

## PREAMBULATORY CLAUSES

The preamble of a draft resolution states the reasons for which the committee is addressing the topic and highlights past international action on the issue. Each clause begins with a present participle (*called a preambulatory phrase*) and ends with a comma. Preambulatory clauses can include:

- References to the UN Charter;
- Citations of past UN resolutions or treaties on the topic under discussion;
- Mentions of statements made by the Secretary-General or a relevant UN body or agency;
- Recognition of the efforts of regional or nongovernmental organizations in dealing with the issue; and
- General statements on the topic, its significance and its impact.

Affirming	Expressing its	Keeping in mind
Alarmed by	appreciation	Noting with regret
Approving	Expressing its satisfaction	Noting with deep concern
Aware of	Fulfilling	Noting with satisfaction
Bearing in mind	Fully alarmed	Noting further
Believing	Fully aware	Noting with approval
Confident	Fully believing	Observing
Contemplating	Further deploring	Reaffirming
Convinced	Further recalling	Realizing
Declaring	Guided by	Recalling
Deeply concerned	Having adopted	Recognizing
Deeply conscious	Having considered	Referring
Deeply convinced	Having considered further	Seeking
Deeply disturbed	Having devoted attention	Taking into account
Deeply regretting	Having examined	Taking into consideration
Desiring	Having heard	Taking note
Emphasizing	Having received	Viewing with appreciation
Expecting	Having studied	Welcoming

## OPERATIVE CLAUSES

Operative clauses identify the actions or recommendations made in a resolution. Each operative clause begins with a verb (*called an operative phrase*) and ends with a semicolon. Operative clauses should be organized in a logical progression, with each containing a single idea or proposal, and are always numbered. If a clause requires further explanation, bulleted lists set off by letters or roman numerals can also be used. After the last operative clause, the resolution ends in a period.

Accepts  
Affirms  
Approves  
Authorizes  
Calls  
Calls upon  
Condemns  
Confirms  
Congratulates  
Considers  
Declares accordingly  
Deplores  
Designates  
Draws the attention  
Emphasizes  
Encourages

Endorses  
Expresses its  
appreciation  
Expresses its hope  
Further invites  
Deplores  
Designates  
Draws the attention  
Emphasizes  
Encourages  
Endorses  
Expresses its  
appreciation  
Expresses its hope  
Further invites  
Further proclaims  
Further reminds

Further recommends  
Further requests  
Further resolves  
Has resolved  
Notes  
Proclaims  
Reaffirms  
Recommends  
Regrets  
Reminds  
Requests  
Solemnly affirms  
Strongly condemns  
Supports  
Takes note of  
Transmits Trusts