

Delegates and Advisors Information Pack

Annexure B: Guide to Drafting and Submitting Resolutions to UN Councils at Kovsies Model United Nations

Introduction:

Drafting and submitting resolutions is a crucial aspect of participating in Model United Nations (MUN) conferences. Resolutions serve as the primary means for proposing solutions to global issues and influencing the decision-making process. This guide provides a step-by-step approach to help delegates draft and submit resolutions effectively during the Kovsies Model United Nations.

Understand the Topic and Committee:

Familiarize yourself with the committee's mandate and the specific topic of discussion. Conduct thorough research to gather relevant information, including historical context, existing international agreements, and potential solutions. Understanding the nuances of the topic will enable you to create a well-informed and persuasive resolution.

Structure of a Resolution:

Resolutions generally follow a standardized structure. Include the following sections:

- a) **Preamble:** Provides an overview of the issue, historical background, and references to relevant international documents.
- b) **Operative Clauses:** Propose specific actions, policies, or solutions to address the issue.
- c) **Signatories:** List the countries or delegates supporting the resolution.

Collaborate and Build Consensus:

Collaboration is key to developing strong resolutions. Engage in informal negotiations, build alliances with like-minded delegates, and seek common ground. This process helps to shape the language and content of the resolution while promoting consensus among delegates.

Preamble:

- a) Begin with preambulatory clauses that acknowledge the significance of the issue and establish its context.
- b) Refer to relevant international agreements, conventions, and resolutions to reinforce the legitimacy and importance of your proposed solutions.

c) State any previous actions or initiatives taken by the international community or the UN on the issue.

Operative Clauses:

- a) Craft clear, concise, and actionable clauses that address the issue.
- b) Each operative clause should propose a specific action or policy that contributes to a comprehensive solution.
- c) Use action verbs to denote the actions to be taken by relevant stakeholders, such as "calls for," "urges," "recommends," or "requests."
- d) Ensure that clauses are logically organized and flow smoothly, building on one another to form a coherent plan of action.

Signatories:

- a) Before submitting the resolution, seek support from other delegates and countries who align with your proposed solutions.
- b) Add the names of countries or delegates supporting the resolution as signatories.
- c) Aim to obtain a broad and diverse range of signatories to strengthen the legitimacy and support for your resolution.

Formatting and Citation:

- a) Follow the designated formatting guidelines provided by Kovsies Model United Nations.
- b) Use proper citation style (e.g., APA or MLA) when referencing sources in your resolution or including a bibliography.
- c) Ensure accurate and consistent referencing to demonstrate the credibility of your research.

Proofreading and Finalizing:

- a) Carefully review your resolution for grammatical errors, clarity, and coherence.
- b) Check for consistency in terminology and formatting throughout the document.
- c) Seek feedback from peers or faculty advisors to improve the resolution's quality and effectiveness.

Submission:

- a) Follow the specified instructions for submitting resolutions at Kovsies Model United Nations.
- b) Be aware of the submission deadline and ensure that your resolution is submitted on time.
- c) Keep a copy of the resolution for reference during the conference and for potential amendments or discussions.

Conclusion:

Drafting and submitting resolutions is a vital skill for MUN delegates. By following this guide, you can develop well-structured, persuasive resolutions that address the committee's topic effectively. Remember to collaborate, build consensus, and engage in constructive dialogue to maximize the impact of your resolutions during the Kovsies Model United Nations. Good luck!

SAMPLE POSITION PAPER: REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



Committee: United Nations Security Council

Delegation: The Republic of South Africa

Topic: The Russia-Ukraine Conflict

Emphasizing the importance of maintaining international peace and security,

Reaffirming the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter, including respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence of all states, Recognizing the significant escalation of tensions and hostilities between Russia and Ukraine, Deeply concerned by the negative impact of the Russia-Ukraine conflict on the stability and security of the region, Noting the violation of international law, including the illegal annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation, Stressing the urgent need to find a peaceful and diplomatic solution to the conflict, Taking into account the efforts made by the international community, including the Normandy Format and the Trilateral Contact Group, Reaffirming the role of the United Nations in mediating conflicts and promoting peaceful resolutions,

Operative Clauses:

1. Calls for an immediate cessation of hostilities and a comprehensive ceasefire in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, ensuring the protection of civilians and the respect for international humanitarian law.
2. Urges all parties involved to engage in constructive dialogue and negotiations, under the auspices of the United Nations and with the support of international mediators, to find a peaceful resolution to the conflict based on the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the right to self-determination of the Ukrainian people.

3. Condemns the illegal annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation and reaffirms that it has no legal validity. Calls for the full restoration of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity, including the withdrawal of Russian forces from Crimea and the immediate release of all Ukrainian political prisoners and detainees.
4. Stresses the importance of international monitoring and verification mechanisms to ensure compliance with the ceasefire and the implementation of any agreements reached. Calls on all parties to cooperate fully with these mechanisms and allow unhindered access to conflict-affected areas.
5. Encourages regional organizations, particularly the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), to continue their efforts in promoting dialogue, confidence-building measures, and de-escalation in the region. Calls for increased support to the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine in fulfilling its mandate.
6. Calls on all states to refrain from any actions that could further escalate the conflict and to fully respect their obligations under international law. Urges all states to provide humanitarian assistance to those affected by the conflict, including internally displaced persons and refugees.
7. Requests the Secretary-General to intensify the United Nations' diplomatic efforts to facilitate a peaceful resolution of the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Encourages the Secretary-General to appoint a Special Envoy for Ukraine to coordinate and support these efforts.

8. Decides to remain actively seized of the matter and requests regular updates from the Secretary-General on the situation in Ukraine, including progress made towards a peaceful resolution.
9. Calls upon all member states to fully implement and enforce the sanctions imposed by relevant international bodies in response to the illegal actions of the Russian Federation in Ukraine. Urges states to refrain from any actions that would undermine the unity and effectiveness of these sanctions.
10. Invites the international community to provide financial and technical assistance to Ukraine in its efforts to address the humanitarian, economic, and security challenges resulting from the conflict.
11. Calls for continued international support to facilitate the safe, voluntary, and dignified return of displaced persons to their homes, as well as the provision of necessary assistance for their rehabilitation and reintegration.
12. Encourages the international community to engage in confidence-building measures and dialogue between Russia and Ukraine, with the aim of promoting trust, reducing tensions, and fostering long-term stability in the region.

13. Reiterates its commitment to the peaceful settlement of disputes and the promotion of dialogue as fundamental principles of the United Nations. Urges all parties to engage in good faith negotiations and to demonstrate the political will necessary to achieve a just and lasting peace in Ukraine.
14. Decides to remain actively seized of the matter and to take further action as necessary to promote a peaceful resolution of the Russia-Ukraine conflict in accordance with the United Nations Charter.

Chair: Thank you, South Africa. The resolution has been submitted. Is there any delegation wishing to make an amendment or propose any modifications to the resolution?

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