

# Week 4: Working Papers, Draft Resolutions and Resolutions







**Vocabulary**

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| -working paper              | -draft resolution     |
| -tabling a draft resolution | -regional bloc        |
| -amendment                  | -friendly amendment   |
| -vote                       | -unfriendly amendment |
| -adopted                    | -passed by consensus  |
| -placard vote               | -in favour            |
| -resolution                 | -preambular phrase    |
| -preambular clause          | -preambular section   |
| -semi-colon                 | -operative phrase     |
| -operative clause           | -operative section    |
| -comma                      |                       |

**Downloads from JEMUN website**

When you and your committee members start developing your working paper, you need to follow a specific format. Before we move on and practice using this format, please make sure you download the following supplementary documents from the LESSON #4 page of the JEMUN website. You will need these three documents to finish your homework.

1. **sample JEMUN working paper** (the first step in the process to develop a resolution)
2. **list of preambular phrases** (used in the preambular section when developing your working paper)
3. **list of operative phrases** (used in the operative section when developing your working paper)

**JEMUN Working Paper**

On Friday and Saturday, you will be developing a JEMUN working paper with the other country delegates in your committee. This working paper will be submitted to the Chair of your meeting room by 4:50 pm. Each JEMUN working paper consists of three parts:

1. **heading,**
2. **preambular section, and**
3. **operative section**

**heading**

The **heading** of your working paper should have the meeting room number, your specialized committee letter and the title of your committee topic

Example: **3C Improving Global Road Safety**  
(This would be meeting room 3, committee C and the title is Improving Global Road Safety)

Below this, the **United Nations Body** should be the addressee and it should be followed by a comma (,).

For example:

**The General Assembly,**  
**or The Security Council,**

**Write the heading of your committee's working paper below!**

Use the sample working paper as a guide.

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### Preambular Section

The purpose of the preambular section is to show that there is a problem that needs to be solved. The preambular section includes a number of preambular clauses that can include:

- ***past UN resolutions, treaties, or conventions related to the topic,***
- ***past regional, non-governmental, or national efforts in resolving this topic,***
- ***references to the UN Charter or other international frameworks or laws,***
- ***statements made by the Secretary-General or a relevant UN body or agency, and***
- ***general background information or facts about the topic, its significance, and its impact***

Each preambular clause begins with an italicised preambular phrase and ends in a comma. See the sample working paper for examples. .

### **Write three preambular clauses for your committee topic!**

*Use the sample list of preambular phrases and the sample working paper as a guide.*



### Operative Section

The purpose of the operative section is to offer solutions to the issues addressed in the preambular section. The operative section includes a number of operative clauses that can

- ***recommend, urge, condemn, encourage or request certain actions,***
- ***state a favourable or unfavourable opinion regarding an existing situation; and***
- ***offer suggestions for action that may be very specific or vague.***

Each operative clause is sequentially numbered, begins with a present tense verb called an operative phrase and ends with a semi-colon. The very last operative clause ends in a period. See the sample working paper for examples. .

### **Write three operative clauses for your committee topic!**

*Use the sample list of operative phrases and the sample working paper as a guide.*

