

# How to Write a Resolution

Heading	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The <b>name of your committee</b> (e.g., General Assembly A)</li> <li>2. <b>Sponsors</b> - Countries that are co-writing your resolution (authors)</li> <li>3. The <b>Resolution Topic</b> (e.g., Water security)</li> </ol>																		
Preambulatory Clauses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The preambulatory clauses states all the issues that the committee wants to resolve on this issue. It may state reasons why the committee is working on this issue and highlight previous international actions on the issue.</li> <li>• <b>Sample Preambulatory Phrases:</b> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Affirming</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Deeply convinced</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Noting with regret</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Alarmed by</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Deeply conscious</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Noting with deep concern</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Aware of</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Expecting</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Noting with satisfaction</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Believing</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Fully alarmed</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Observing</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Declaring</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Fully Aware</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Recognizing</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Deeply concerned</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Keeping in mind</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Urging</td> </tr> </table> </li> <li>• Example preambulatory clauses: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Fully aware</b> of the dire situation currently unfolding in Syria that needs international attention</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Affirming	Deeply convinced	Noting with regret	Alarmed by	Deeply conscious	Noting with deep concern	Aware of	Expecting	Noting with satisfaction	Believing	Fully alarmed	Observing	Declaring	Fully Aware	Recognizing	Deeply concerned	Keeping in mind	Urging
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Signatories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A signatory is any country that wants to have the resolution heard (they can be in support or in opposition to the resolution)</li> <li>• You will need a certain percent of the committee to be signatories (the chairs will tell you the exact number of signatories necessary)</li> </ul>																		
Amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An amendment <b>adds, deletes or changes</b> an operative clause in a resolution, however the preambulatory clauses cannot be modified. Like resolutions, amendments also need a number of signatories. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A <b>friendly amendment</b> is a change to the draft resolution that all sponsors agree with. It is added to the resolution without the need for a vote. The amendment author will become a sponsor of the resolution.</li> <li>ii. An <b>unfriendly amendment</b> is a change that some or all of the draft resolution’s sponsors do not support. So, it must be voted upon by the entire committee. If an unfriendly amendment is approved, the amendment is added and the amendment author will become the new author of the resolution.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Amendment Examples:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adds an operative clause that reads “14. <u>Encourages</u> all Latin American countries to...”</li> <li>• Deletes operative clause 9.</li> <li>• Changes operative clause 1 to read “1. <u>Calls upon</u> the Red Cross to provide...”</li> </ul> </li> </ul>																		

## Sample General Assembly Resolution:

### General Assembly C

**Sponsors:** China, Palestine, New Zealand, Bhutan, Thailand, Lithuania, Armenia, Macedonia, Albania, Hungary, Poland

**Topic:** Access to healthcare

#### **The General Assembly,**

**Recognizing** the plight of the eight hundred plus million people impoverished and unable to access healthcare.

**Understanding** the grievances of fellow middle-to-low income countries in their efforts to improve quality of life.

**Emphasizing** the importance of primary preventative healthcare in reducing costs for both individuals and governments.

**Affirms** the need for foreign aid to assist countries in their expansion of healthcare.

**Urges** the adoption of new insurance plans catering specifically to impoverished individuals and increased government assistance in healthcare forums.

#### **Therefore, be it resolved by the General Assembly,**

1. **Calls for** the formation of a committee and fund which is responsible for supplying adequate health care to countries that have a lack of and requesting assistance.
  - a. Members of this subcommittee are representative of donating countries and will decide where aid is distributed.
  - b. Countries may apply for healthcare aid based upon certain criteria.
    - i. If a country has greater than 60% of its population without access to healthcare, the request will be accepted.
    - ii. A country who was denied membership based upon the afore-stated criteria, and who has over \$30,000 per capita may choose to donate a selected amount of money annually in exchange for a position on the subcommittee
      1. This membership entails healthcare aid for the country's citizens should it become necessary in the future
  - c. The allocation of funds is based purely upon need for healthcare
2. **Further reminds** that if a country votes to pass this resolution, they are not compelled or required to donate. The intent of this resolution is to provide an opportunity to those countries who truly believe that each person of the world deserves wellness and reliable healthcare.
3. **Defines:** *Healthcare aid* as training of medical personal, the establishment of hospitals and clinics, the providing of disease control (vaccines, tests, etc.) and the providing of supplies such as medications, disinfectants, insurance companies and emergency vehicles. Also proclaiming that funding will not only go to creating healthcare opportunities but also strengthening existing healthcare opportunities.

**Signatories:** Sudan, Estonia, Bangladesh, Yemen, Micronesia, Cambodia, Philippines, UAE, Japan, Uruguay, Cameron, Benin, Canada, Greece, Slovakia, Sweden, Libya, Sudan, Laos, Mongolia



Operative Clauses  
(normal font)

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**Operative  
Phrases  
(bolded)**

4. **Defines:** \_\_\_\_\_ *as* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Signatories:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

It isn't necessary to include a definition, but it is a good way to clarify any vague terms in your resolution

- You can have as many or as few preambulatory and operative clauses as you want, just do enough to clearly convey your idea while being convincing.
- There is limited time to write resolutions, so General Assembly resolutions tend to only be a page/a page and a half in length