

****RESOLUTION SAMPLE****

COMMITTEE: General Assembly
QUESTION OF: Ending the economic, financial and commercial embargo imposed by the USA and EU against Iran
MAIN SUBMITTER: United States of America
CO-SUBMITTERS: United Kingdom, Romania, Hungary, Israel

Abbreviations after the term is first used; thereafter only the abbreviation is used

Commas separate each preambulatory clause

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Reaffirming its commitment to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the need for all States party to that treaty to comply fully with all their obligations,

Recalling the resolution of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors (GOV/2006/14), which states that a solution to the Iranian nuclear issue would contribute to global non-proliferation efforts and to realizing the objective of a Middle East free of weapons of mass destruction, including their means of delivery,

Noting with serious concern that Iran has enriched uranium to 80 per cent, and did so without notifying the IAEA with sufficient time for it to adjust the existing safeguards procedures,

Single line spacing between clauses

1. Urges the Security Council to ease all economic sanctions as described in resolution 1929, 1696, 1803 and 1737, which have hitherto witnessed limited effects on preventing uranium enrichment in Iran;

2. Calls upon the United Nations (UN) member states and other international government organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), to provide economic and humanitarian assistance, food aid support and agricultural rehabilitation to alleviate the consequences of economic sanctions imposed upon Iran through ways such as, but not limited to:

- a. re-establishing trading ties with all UN members that have previously withdrawn from the Iranian economy in the ratification of resolution 1737,
- b. assessing the economic damage in Iran due to sanctions since 2008 and providing economic aid from the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to ensure the longevity and sustainability of the Iranian economy;

Semi-colons separate each operative clause

3. Reaffirms that if Iran fails to abide by the current terms of negotiations, the UN Sanctions committee will reinstitute a new set of limitations such as but not limited to:

- a. sanctions which directly affect the development of the Iranian nuclear programme through limitations on international cooperation such as:
 - i. the joint development of military technology and production,
 - ii. the mutual supply of resources necessary for the manufacturing of weaponry,
 - iii. any governmental trade pertaining to the creation of ballistic missiles potentially utilized as nuclear warheads.

Colons separate operative clauses from sub clauses and sub clauses from sub-sub clauses

Indent

First letters of sub-clauses and sub-sub-clauses are not capitalized

Period comes only at the end of the resolution

RESOLUTION GUIDELINES

Resolutions:

- Use 12 point Times New Roman and 1.0 spacing throughout
- Do not exceed two pages in length in Word document form
- The heading is at the top of the resolution, with three components, in the following order: COMMITTEE:, QUESTION OF:, MAIN SUBMITTER:, and CO-SUBMITTERS:
- After the title of the resolution, a single line spacing is placed, followed by the full name of the committee written in capital letters with a comma at the end
- Acronyms and abbreviations are spelled out the first time they are mentioned, in the following manner: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Use formal, 3rd person, diplomatic language

Preambulatory Clauses:

- The introductory word/phrase of each preambulatory clause is *italicized*
- Only a selected set of phrases can be used as the introductory words/phrases
- The first letter of the introductory word/phrase is capitalized
- No introductory word/phase can be repeated in a resolution
- Commas separate the preambulatory clauses from each other

Operative Clauses:

- Each operative clause is numbered: 1., 2., 3., 4., ...
- All operative clauses and sub-clauses are indented
- The introductory word/phrase of each operative clause is underlined
- The first letter of the introductory word/phrase is capitalized
- Only a selected set of phrases can be used as introductory words/phrases (see below); the following clause-starters are for Security Council resolutions only: condemns, demands
- No introductory word/phase can be repeated in a resolution (but may be re-used with the addition of "strongly" or "further" as in: "Further requests...")
- Semi-colons separate operative clauses from each other
- Sub-clauses are lettered: a., b., c., d., ...
- Sub-sub-clauses are numbered with Roman numerals: i., ii., iii., iv., ...
- Sub-clauses and sub-sub-clauses are indented by using tabs, NOT by using individual spaces (sub-clauses are tabbed once and sub-sub-clauses are tabbed twice)
- First letters of sub-clauses and sub-sub-clauses are not capitalized
- Single sub-clauses are not allowed
- A period is used at the end of the final word of the operative clause

For grammar aficionados:

- The resolution is one very long sentence. It begins with the committee (the subject of the sentence), e.g. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- After the subject, come the perambulatory clauses. These are participle (or adjectival phrases modifying the subject (modifying by describing the committee's intent, motivation, and frame of mind in writing the resolution).
- The operative clauses make the predicate of the sentence (i.e. describe the action of the resolution); thus operative clause starters should be present tense verbs in the third person singular.
- The last operative clause should be completed with a period to mark the end of the very long sentence.

Preambulatory Phrases

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

Operative Phrases

Accepts	Encourages	Recommends
Affirms	Endorses	Regrets
Approves	Expresses its appreciation	Requests
Asks	Expresses its hope	Resolves
Authorizes	Further invites	Seeks
Calls for	Further proclaims	Strongly affirms
Calls upon	Further recommends	Strongly condemns
Condemns	Further requests	Strongly urges
Congratulates	Further resolves	Suggests
Confirms	Hopes	Trusts
Deplores	Proclaims	Transmits
Designates	Proposes	Urges