Venezuela, Slovakia, Czech Republic, and Peru.

Topic: Iran Nuclear Crisis

Resolution Statement: Limiting the extent of Iran's nuclear activity

The Security Council

Deeply concerned about the current situation regarding the nuclear energy program existing in Iran, and

Recalling the Non-Proliferation Treaty signed by Iran on February 1st, 1970, accepting all terms and conditions the NPT stated, and

Keeping in mind previous actions and resolutions taken by the Security Council and the international atomic energy agency, and

Undertaking to cooperate in facilitating application off International atomic energy agency safeguards for peaceful purposes, and

Taking into consideration the development of nuclear technology for the purpose of providing electric power,

(1) Urges all nations to peacefully and respectfully take part and supports the following actions;

(2) Accepts the right Iran has to use nuclear means to produce electric energy;

(3) Declares accordingly the institution of a new governing body for the Iranian nuclear program the latter which includes any activity related to radioactive material, which will be formed by two main bodies, each holding the same power of decision;



- 4) Designates the first body as a council formed of the representatives of nine Nations of which only one will be a permanent member of the Security Council and will be designated by Iran. Eight members will be designated by the Security Council;
- (5) Requests the Security Council and Iran not to re-elect members of the council without to intermediates terms of abstaining from participation;
- (6) Designates the second governing body as the Iranian government;
- (7) Requests Iran to accept, give complete access, and welcome International Personnel approved by 2/3 vote of the first body or committee;
- (8) Reaffirms the independence of this governing body from the IAEA and its absolute power of decision over any nuclear issues concerning Iran;
- (9) Considers it necessary to seize the effect of sanctions applied to Iran as a result of their nuclear activity;
- (10) Further proclaims the present resolution valid for the range of fifteen years, allowing reconsideration and renegotiation of the resolution here presented after strict ten years of its effective development.