

# POIs Summarized

## Questions that ask for a *definition* or clarification of terms, or *examples*:

- Would the delegate please define .....
- Could the delegate please provide examples of .....

## Questions that ask: **How many? How much? How often? Who? When? Where? What? Etc.**

- Who will be responsible for .....? (organizing, funding, securing, inspecting, following-up, enforcing, administering, etc)
- Would the delegate please describe in more detail how .....
- Could the delegate please provide examples of .....
- How can [the action described in the resolution] be effectively implemented if .....
- How often will ..... take place? (international conferences, inspections, etc)
- How would [the action described in the resolution] effectively work towards [solving the issue]?  
OR How exactly would [the action described in the resolution] help to [solve the issue]?
- Are there any existing NGOs, or subsidiary organizations within the UN, who could be called upon to [help with the action described in the resolution]?
- How will [equity, fairness, participation] be ensured?
- How will [corruption, tardiness, abuse of privilege] be avoided?
- What [technology/resources] will be required to implement [the action described in the resolution]?
- How will indigenous people/women/developing countries (etc) be able to participate in [the action of the resolution]?
- Can the delegate provide statistics or actual research to support the claim that .....
- How can the delegate be sure that .....

## Points of Information – worded so you can make a point (but beware: Chairs may discourage yes/no POIs and you may not be allowed to ask a follow-up question to reinforce your point)

- Is the delegate (not) aware that ...?
- Does the delegate believe ...?

When reviewing a resolution to think of POIs, look out for:

- Inconsistency, contradiction, repetition – check if the clauses work together, or if one clause may contradict another clause, or if ideas are repeated (redundancy)
- Alignment with the UN Charter – e.g. Does the resolution respect international sovereignty? Does the UN really have the power to do what is proposed in the resolution? (For example, except for the Security Council, the UN Committees cannot call for deployment of UN troops.) Does the resolution respect individual human rights?
- Alignment with the stance/national policies of the delegate's own country? Is it likely that the speaker's

own country would really support the action described in the resolution?

***As a speaker at the podium, if you don't know how to respond to a POC/POI:***

- “Thank you for your point delegate. This delegate suggests that the delegate for [insert country name] should submit an amendment to encourage more discussion on this matter.”