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How to Write a Resolution Paper

Resolution papers are the final achievement of a committee in the simulation. A resolution paper outlines the solutions discussed in a committee, and agreed upon by a majority of delegates. Through the paper's ***preambulatory clauses***, it initially informs the reader of the general information and current status of the problem, especially the factors of which have concerned the committee and influenced its decision the most. Following immediately, the paper's ***operative clauses*** inform its audience and instruct the relevant parties on the detailed and specific plan of solutions that the committee has decided to implement. Writing a good resolution paper is an important culmination of a simulation's work.

Structure

An IMMUNS resolution paper usually has between four to eight clauses of each type, depending on committee, topic, and simulation. At the start of an unmoderated debate, delegates wishing to write a resolution paper should consult with their chair to learn what should be the length of the paper they will write. Under the paper's heading, the paper should begin by addressing the committee and stating its preambulatory clauses. Each should begin with one of the simulation's designated preambulatory phrases (consult with your chair to find these), which should be underlined, and should end with a comma and a blank line between it and the next clause. After the preamble come the operative clauses, numbered and starting with one of the simulation's designated operative phrases (consult with your chair to find these), which should once again be underlined. Each of these clauses should be separated from each other by a semicolon at its end and a blank line between them, except the final clause, which should end with a point.

Heading

Additionally, there is an important heading format, which should include the ***resolution paper's title/number*** (assigned by the chair), ***the committee's name***, a list of the ***paper's sponsors***, a list of the ***paper's signatories***, and the ***topic*** which it addresses. Delegates writing a resolution paper should consult with their chair to get the required number of sponsors (the paper's credited authors) and signatories (the delegates who wish to have the paper read and debated upon).

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Example

Resolution GA/3/1.1

General Assembly Third Committee

Sponsors: United States, Austria and Italy

Signatories: Greece, Tajikistan, Japan, Canada, Mali, the Netherlands and Gabon

Topic: "Strengthening UN coordination of humanitarian assistance in complex emergencies"

The General Assembly,

Reminding all nations of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, which recognizes the inherent dignity, equality and inalienable rights of all global citizens, **[use commas to separate preambulatory clauses]**

Reaffirming its Resolution 33/1996 of 25 July 1996, which encourages Governments to work with UN bodies aimed at improving the coordination and effectiveness of humanitarian assistance,

Noting with satisfaction the past efforts of various relevant UN bodies and nongovernmental organizations,

Stressing the fact that the United Nations faces significant financial obstacles and is in need of reform, particularly in the humanitarian realm,

1. Encourages all relevant agencies of the United Nations to collaborate more closely with countries at the grassroots level to enhance the carrying out of relief efforts; **[use semicolons to separate operative clauses]**
2. Urges member states to comply with the goals of the UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs to streamline efforts of humanitarian aid;
3. Requests that all nations develop rapid deployment forces to better enhance the coordination of relief efforts of humanitarian assistance in complex emergencies;
4. Calls for the development of a United Nations Trust Fund that encourages voluntary donations from the private transnational sector to aid in funding the implementation of rapid deployment forces;
5. Stresses the continuing need for impartial and objective information on the political, economic and social situations and events of all countries;
6. Calls upon states to respond quickly and generously to consolidated appeals for humanitarian assistance; and
7. Requests the expansion of preventive actions and assurance of post-conflict assistance through reconstruction and development. **[end resolutions with a period]**

(Example from "Model UN Made Easy: How to Write a Resolution" by bestdelegate.com)

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