# How to write a resolution

## **Sample resolution**

# Preambulatory clauses

#### **Operative clauses**

Forum: General Assembly One Question of: Prevention of Armed Conflict Main Submitter: Sri Lanka

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Guided by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of Nations,

Recalling Chapter VI and Article 2.3 of the Charter of the United Nations,

<u>Recalling</u> also the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples as contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

<u>Recognizing</u> that the prevention of armed conflict and the pacific settlement of disputes could be useful tools for the United Nations in order to build a social foundation for peace,

- <u>Takes note with appreciation</u> of the report of the Secretary-General on the prevention of armed conflict;
- <u>Encourages</u> Member States to utilize regional arrangements or agencies, where available, for the peaceful settlement of their disputes;
- <u>Recognizes</u> the need for coordinating the prevention of armed conflict throughout the United Nations system, and calls upon its relevant organs,
   organizations and bodies to consider how they could best include a conflict prevention perspective in their activities, including but not limited to:
  - the identification of armed factions present in a project area and the strict isolation of these groups from the delivery of aid and services
  - b. the coordinated provision of incentives to leaders of armed factions encouraging them work with the UN in a peaceful capacity;
- . <u>Resolves</u> to remain actively seized of this matter.

# Remember the following rules:

- Each clause in the resolution must begin with a specific word (ex. "Taking into account", "suggests")
- Each clause-opening word must be underlined
- Each operative clause must be numbered

- Sub-clauses must be lettered (a), b), c) etc.)
- Sub-sub-clauses must be numbered in Roman numbers (i), ii), iii), iv) etc.)
- No clause-opening words should not be repeated
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Accepts Affirms Approves **Authorizes** Calls Calls upon Condemns Confirms Congratulates Considers Declares accordingly Deplores Designates Draws the attention Emphasizes

Encourages **Endorses** Expresses its appreciation Expresses its hope **Further invites** Deplores Designates Draws the attention Emphasizes Encourages **Endorses** Expresses its appreciation Expresses its hope **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 note of Transmits Trusts



### WHAT DOES IT DO?

1) Consider and make recommendations;

- Discuss any question relating to international peace and security and, except where a dispute or situation is currently being discussed by the Security Council, make recommendations on it;
- 3) Discuss, with the same exception, and make recommendations on any questions within the scope of the Charter or affecting the powers and functions of any organ of the United Nations;
- 4) Make recommendations for the peaceful settlement of any situation that might impair friendly relations among nations;
- 5) Consider and approve the United Nations budget and establish the financial assessments of Member States;
- 6) Elect the non-permanent members of the Security Council and the members of other United Nations councils and organs and, on the recommendation of the Security Council, appoint the Secretary-General

### General assembly order of debates

Main-submitter reads out Operative clauses



