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DELEGATE INTROS



Quiz Yourself!

1. Where is the United Nations Headquarters located?

New York City, United States of America

2. What international organization, whose mission was to maintain world peace, came before the United Nations?

League of Nations

3. How many countries make up the United Nations?

193



Quiz Yourself!

4. How many official working languages are used at the United Nations?

6 (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish)

5. There are 15 countries represented on the Security Council. Which *five* permanent members (a.k.a. “the Big Five”) hold veto power?

China, France, Russia, United Kingdom and United States

6. Who is the current Secretary General. What country is he/she from?

António Guterres; Portugal



Quiz Yourself!

7. What is unique about the United Nations logo?

the design shows no one country/region in the center

8. What year is the deadline for the UN Sustainable Development Goals?

2030

9. How many Sustainable Development Goals are there?

17



Let's Try it!

**What is another word for the
people who work at the
United Nations?**

Delegate or Diplomat!



Let's Try it!

*Let's practice being **delegates/diplomats** through public speaking!*

– **In 30 seconds, share:**

- Your name
- Your assigned Country
- Your school
- 1 Fact about your Country

– **Try to meet as many other delegates as you can!**



What is Parliamentary Procedure?



- A set of rules that run when & how people speak in meetings
- Used by: Model United Nations, United States Congress, Student Government, City Council, Places of Worship, etc.



Why do we use Parliamentary Procedure?



- Quicker meetings
- Keeps delegates on track
- Protects each member's rights
- Everyone's voice is heard
- Fairness (will of the majority)
- Respect



**What does
Parliamentary
Procedure sound like?**



Placard

Piece of paper a delegate raises when they want to speak



Roll Call

Calling a list of names to know
who is present



Chair

Person who runs Model UN meeting
and makes sure *parli pro* is followed



1. Croatia
2. Mongolia
3. Pakistan
- Madagascar
5. Liechtenstein

Speakers List

A list of country delegations who want to speak



Caucus

A meeting about a specific issue



Moderated Caucus

Debate using speakers' list



Unmoderated Caucus

Debate that does not use speakers' list.
Delegates can talk with each other and
move around the room!



Points

Questions or concerns a delegate can raise

There are 3 types of points!



1. Point of Order

Use this if someone breaks parli pro rules



2. Point of Inquiry

Use this if you have a question



3. Point of Personal Privilege

Use this if you feel uncomfortable
(example: you need to use the restroom)



4. Motions: A proposal by a delegate that the committee takes a certain action. Examples:

- Motion to open and/or close a committee session
- Motion for lunch
- Motion for a moderated caucus
- Motion for an unmoderated caucus



How does the United Nations present solutions to important global issues?



Hint: It's not a law, but a...

Resolution!



What is a Resolution?



- A written statement that recommends actions to be taken on an important issue
- Each country delegation writes a resolution about their topic

Let's take a look at a sample resolution!



*Sample
Resolution*

Student Council Policy Issue: *Bullying in School*

Committee: World Affairs Middle School Administration
Topic: Bullying
Sponsor: Students



Heading

School Administration,

Concerned that 22 percent of students between ages 12 - 18 have been victims of bullying,

Alarmed that nearly half of teenagers have been cyberbullied,

Understanding that 54 percent of children who are bullied do not tell an adult in the school,



Preambulatory Clauses

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Part I: Heading

States basic resolution information



Heading: Three Parts

Committee (who is reading it)

School Administration

Topic (what is it about)

Bullying

Sponsor (who is writing it)

Student Council



Part II: Preambulatory Clauses

Gives Background Information

- Why is the issue important?
- Why is it still a problem?
- What has been done?



Preambulatory Clauses: Just the Facts

Use reliable sources!

*Examples: U.N. Charter, other U.N. resolutions,
Sustainable Development Goals*



Preambulatory Clauses: Format

Italicize first few words of each clause

Use a comma (,) at the end of each clause



Preambulatory Clauses: Vocabulary

- Acknowledging
- Appreciating
- Approving
- Aware
- Concerned
- Considering
- Keeping in mind
- Recognizing
- Understanding



Preambulatory Clauses: Another Look

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Part III: Operative Clauses

Suggest actions: What should be done to solve the problem?



Operative Clauses: Get Buy-In

Make Your Solution:

- Realistic
- Specific
- Enforceable



Operative Clauses: Format

- Begin with an **action word**
- Underline first action word or words
- End first 2 clauses with semicolon (;)
- End last clause with period (.)
- Number each clause (1, 2, 3)



Operative Clauses Vocabulary

- Congratulates
- Encourages
- Suggests
- Decides
- Recommends
- Supports
- Declares
- Requests
- Urges



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Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Resolution Practice Round: SDG 4 – Ensure Quality Education for All



SDG 4: Ensure equitable and inclusive education and promote lifelong learning for all



By 2030, 84 million children and youth will be out of school

SDG 4: Ensure equitable and inclusive education and promote lifelong learning for all



Image Source: United Nations

Data on digital skills is available only in 78 countries

SDG 4: Ensure equitable and inclusive education and promote lifelong learning for all



Image Source: United Nations

About 40% of countries have not achieved gender equality in education

SDG 4: Ensure equitable and inclusive education and promote lifelong learning for all



Image Source: United Nations

By 2030, only 1 in 6 countries will have all children finish secondary school

SDG 4: Ensure equitable and inclusive education and promote lifelong learning for all



Image Source: United Nations

“Education is the most powerful weapon with which you can change the world.”

