

Leiden Model United Nations

Beginning delegate workshop



In this presentation

- Goals and purposes
- Rules of procedures
- Resolutions and Amendments
- Speeching: tips and tricks



Goals and purposes

- Your personal goal is to represent your country
- It is not to:
 - Solve the situation (this is a goal of the committee as a whole)
 - Pass a resolution (this is a goal of the committee as a whole)



Rules of procedure

Step 1: Lobbying

Step 2: A resolution is submitted and approved

Step 3: The Chair asks the main submitter to read the reso

The debate on the resolution starts.



Debate - general

1. Time in favour (main submitter holds a speech)
 - a. Points of information?
2. Open debate (anyone who wishes can request the floor)
 - a. Points of information
 - b. Amendments
 - c. Speeches either in favour or against the resolution as a whole
3. Voting Procedures



Debate - amendments

1. An amendment is introduced to a) change a clause, b) strike a clause, or c) add a clause
2. Time in favour of the amendment (submitter speeches)
 - a. Points of information
3. Time against the amendment
 - a. Points of information
 - b. Amendment to the Second Degree
4. Voting Procedures



Motions and points

- Point of personal privilege (due to audability)
- Point of information to the chair
- Request for a follow-up
- Motion to move the previous question
- Motion to extend the debating time
- Motion to adjourn the debate
- Motion to divide the house



Resolutions

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

Expressing its great concern over the grave situation in the
Yemen,

Reaffirms its commitment to provide the necessary aid to
refugees;



Resolutions

- *Preambulatory* clauses
 - What you want readers to have in mind
- Operative clauses
 - What you want the committee to do

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

Expressing its continuing concern with the grave situation in the Middle East,

Emphasizing the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war and the need to work for a just and lasting peace in which every State in the area can live in security,

Emphasizing further that all Member States in their acceptance of the Charter of the United Nations have undertaken a commitment to act in accordance with Article 2 of the Charter,

1. Affirms that the fulfilment of Charter principles requires the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East which should include the application of both the following principles:
 - a. Withdrawal of Israel armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict,
 - b. Termination of all claims or states of belligerency and respect for and acknowledgment of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every State in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force;
2. Affirms further the necessity
 - a. For guaranteeing freedom of navigation through international waterways in the area,
 - b. For achieving a just settlement of the refugee problem,
 - c. For guaranteeing the territorial inviolability and political interdependence of every State in the area, through measures including the establishment of demilitarized zones;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to designate a Special Representative to proceed to the Middle East to establish and maintain contacts with the States concerned in order to promote agreement and assist efforts to achieve a peaceful and accepted settlement in accordance with the provisions and principles in this resolution;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council on the progress of the efforts of the Special Representative as soon as possible.



- Model UN App



Operative clauses

Good clause / action:

- What is to be done?
- Who is going to do it?
- How is it going to be done?
- When does it have to be finished? Or how often does it need be done?
- Why does it have to be done?
- Where does it need to be done?

* Don't write them all in the same clause / reso



Amendments

- Change / Add / Strike a clause
- Changing the resolution to your liking
- Improving the resolution
- Worsening the resolution



Changing to your liking

- Keep track of your country's goals
- Evaluate every clause and amendment using these goals
- Submit amendments that reach these goals

- Don't be too idealistic: follow your country's policy



Improving

- Add new solutions
- Prevent and strike excessive details
- Strike controversial solutions
- Strike clauses that are conflicting with the UN Charter and important international law
- Try to make sure in advance of debating the amendment that it will be supported (continue lobbying)



Improving

Again, specify:

- who
- what
- when
- where
- why
- how



Worsening

You are representing your country's interests,
NOT your own.



Worsening

- Introduce conflicting clauses
- Increase vagueness in the resolution
- Create meticulously detailed clauses
- Introduce solutions that look nice, but that nobody actually wants, and use nice sounding language
- Please note: amendment has to be acceptable for the rest of the committee!



Speaking



General rules and tips

- Address your chair when speaking
- “Honourable chair/president, distinguished delegates”
- Don’t use “I”, but “The delegate of”
- Don’t use too informal language, but don’t use overly complicated words.
- Breathe, use different intonation
- Don’t be afraid to start a sentence over



How to start

- Start with a point of information
 - How does clause 3 help in gaining more stability?
 - Can the delegate of ... explain again what clause 6 does?
 - What steps does this resolution take that differ from previous efforts to curb human rights violations?
- Who, what, why etc
 - Write an amendment that does something concrete
- Stay in contact with your chairs & MUN Directors to ask for advice



After your speech

- Points of information
 - Ask the chair to ask the delegate to reformulate his question
 - Evade the question
- “So yielded / The delegate of ... yields the floor back to the chair.”



Good luck and have fun!!

