

Resolution Format

***Resolutions are written at conference**, but it is encouraged for delegates to practice writing resolutions prior to conference so they are comfortable with the process. Each resolution is a single sentence, each with different sections separated by semicolons and commas. The language of the document will greatly influence its appeal. Wording should be clear and concise; every clause should have a purpose. Three parts comprise the resolution: the heading, the preamble, and the operative clauses.

Heading

The heading identifies the committee, the resolution topic, the sponsoring nation(s), and the committee of the UN the delegation is addressing.

Preamble

The preamble explains the purposes of the resolution. The perambulatory clauses begin with present participles and often refer to past resolution precedents and authorizations in the UN Charter for actions. The preamble is not to detail policy actions but rather to state precedence and justification.

Operative Clauses

These form the policy portion of the resolution. Each of these clauses starts with a verb (in the third person singular) and, taken as a whole, deals thoroughly with one idea arranged in logical progression. Each clause should not be a collection of unrelated thoughts or statements on a broad topic, but should focus on one aspect of the problem.

Sample Preambulatory Clauses

Acknowledging	Deeply conscious	Further	Observing
Affirming	Deeply convinced	Guided by	Reaffirming
Alarmed	Deeply disturbed	Having adopted	Realizing
Anxious	Deeply regretting	Having approved	Recalling
Appreciating	Deploring	Having considered	Recognizing
Approving	Desiring	Having decided	Referring
Aware	Determined	Having examined	Regretting
Bearing in mind	Emphasizing	Having received	Seeking

Believing	Expecting	Having reviewed	Stressing
Concerned	Expressing appreciation	Keeping in mind	Taking into account
Confident	Expressing satisfaction	Noting further	Taking note
Contemplating	Fulfilling	Noting with approval	Welcoming
Convinced	Fully aware	Noting with concern	Declaring
Fully alarmed	Noting with regret	Deeply concerned	Fully believing
Noting with satisfaction			

Sample Operative Clauses

Accepts	Concurs	Emphasizes	Notes with interest
Adopts	Condemns	Encourages	Notes with satisfaction
Affirms	Confirms	Endorses	Proclaims
Appeals	Congratulates	Expresses its appreciation	Reaffirms
Appreciates	Considers	Expresses its concern	Recognizes
Approves	Declares accordingly	Expresses the hope	Recommends
Authorizes	Deplores	Has resolved	Regrets
Calls	Designates	Invites	Reiterates
Calls upon	Directs	Notes with appreciation	Reminds
Commends	Draws attention	Notes with approval	Requests

Sample Resolution

Committee: General Assembly A
Topic: Education
Sponsor: Eritrea

The African Union,

Alarmed at Africa’s educational system inadequacy in providing proper education for its children,
Guided by Article 26 Section 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which states, “Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages”,
Stressing that the African Union is not adhering to the standards set forth in the aforementioned declaration because of school fees that inhibit children in poverty from obtaining elementary education,
Believing that the solution to the education crisis in Africa is inherently related to school fees,
Deeply convinced that by abolishing these high school fees, students will attend school in exponentially higher numbers,
Emphasizing the need to utilize aid from various sources to subsidize the insignificant funds available for the African Union’s disposal,
Taking into account that cutting school fees has proven successful in Tanzania from 2001 to 2003 when primary school enrollment grew by 50%,

Therefore be it resolved by the African Union,

1. *Calls upon* the officials of the Africa Education Initiative (AEI) and the members of the African Union (AU) to convene regarding the use of the \$600 million to eliminate school fees for the elementary school level;
2. *Directs* the African Union assess the needs and negotiate with each sovereign state inquiring the amount needed to supplement school fees;
3. *Decides that:*
 - a. Allocated funds by the African Union for the elimination of school fees be evenly distributed among countries in need;
 - b. Other sources of aid, including but not limited to donations from non-governmental organizations, charitable organizations, and donor states; are made available to further supplement the price of school fees;
4. *Designates* that by:
 - a. By January 1, 2018, school fees for elementary education be declared illegal;

- b. By November 1, 2017, the AEI and the AU convene to reassess the initiative and consider the continuation of school fee supplement program pending on the success and sustainability of each sovereign state.

Signatories:
Liberia
Angola
Burkina Faso