

Resolution Guide

Hi, fellow delegates. In case you do not know how to write a resolution, this is the right document for you. It should help you in structuring and successfully finishing a resolution document while enlightening you in the matter as a whole. Therefore, you can learn all about these documents in a simple way. Let's get started!

What is a resolution?

Resolution is a document which describes and solves the problem on the committee's agenda. It is written in clauses which all together form a comprehensive and continuous solution.

How is a resolution structured?

Resolution should be structured into a header, preambulative section and an operative section. We will present you each part now.

Header

What this part contains is simply the most basic information about the resolution such as who wrote it and in which committee. Its required structuring is the following:

Forum: (name of the committee)

Question of: (the problem at hand)

Main Submitter: (country, which the submitting delegate represents)

A resolution header can (but does not necessarily have to) contain these further pieces of information:

Co-submitters: (countries, which the delegates who wish to fully support the resolution represent, these delegates are bound not to vote against the resolution)

Signatories: (countries, whose delegates do not wish to fully support the resolution but wish it to be debated upon)

Note that the text in brackets is for explanation reasons only and must not be a part of the resolution.

Preambulative section

This part describes the problem at hand by pointing out its key parts and offering the state's opinions on these problems. It should always start with the name of the committee and then have each clause starting with a preambulative phrase (key words in italics in present continuous or present simple if continuous form is not applicable). The clauses shall be separated by commas and shall not have any subclauses.

Sample preambulatory phrases:

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

Operative section

Operative clauses are the real problem solvers. They all begin with an operative phrase (which shall be underlined) in present simple and are numbered with arabic numerals. They may have subclauses (these are marked by letters) and sub-sub clauses, which are marked by roman numerals. Operative clauses are separated by semicolons and the last operative clause shall finish with a full stop.

Sample operative phrases:

Accepts	Deplores	Emphasizes	Notes
Affirms	Designates	Encourages	Proclaims
Approves	Draws the attention	Endorses	Reaffirms
Authorizes	Emphasizes	Expresses its	Recommends
Calls	Encourages	appreciation	Regrets
Calls upon	Endorses	Expresses its hope	Reminds
Condemns	Expresses its	Further invites	Requests
Confirms	appreciation	Further proclaims	Solemnly affirms
Congratulates	Expresses its hope	Further reminds	Strongly condemns
Considers	Further invites	Further recommends	Supports
Declares accordingly	Deplores	Further requests	Takes note of
	Designates	Further resolves	Transmits
	Draws the attention	Has resolved	Trusts

Sample Resolution

Forum: Security Council

Question of: Soviet Military Presence in Afghanistan

Main submitter: Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Co-Submitters: German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, People's Republic of Bulgaria, Romanian People's Republic, People's Republic of Albania, Republic of Hungary, Yugoslavia

Signatories: French Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, People's Republic of China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Republic of India, Syrian Arab Republic, Republic of Iraq, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Republic of Angola

The United Nations Security Council,
Deeply disturbed by the events in Afghanistan,
Alarmed by the international support of the Mujahideen,
Deploring any and all attempts to undermine the official government of Afghanistan,
Supportive of peace initiatives and bilateral/multilateral treaties supporting such initiatives,
Convinced about the necessity of peace in the region,

Acknowledging Afghanistan as a sovereign country with internal matters in which, as stated by the international law, no other state shall intervene unless specifically asked for or unless a bilateral treaty regarding the matter has been signed,

1. Demands all Member States to recognise the current government of Afghanistan as the true and only official government;
2. Declares Pakistan and Afghanistan shall sign a bilateral treaty of which the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics shall be guarantors, the treaty shall consist of the following:
 - A) The agreement on non-interference and non-intervention;
 - B) The agreement on voluntary return of Afghani refugees;
3. Recognises Republic of Balochistan as a new sovereign state on the
 - A) Provisional government of Republic of Balochistan shall be formed under the United Nations supervision to rule the country until election to the National Assembly is held;
 - I) The provisional government shall develop a draft of constitution which shall be either accepted or amended and accepted by the National Assembly after the elections and formation of government;
 - II) The National Assembly shall be Republic of Balochistan ´s legislative body which shall accept/ amend and accept the draft of the constitution as its first official act and shall establish the executive and the judicial bodies in accordance with the constitution as its second official act;
 - B) All Member States of the United Nations are hereby obliged to recognise Republic of Balochistan as a sovereign state with the preceding parameters and as a new United Nations ´ Member State;
4. Calls upon Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Islamic Republic of Iran and Republic of Balochistan to sign bilateral/multilateral treaties on non-aggression, non-intervention and non-interference;
5. Appreciates the willingness of Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to withdraw their military units from Democratic Republic of Afghanistan;
6. Decides to remain seized on the matter.