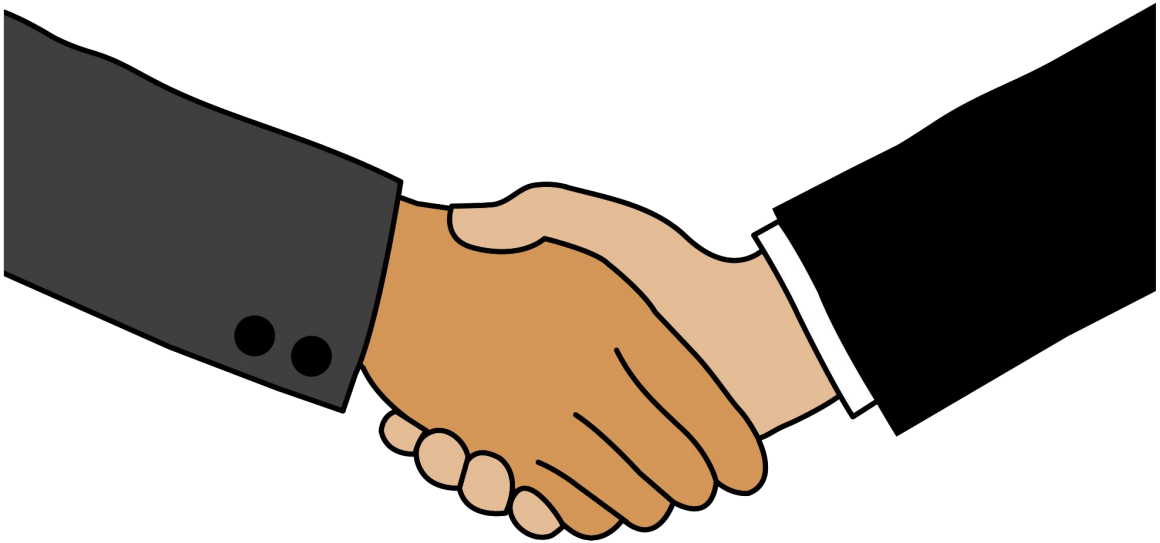
Resolutions

How to escape this conference

What is a Resolution???

Resolutions are...

Papers that are written to address and provide concrete solutions to a topic.



How Resolutions Work

- **YOU** will collaborate with **OTHER DELEGATES** to **WRITE RESOLUTIONS** that explain specific actions that the committee will take or encourage to solve the topic at hand
- Essentially, one very long sentence:
  - The [committee], *alarmed by* [the situation], demands [that action be taken].
  - Most committees are given advisory power and ***encourage*** their Member States to take action laid out in a resolution

Sponsors and Signatories

Sponsors

- The main writers of the resolution
- **Must** vote yes on the resolution
- **Cannot** also be signatories on the resolution they write
- Responsible for presenting the resolution to the committee
- Maximum of **three sponsors**

Signatories

- Delegates who want to see the resolution discussed
- Just because you are a signatory, **does not mean you have to vote yes** on the resolution
- Can be a signatory on multiple resolutions
- **No maximum** for signatories

Preambulatory Clauses

- The “first half” of your sentence before the action
- Refers to specific actions, situations, treaties, or documents that relate to the topic
- ***Italicize*** the preambulatory phrase
- Each clause ends with a **comma**
- Begins with a preambulatory word or phrase (such as *noting, recognizing, concerned by,* etc.)
- Ex. *Acknowledging* the resolution A/RES/70 that enacted the UN’s Sustainable Development goals,

Operative Clauses

- The “second half” of the sentence that describes the specific action you wish to take/advice you wish to give
- Each operative must address a preambulatory clause
- Numbered list with sub clauses and sub-sub clauses
- Begin with an operative phrase (an action verb that describes “doing” something such as demands, enforces, advises, etc.)
- Underline the operative clause
- End each clause with a semicolon
- End the **final operative clause** with a period.

ATTENTION!!!

IT IS CRUCIAL TO USE VOCABULARY THAT IS NOT LEGALLY BINDING

WORDS TO USE:

Requests...
Advises...
Encourages...
Calls on...
Recommends...

DO NOT USE:

Demands...
Enforces...
Mandates...
Obligates...

Resolution Format

Bloc Name

Topic: [topic being debated]

Sponsors: [countries who will present]

Signatories: [countries who want to see this resolution voted on]

The [Committee Name],

[*Pre-Amb verb*][observations which the resolution will be based on], (match the number of preambulatory clauses to operative clauses)

1. [Operative Verb} (action you want to see taken),
    a. [additional information]; (match the number operative clauses to preambulatory clauses)

Sample

Putting it all together

Draft Resolution 1.0

Sponsors: India, Spain, The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Signatories: Belarus, Canada, China, Ethiopia, Haiti, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Zimbabwe

Topic: Combating Nuclear Proliferation

The United Nations Security Council,

Alarmed by the rapid rate of nuclear proliferation as a result of previous nuclear warfare armaments and developments,

Recognizing the threat posed by nuclear weaponry,

1. Creates a council that oversees the signing of non-first-use policies and facilitates their enforcement,
    a. Within countries that have already signed them,
    b. For countries with nuclear weaponry that have yet to sign them;
2. Demands that national governments take action to oversee the dismantling of existing nuclear weapons.

Q&A

Your Turn!

Time to put your skills to use! (of course aside from actual committee)

SCENARIO

- Work in small groups to write resolutions on the conflict that we act out for you
- We'll be coming around to answer any questions, give you guidance, etc.