PRE-AMBULATORY PARAGRAPHS AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS

PRE-AMBULATORY PARAGRAPHS

The preamble of a draft resolution states the reasons for which the committee is addressing the topic and highlights past international action on the issue. Each clause begins with a present participle (called a pre-ambulatory phrase) and ends with a comma. Pre-ambulatory paragraphs can include:

- References to the UN Charter
- Citations of past relevant UN resolutions or treaties
- Mentions of statements made by the Secretary-General or a relevant UN body or agency
- Recognition of the efforts of countries or regional or non-governmental organizations in dealing with this issue
- General statements on the topic, its significance, and its impact

Acknowledging
Acting
Affirming
Alarmed by
Anxious
Approving
Aware of
Bearing in mind
Believing
Cognizant
Confident
Conscious
Considering
Contemplating
Convinced
Declaring
Deeply concerned
Deeply conscious
Deeply convinced
Deeply disturbed
Deeply regretting
Deploring
Desiring
Emphasizing
Encouraged
Expecting
Expressing its appreciation
Expressing concern
Expressing its satisfaction
Firmly convinced
Fulfilling
Fully alarmed
Fully aware
Fully believing
Further deploring
Further recalling
Guided by
Having adopted
Having approved
Having considered
Having considered further
Having decided
Having devoted attention
Having examined
Having heard
Having received
Having studied
Keeping in mind
Mindful
Noting
Noting further
Noting with regret
Noting with deep concern
Noting with satisfaction
Noting further
Noting with approval
Observing
Reaffirming
Realizing
Recalling
Recognizing
Referring
Regretting
Reiterating
Reiterating its call for
Seeking
Seized
Stressing
Taking into account
Taking into consideration
Taking note
Underlining
Viewing with appreciation
Welcoming
Welcoming also

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS

Operative paragraphs identify the actions or recommendations made in a resolution. Eachoperative paragraph begins with a very (called an operative phrase) and ends with a semicolon. Operative paragraphs should be organized in a logical progression, with each containing a single idea or proposal, and are always numbered. If a paragraph requires further explanation, bulleted lists set off by letters or roman numerals can also be used. After the last operative paragraph, the resolution ends in a period.

Accepts
Acknowledges
Adopts
Advises
Affirms
Also calls for
Also urges
Appeals
Appreciates
Approves
Authorizes
Calls
Calls for
Calls upon
Condemns
Confirms
Congratulates
Considers
Declares accordingly
Deplores
Designates
Draws the attention
Emphasizes
Encourages
Endorses
Expresses its appreciation
Expresses its hope
Further invites
Deplores
Designates
Directs
Draws the attention
Emphasizes
Encourages
Endorses
Expresses its appreciation
Expresses its hope
Expresses its regret
Further invites
Further proclaims
Further reminds
Further recommends
Further requests
Further resolves
Has resolved
Instructs
Introduces
Invites
Notes
Notes with satisfaction
Proclaims
Reaffirms
Recommends
Regrets
Reminds
Requests
Requires
Solemnly affirms
Strongly condemns
Strongly encourages
Suggests
Supports
Takes note of
Transmits
Trusts
Underlines
Underscores
Urges
Welcomes

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