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Module III

UN Documents & NGO Diplomacy

Lesson 13

Resolutions, Their “Secret Language” and How To Use The UN’s Document Resources

Their “Secret Language”

- Legal status
- Their structure and numbering
- The drafting and adoption of resolutions and decisions
- How and where to find them and use the UN’s online document system

Legal Status... depends

- **Security Council:** Chapter VII resolutions are binding (Chapter VI, customarily are not, and are usually called “recommendations”)
- **General Assembly:** Resolutions generally are not binding but “decisions” (resolutions essentially procedural in nature and providing instructions for the functioning of the organization) usually are.
- **ECOSOC:** Not legally binding

Structure & Numbering

- **One long sentence...** ie one period.
- **Name** of body issuing the resolution
- **Numbering:** according to the who, what, where and when...
- **Preamble:** starts with gerunds and explains the reason
- **Operative part:** starts with numbers and expresses the opinion of the organization or the action to be take



General Assembly

Distr.: General
18 September 2000

Fifty-fifth session
Agenda item 60 (b)

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/55/L.2)]

55/2. United Nations Millennium Declaration

The General Assembly

Adopts the following Declaration:

United Nations Millennium Declaration

I. Values and principles

1. We, heads of State and Government, have gathered at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 6 to 8 September 2000, at the dawn of a new millennium, to reaffirm our faith in the Organization and its Charter as indispensable foundations of a more peaceful, prosperous and just world.
2. We recognize that, in addition to our separate responsibilities to our individual societies, we have a collective responsibility to uphold the principles of human dignity, equality and equity at the global level. As leaders we have a duty therefore to all the world's people, especially the most vulnerable and, in particular, the children of the world, to whom the future belongs.

Numbering

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<http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/symbol.htm>

Document Symbols

Basics of Symbols

A symbol serves as a unique identifier for a United Nations document. Each symbol is composed of numbers and letters which do not give any significant indication of the subject of a document. All language versions of a document carry the same symbol.

Structure of Symbols

First component

Usually, the first component indicates the organ to which the document is being submitted or the organ that is issuing the document:

A/-	General Assembly
S/-	Security Council
E/-	Economic and Social Council
ST/-	Secretariat

Some bodies have a special series symbol that does not reflect the parent organ. For example:

CRC/C/-	Committee on the Rights of the Child
DP/-	United Nations Development Programme
TD/-	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNEP/-	United Nations Environment Programme

Second component

Secondary and tertiary components indicate subsidiary bodies:

-/AC. .../-	Ad hoc committee
-/C. .../-	Standing, permanent, or main committee
-/CN. .../-	Commission
-/CONF. .../-	Conference
-/GC. .../-	Governing council
-/PC/. .../-	Preparatory committee
-/SC. .../-	Subcommittee
-/Sub. .../-	Subcommission
-/WG. .../-	Working group

“Preambulatory” Phrases

- Affirming
- Recalling
- Recognizing
- Further recalling
- Confidant that
- Expressing its appreciation for

TERMS USED IN RESOLUTIONS TERMES UTILISÉS DANS LES RÉSOLUTIONS

A. Preamble / Préambule

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. <i>Acknowledging</i> | <i>Reconnaissant</i> |
| 2. <i>Acting</i> | <i>Agissant</i> |
| 3. <i>Adhering</i> | <i>Souscrivant</i> |
| 4. <i>Affirming</i> | <i>Affirmant</i> |
| 5. <i>Agreeing with the observations</i> | <i>Approuvant les observations</i> |
| 6. <i>Alarmed by</i> | <i>Alarmée par</i> |
| 7. <i>Appreciating</i> | <i>Apprécient</i> |
| 8. <i>Aware of</i> | <i>Consciente de</i> |
| 9. <i>Aware that</i> | <i>Tenant compte de ce</i> |
| 10. <i>Bearing in mind</i> | |

Operative Phrases

- Invites
- Encourages
- Calls upon
- Reaffirms
- Further requests

B. Operative Part / Dispositif

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| 1. <i>Accepts</i> | <i>Accepte</i> |
| 2. <i>Accepts with appreciation</i> | <i>Accepte avec satisfaction</i> |
| 3. <i>Accepts with deep appreciation</i> | <i>Accepte avec une profonde sat</i> |
| 4. <i>Accepts with gratitude</i> | <i>Accepte avec gratitude</i> |
| 5. <i>Acknowledges</i> | <i>Reconnaît</i> |
| 6. <i>Adopts</i> | <i>Adopte</i> |
| 7. <i>Affirms</i> | <i>Affirme</i> |
| 8. <i>Agrees with the observations</i> | <i>Approuve les observations</i> |
| 9. <i>Appeals to all States</i> | <i>Lance un appel à tous les États</i> |
| 10. <i>Appoints</i> | <i>Nomme</i> |
| 11. <i>Approves</i> | <i>Approuve</i> |
| 12. <i>Authorizes</i> | <i>Autori</i> |

On Drafting & Adopting

Balance of actions to be taken, usually through a consensus arrived at through the drafting process

- Immediate objectives
- Political capital
- Financial considerations
- Long term objectives

UN Documents

- <http://www.un.org/en/documents/>
- UN Documents
— <http://www.un.org/en/index.shtml>
- Terms and a UN “thesaurus”
- 6 Languages
- Various search options
- The google Alternative

Today's Homework ...

What is this document?
— CCPR/C/ALB/2004/1

Using the Quick Links, can you find a recent resolution on “Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture.”

- What is its document number?
- When was it adopted?
- When was it circulated as a printed document?

