



# SAMPLE DRAFT RESOLUTION



## Draft Resolution #1

**Committee: UN Commission on Science and Technology**  
**Topic: International Newsflow Imbalance**  
**January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. New York, United States of America**

Signatories: Algeria, United States, Colombia, United Kingdom, South Africa, Portugal, Republic of Korea, and Spain.

The Economic and Social Council,

*Noting* its Resolution A/36/89 of 16 December 1981, “The Declaration on Fundamental Principles Concerning the Contribution of the Mass Media to Strengthening Peace and International Understanding,”

*Noting further* Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, “Everyone has the right to...receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers,”

*Recognizing* that the problem of newsflow imbalance is that two-way information among countries of a region is either nonexistent or insufficient and information exchanged between regions of the world is inadequate,

*Realizing* the need for all sovereign nations to maintain their integrity and still play an active role in the international system,

1. Recommends that a three-level information interchange system be established on the National, Regional, and International levels to ameliorate the current problems of newsflow imbalance, operating as follows:

- a. Each region’s member nations will report their national information and receive the information of other nations in their region from the regional level of this interchange system;
- b. Nations will decide the character of the newsflow media best suited to the need of their sovereign territory, be this printed, audio, or audio-visual;
- c. Regional News Gathering Agencies will serve to gather information from the nations in their region, and these boards will have no editorial



discretion and will serve to forward all information to the International Board;

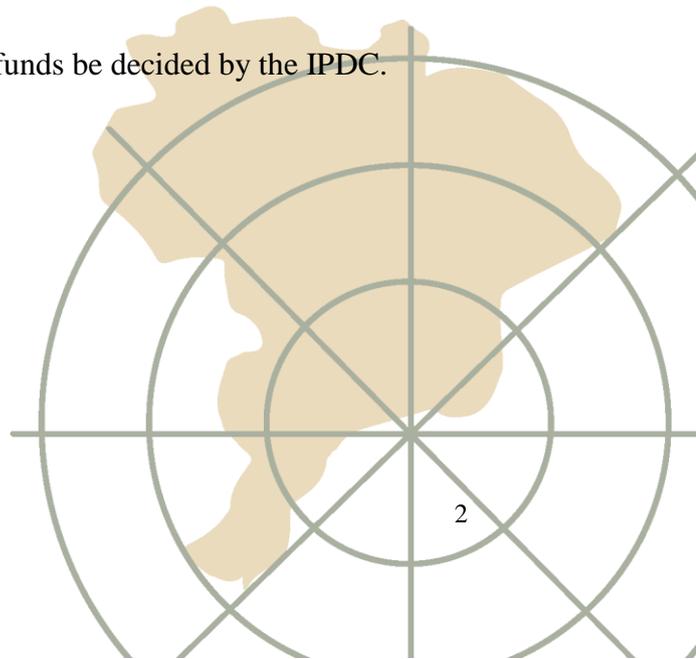
- d. Each regional agency will be composed of representatives from every member nation of the region;
- e. The primary function of the International Board will be to translate information accumulated from the regional news gathering agencies;
- f. The secondary purpose will be to transmit all information gathered back to the member nations via the regional news gathering agencies;
- g. In order to expedite the transfer of information from the international to regional level the International Board will utilize a UN frequency on an EEC (European Economic Community) satellite;

2. Urges the establishment of the University of International Communications, with main branch in Geneva, Switzerland, and additional branches located in each of the aforementioned regions, to pursue the following aims:

- a. The University and branches will be established with the express purpose of bringing together world views and facilitating the transfer of technology;
- b. All member nations of the United Nations will be equally represented at the University;
- c. Incentives will be offered to students of journalism and communications at the University to return to their countries to teach upon completion of instruction;
- d. The instructors of the regional education centers will be comprised of a multi-partisan coalition of educators from throughout the world;

3. Calls for the continued use of funds from the International Program for the Development of Communications, Special Account, UNESCO, the UNDP, and other sources of funding including national governments and private donors;

4. Further recommends that the distribution of funds be decided by the IPDC.





# RESOLUTION FORMATTING AND WRITING GUIDELINES

## Heading

The title should be aligned to the right, above the body of the draft resolution. The next three lines should list the name of the committee, the title of the topic and date and headquarter of the committee, also left-aligned. To the right of the heading, the symbol of the UN should be displayed<sup>1</sup>. Following that, the signature of at least eight members should be presented, reminding that only official members of the committee can sign a draft resolution.

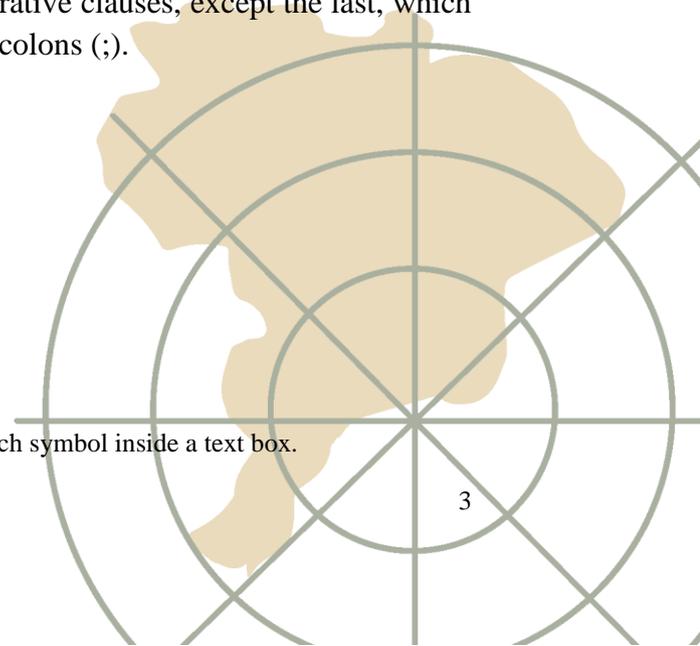
## Body

The body of a resolution is written in the format of a long sentence, with the following rules:

- The committees of the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council should begin their resolutions with “The General Assembly” and “The Economic and Social Council,” respectively. All other committees should use their own names in the introductory line. The rest of the resolution is comprised of two sets of clauses.
- The first set consists of preambulatory clauses, which describe the problem being addressed, recall past actions taken, explain the purpose of the resolution, and offer support for the operative clauses that follow. Each clause in the preamble begins with an italicized (or underlined, if handwritten) word or phrase and ends with a comma. If using verbs, remember to tense them in *-ing* form.
- The second set consists of operative clauses, which are numbered and state the action(s) to be taken by the body. These clauses all begin with present tense active verbs, which are generally stronger words than those used to begin preambulatory clauses. These verbs are underlined. All operative clauses, except the last, which ends with a period (.), are followed by semi-colons (;).

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<sup>1</sup> Due to formatting and alignment, it may be needed to add such symbol inside a text box.





### **Preambulatory Phrases**

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

### **Operative Clauses**

Accepts	Emphasizes	Reaffirms
Affirms	Encourages	Recommends
Approves	Endorses	Regrets
Authorizes	Expresses its appreciation	Reminds
Calls for	Expresses its hope	Requests
Calls upon	Further invites	Resolves
Condemns (SC only)	Further proclaims	Solemnly affirms
Confirms	Further recommends	Strongly condemns
Congratulates	Further reminds	Supports
Considers	Further requests	Takes note of
Declares accordingly	Further resolves	Trusts
Demands (SC only)	Has resolved	Urges
Deplores	Notes	Welcomes
Designates	Proclaims	
Draws attention		

*Adapted from Harvard Model United Nations Guide to Delegate Preparation*