

Resolutions: Preambulatory Clauses and Operative Clauses

Each Evatt Competition United Nations Security Council resolution is split into two sections; the preambulatory clauses and the operative clauses. The preambulatory clauses give an introduction as to why the Security Council is debating the particular clauses; they cannot be debated or amended. The operative clauses, on the other hand, dictate the Security Council's intended actions and they are what delegates will debate and seek to amend in the Evatt Competition. To better explain what a resolution is and how it works, see the sample below:

<p>The Question of Iraqi Non-Compliance with the Security Council</p> <p>The SECURITY COUNCIL:</p> <p><i>Recalling</i> all previous relevant Security Council resolutions especially Resolutions 678 (1990) of 29 November 1990, 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991 and 1441 (2002) of 8 November 2002,</p> <p><i>Recognising</i> the threat that Iraq's non-compliance with UN Security Council Resolutions and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and long range missiles poses to international peace and security,</p> <p><i>Deploring</i> Iraq's continuing inability to co-operate with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) and the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC),</p> <p><i>Determined</i> to secure full compliance of all Security Council Resolutions,</p> <p><i>Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter,</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Declares that Iraq has been and continues to be in material breach of its obligations under relevant UN Security Council Resolutions;Authorises the use of force to ensure Iraqi compliance with all relevant UN Security Council Resolutions;Further authorises the United States of America (USA) to lead a coalition of all willing Member Nations to ensure Iraqi compliance;Calls on all Member Nations to<ol style="list-style-type: none">assist the US-lead coalition in any possible manner;support UN agencies in dealing with the humanitarian effects of UN efforts to ensure Iraq's compliance;Determines to remain actively seized of the matter.	<p>Resolution Title</p> <p>The preamble starts with a list of past resolutions on this topic.</p> <p>Preamble (not numbered) explains circumstances and rationale behind resolution. Can't be amended.</p> <p>The Preamble ends with a citation of legal authority – if it invokes Chapter VII, it is legally binding. If it invokes Chapter VI, it's not.</p> <p>Operative paragraphs are numbered and say what actions the Council takes. They can be amended.</p> <p>This last clause is a legal formula that allows the Council to keep this resolution's topic on the agenda. Usually, it is pro forma.</p>
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