



# Preambulatory & Operative Clauses

## Preambulatory Clauses

The preambulatory clauses state 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. Pre-ambulatory clauses can include:

- Past UN resolutions, treaties, or conventions related to the topic
- Past regional, non-governmental, or national efforts in resolving this topic
- References to the UN Charter or other international frameworks and laws
- Statements made by the Secretary-General or a relevant UN body or agency
- General background information or facts about the topic, its significance, and its impact.

It's very simple to write preambulatory clauses. First, take a statement that you want to write about (perhaps an issue you want to solve or a specific fact from one of the five bullet points above). You then take that statement, combine it with an italicised preambulatory phrase (following pages), and end it with a comma.

## Operative Clauses

Operative clauses state the solutions that the sponsors of the resolution proposes to resolve the issues. The operative clauses should address the issues specifically mentioned in the pre-ambulatory clauses above it.

To write an operative clause, take a solution that you want to include in the draft resolution. Then take that solution, combine it with an italicised operative phrase (following pages), and end it with a semicolon (the last operative clause ends with a period). Operative clauses are also numbered. This differentiates them from preambulatory clauses, helps show logical progression in the resolution, and makes the operative clauses easy to refer to in speeches and comments.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://bestdelegate.com/model-un-made-easy-how-to-write-a-resolution/>



## Accepted Preambulatory Phrases:

Acknowledging	Further deploring
Acting	Further recalling
Affirming	Guided by
Alarmed by	Having adopted
Alarmed	Having considered
Anxious	Having devoted attention
Appreciating	Having examined
Approving	Having received
Aware of	Having adopted
Bearing in mind	Having approved
Believing	Having decided
Cognizant	Keeping in mind
Concerned	Mindful
Confident	Noting
Conscious	Noting further
Considering	Noting with deep concern
Contemplating	Noting with regret
Convinced	Noting with satisfaction
Declaring	Observing
Deeply concerned	Reaffirming
Deeply conscious	Realising
Deeply convinced	Recalling
Deeply disturbed	Recognising
Deeply regretting	Recognising with satisfaction
Deploring	Referring
Desiring	Regretting
Determined	Reiterating
Emphasising	Reiterating its call for
Encouraged	Reminding
Expecting	Seeking
Expressing appreciation	Seized
Noting with approval	Stressing
Expressing concern	Taking into account
Expressing its appreciation	Taking into consideration
Expressing its satisfaction	Taking note
Expressing satisfaction	Taking note further
Firmly convinced	Underlining
Fulfilling	Viewing with appreciation
Fully alarmed	Viewing with apprehension
Fully aware	Welcoming
Fully believing	



## Accepted Operative Phrases:

Accepts	Further proclaims
Acknowledges	Further recommends
Adopts	Further reminds
Advises	Further requests
Affirms	Further resolves
Also calls for	Has resolved
Also recommends	Instructs
Also strongly condemns	Introduces
Also urges	Invites
Appeals	Notes
Appreciates	Notes with satisfaction
Approves	Proclaims
Authorises	Reaffirms
Calls	Recalls
Calls for	Recognises
Calls upon	Recommends
Commends	Regrets
Concurs	Reiterates
Condemns	Reminds
Confirms	Renews its appeal
Congratulates	Repeats
Considers	Requests
Decides	Requires
Declares	Solemnly affirms
Declares accordingly	Stresses
Demands	Strongly advises
Deplores	Strongly condemns
Designates	Strongly encourages
Directs	Suggests
Draws the attention	Supports
Emphasises	Takes note of
Encourages	Transmits
Endorses	Trusts
Expresses its appreciation	Underlines
Expresses its hope	Underscores
Expresses its regret	Urges
Further invites	Welcomes