

Writing a UN resolution

You need to be sitting in the regional/chosen groups according to your position on strategies to eliminate poverty .

Learning objectives:

- to identify the format and structure of a UN resolution
- to work cooperatively in nation groups to produce a resolution document



Key word: **Resolution:** the final results of discussion, writing and negotiation, including suggestions for addressing a specific problem or issue.

Recommendations for creating a resolution




Delegates should focus on the social, political and economic issues that cause poverty.

Delegates should address the following when creating draft resolutions:

1. Finding ways to encourage good governance in developing countries so that aid is used effectively
2. Encouraging developed countries to provide necessary resources including food, monetary aid and technical assistance
3. Making sure all plans fit in with the idea of sustainable development (protecting future generations and the environment)
4. Trying to achieve the Millennium Development Goals

How to write a resolution



Sample Resolution

Committee: General Assembly

Topics: Landmines

Sponsors: Spain, Portugal, France, Mexico, South Africa

Affirming that the Ottawa treaty to ban landmines is the most effective international instrument to combat the use of anti-personnel mines,

Confident that the continued compliance of all States that have signed the treaty will lead to a mine-free world,

Expressing its appreciation for the efforts of all States, such as the United Kingdom, the United States, and the International Demining Centre, which have made significant contributions to the mine-clearing process,

Confident that the continued use of anti-personnel mines further encourages Member States to begin to eradicate their own stocks of anti-personnel mines,

Recalling United Nations resolutions on disarmament and calls upon all States to provide technical assistance, and economic and social assistance, to States affected by landmines;

Further recalling United Nations Resolution A/RES/59/84 which clearly sets out the steps to combat the use of anti-personnel mines in combat,

1. Calls upon non-signatory states to sign and ratify the treaty;
2. Encourages Member States to continue their mine-clearing efforts in mine-affected areas;
3. Requests NGOs to remain active in their efforts to clear landmines;
4. Reaffirms United Nations Resolutions on disarmament measures for the Ottawa Ban Treaty;
5. Invites those Member States that have not signed the Ottawa Treaty to join the Ottawa Treaty;
6. Further invites Member States to participate in round-table discussions on the use of anti-personnel mines;
7. Further requests those Member States that have still not signed the Ottawa Treaty to provide funding and support for Mine-affected persons in their countries and to support and allow organisations to provide assistance to survivor assistance programs.

Use 'preambulatory' phrases like these in the first section.

Use 'operative' phrases like these in the second section. State the actions you want to see happen.

Use the sample resolution, the list of phrases and your position papers to help you write the resolution.

Present your resolution to enable other delegates to discuss and debates your plans.

Key skills: co-operation, discussion, negotiation, explanation, collaboration.