# Resolution Writing Guide

This is the structure that all resolutions must follow.

SUBMITTED BY: {Your country}

QUESTION OF: {The issue being debated}

SIGNATORIES: {leave a gap here to accommodate the signatures you will need to get on your resolution}

*Next you write your* ***operative*** *clauses. These are debated and begin with words such as; suggests, requests, demands etc. These are always underlined.*

*Here you write your* ***perambulatory*** *clauses. These cannot be debated and just outline some of the background to the topic. They must begin with words such as; emphasising, approving of, noting etc. These starting words must be in italics.*

## Resolution writing tips:

***Pre ambulatory clauses***; These are not debated so you do not need many. Here are some ideas about what to include:

1. Outline what stance your country has on this (e.g. acknowledging that irresponsable fishing poses a threat to the international economy and the local environment)
2. Past acts and declarations (e.g. supporting the equal rights and opportunities granted to all by the Universal Human Rights Declaration)
3. Countries for/against it (e.g. Commends the action taken by… to resolve this issue, Condemns … for using military force and escalating the conflict)

**Operative clauses;** these will be debated and are the acting clauses to outline strategies that the UN should adopt to resolve the issue. Here are some ideas:

1. What member states should work against (e.g. urges all member states to condemn…)
2. Policies individual states should adopt (e.g. encourages all member states to offer healthcare to vulnerable peoples/ ban the use of firearms/ sign the Nuclear non-proliferation treaty…)
3. If you want, you can create a UN body that carries out several different duties to resolve the issue (e.g. a body to a) provide aid in the form of … to people in … conflict, b) offer healthcare to refugees fleeing … to …, c) create awareness for the importance of proper sanitation in areas where … virus is common) \*\* N.B. people will bring up the problems it causes due to extra bureacracy, doing things that are already being done…
4. Looking to the future- UN to oversee elections in member states, UN to inspect the use of … in all member states.

Here is an example of a resolution format:

Submitted by: France

Question of: The Application of Sharia Law

 Signatories:

*Emphasising* article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: the right to Freedom of Belief and Religion,

*Recognising* that these violations of human rights are not due to sharia law practice, but rather the lack of consistency in the interpretations of it,

*Bearing* *in mind* the varying degrees to which sharia law is applied, in the many different countries of the Middle East,

*Concerned by* the corporal and capital punishments which are widespread in many countries in the Middle East,

1. **Proclaims** that the UN must have the power to intervene, despite the state’s sovereignty, when human rights violations are continued as a result of the application of sharia law;

1. **Calls for** all states to help identify and amend any state regulations that violate any fundamental human rights, not limited to their own country, but in any country that applies sharia law to some extent;

1. **Encourages** greater international communication between the countries of the Middle East to help standardise and regulate the interpretations of sharia law;

1. **Calls for** member states to regulate court rulings in terms of interpretation of punishments, in order to produce a codified constitution, by:

1. Identifying the main inconsistencies in crime and punishment, and stipulating a certain punishment for the crime;

1. Reflecting on whether any of the current punishments should be changed or adapted to life in the modern world.