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From an idea to the Draft Resolutions



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FROM AN IDEA TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

GENERAL

It was decided by the World Scout Committee that the World Scout Youth Forums should be empowered to make draft resolutions as they feel appropriate to the World Scout Committee and National Scout Organisations for their consideration and endorsement for the World Scout Conference. The World Scout Youth Forum can also produce a Final Declaration that is a statement summarises the main concerns or messages the participants would like to share with the World Organization of the Scout Movement or the whole world. In this document we will focus on draft resolutions, but most of these steps is matching also the Final Declaration (except phrasing and wording which will be left to the Drafting Committee).

Draft Resolutions reflect the concrete ideas of the Youth Forum participants that they want to be adopted by the World Scout Conference through the endorsement of the World Scout Committee or a National Scout Organisation. It reflects the conclusions of the discussions of the subjects on the Youth Forum agenda, in a form of a request that some kind of action, specified in the document, should be taken by the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

A. CREATING A DRAFT RESOLUTION

i) Getting started

Formulate your idea or subject for the draft resolution. Keep in mind that a good Draft Resolution is one that:

- identifies a clear need, challenge or problem ;
- is relevant to the Scout Movement and to the Youth Forum that will discuss it ;
- affects numerous NSOs, think globally ;
- state clearly the background and desired outcome ;
- has a "resolved" clause that stands alone ;
- give specific actions to be taken.

Organize your thoughts on the subject.

Decide what you think the World Scout Committee should do about the issue. You have to be pragmatic and propose a clear path.

Begin writing using clear, concise and appropriate language.

ii) Composition

In form, a Draft Resolutions is one long sentence, with bullet points, commas and semicolons used to separate the ideas. It may look confusing, but it's really not, once you work through the language. Normally, draft resolution consists of a:

- heading
- preamble
- operative part

The *heading* gives the topic of the draft resolutions and tells who is submitting and seconding it. Normally submission and seconding is done by delegations, but this time, during the 12th WSYF, we are going to receive proposed draft resolutions from international teams.

The *preamble* explains simply the need, the problem or situation. It explains the purpose of the draft resolutions and states the main reasons for the operative part that follows. Preambulatory clauses should specifically refer to factual situations or incidents regarding the issue at hand.

Some words and phrases which may help you with the preamble part include:

Affirming	Fully aware	Noting with satisfaction
Appreciating	Fully believing	Noting with deep concern
Approving	Further recalling	Noting with approval
Aware of	Guided by	Noting further
Believing	Having adopted	Observing
Bearing in mind	Having considered	Realizing
Cognizant	Having devoted attention	Reaffirming
Declaring	Having examined	Recalling
Deeply concerned	Having heard	Recognizing
Deeply convinced	Having received	Referring
Desiring	Having studied	Seeking
Emphasizing	Impressed by	Taking into account
Expecting	In addition	Taking into consideration
Expressing its satisfaction	Keeping in mind	Taking note
Expressing its appreciation	Moreover	Viewing with appreciation
Fulfilling	Noting	Welcoming

The *operative* part explains clearly what actions should be taken. It lists the draft resolutions for action.

Some words and phrases which may help you with the operative part include:

Accepts	Declares	Invites
Affirms	Demands	Notes
Approves	Designates	Proclaims
Authorizes	Directs	Reaffirms
Acknowledges	Draws the attention	Recognizes
Adopts	Emphasizes	Recommends
Applauds	Encourages	Reminds
Calls	Endorses	Regrets
Calls upon	Establishes	Requests
Congratulates	Expresses its appreciation	Solemnly affirms
Confirms	Expresses its hope	Stresses
Considers	Further invites	Supports
Declares accordingly	Further resolves	Suggests
Decides	Further requests	Urges

If you would like assistance with the mechanics of writing or submitting a draft resolution, contact the Drafting Committee.

The Drafting Committee will review all draft resolutions (proofread, spell check, format).

B. SUBMITTING A DRAFT RESOLUTION

Proposed draft resolutions must be proposed by one international team and seconded by another international team. Draft resolutions may also be proposed by the Youth Advisors collectively, where such proposals do not require to be seconded. The Youth Advisors may not propose draft resolutions individually.

Draft resolutions should be presented in the indicated form to any member of the Drafting Committee before the specified deadline. There is a specific Form that you can download online to submit the proposed draft resolution.

If possible, draft resolutions should be presented in both official languages (English and French) and also be made available in digital format, as this will facilitate the work of the Drafting Committee.

C. SECONDING A DRAFT RESOLUTION

If you want your draft resolution to be debated and voted on, you need to find at least one other international team that shares your opinion and that will second what you are proposing.

Similarly, if you strongly support a draft resolution being proposed by another team, feel free to second it and formally show to all delegates your support.

In a democratic process, there should be a consensus from the majority of the international team members to agree or disagree on a draft resolution or amendments, proposal or seconding. This should be decided internally within each international team how the consensus will be achieved (discussion, voting ... etc.).

When a draft resolution or amendment has been proposed, it will only be considered and put to vote if another international team immediately seconds the resolution or the amendment. It is an indication that there is at least one person besides the proposer who is interested in seeing the idea debated.

Seconding, however, does not necessarily indicate that the seconder favours the resolution. Someone may second a resolution only to allow it to be debated. Sometimes discussing and clarifying even the unacceptable issue in an open debate is better than just rejecting it. In this way everyone then clearly understands why the issue was wrong to begin with.

A second may be withdrawn if the proposer amends the resolution before it is put to a vote.

D. AMENDING A DRAFT RESOLUTION

Amendment is used to modify an original draft resolution, before it is put to a vote. An amendment must contain the specific draft resolution it addresses, and the way that it should be changed.

An amendment may be either:

- by adding new words or phrases
- by deleting words or phrases
- by replacing certain words with others
- by substituting a different proposal on the same subject
- by dividing the question into two or more questions, so as to get a separate vote on any particular point or points.

If the amendment is defeated, the original draft resolution is then put for a vote. If the amendment is carried, then the draft resolution is amended accordingly before it is put to a vote.

A proposed amendment may also be subject to amending, but only before the original amendment is voted on.

E. VOTING ON A DRAFT RESOLUTION

The Drafting Committee shall present the proposed resolution to the final session of the Forum for approval.

The Chair of the voting session (who could be the Forum chairperson or a member of the World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee) shall read each resolution in turn, invite discussion and put any proposed amendments and the final resolution to a vote.

The Chair of the voting session may limit the number of times and length of time delegates or observers may take the floor.

The real value of draft resolutions can only be obtained if the discussions and debate are open but effective.

Please refer to Document 2 - WSYF Guidelines for further information on the voting procedure.

F. DRAFTING COMMITTEE

The Drafting Committee comprises:

- four Forum delegates proposed by the World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee on the basis of their competence to carry out their function. Among them, the members should be competent in one of the official languages of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, English or French ;
- one Youth Advisor as a resource person ;
- one facilitator from the World Scout Bureau.

This committee should be endorsed by the World Scout Youth Forum delegates at the beginning of the Forum.

The Drafting Committee has the following tasks:

- to inform participants on the function and form of draft resolutions to be forwarded to the World Scout Conference ;
- to receive proposed draft resolutions from Forum delegates, in their international teams ;
- to arrange for redrafting, when necessary, and translation ;
- to distribute copies of the proposed draft resolutions, in writing and in both official languages of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, to Forum participants sufficiently in advance of the final session of the Forum to permit participants to study them ;
- to present the proposed draft resolutions in writing in both official languages to the final session of the Forum for consideration and voting ;
- to draft the version of the Final Declaration to be submitted to the Forum at Closing Session.