- Nelson Mandela, Former President of South Africa



Let's Try It!

Practice: Heading

- **Committee:** General Assembly
- **Topic:** Quality Education
- **Sponsor:** Student Delegates



Let's Try It!

Practice: Preambulatory Clauses

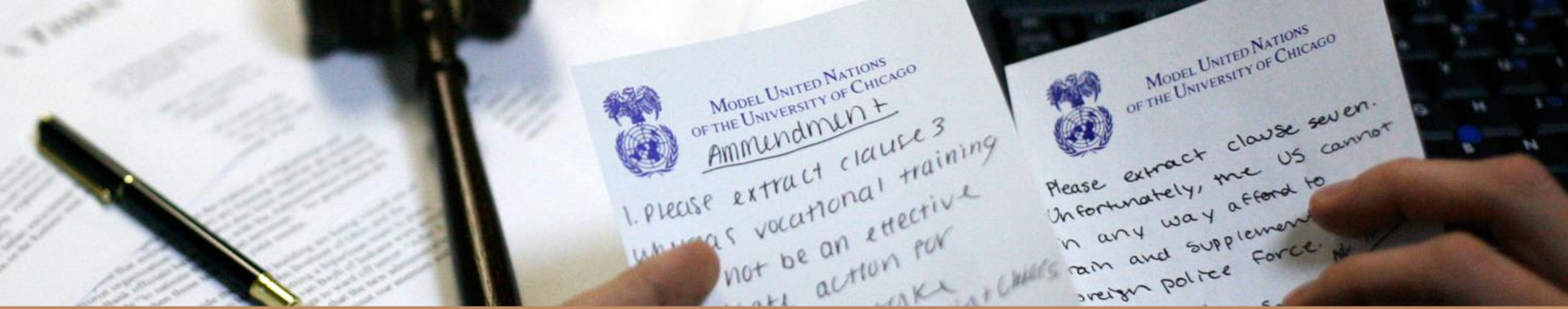
- In your small groups, select one person to be the **group leader** and one person to be the **group writer**. The **group leader** should help facilitate discussion and the writer should help make sure everyone in the group writes the same draft clauses.
- You have **10 minutes** to write **two** preambulatory clauses that address **Quality Education (Handouts #3 & #4)**.
- At the end, some **leaders** and **writers** will come to **podium** to share.



Let's Try It!

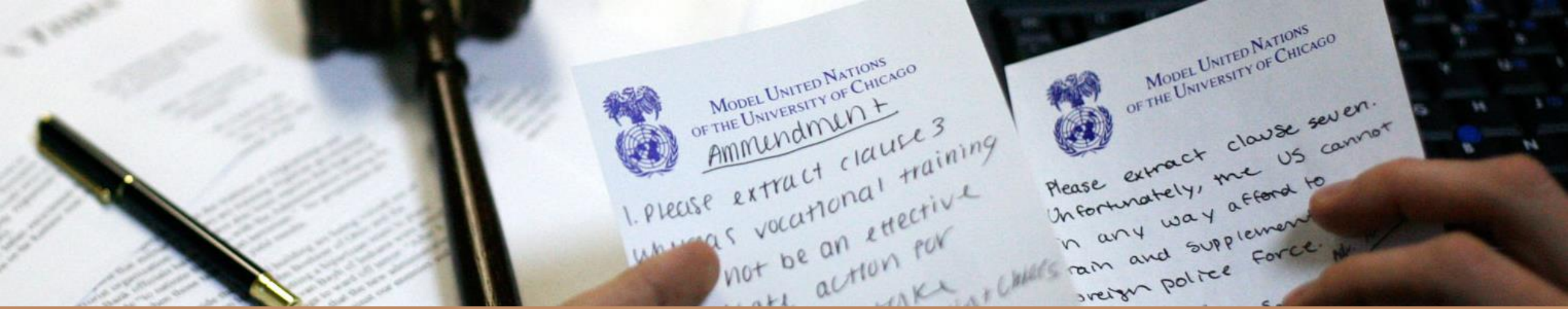
Practice: Operative Clauses

- In your small groups, select one **NEW** person to be the **group leader** and one **NEW** person to be the **group writer**.
- You have **10 minutes** to write at least **two operative clauses** addressing Quality Education. Think... *What are we going to do?*
- At the end, some **leaders** and **writers** will come to **podium** to share..



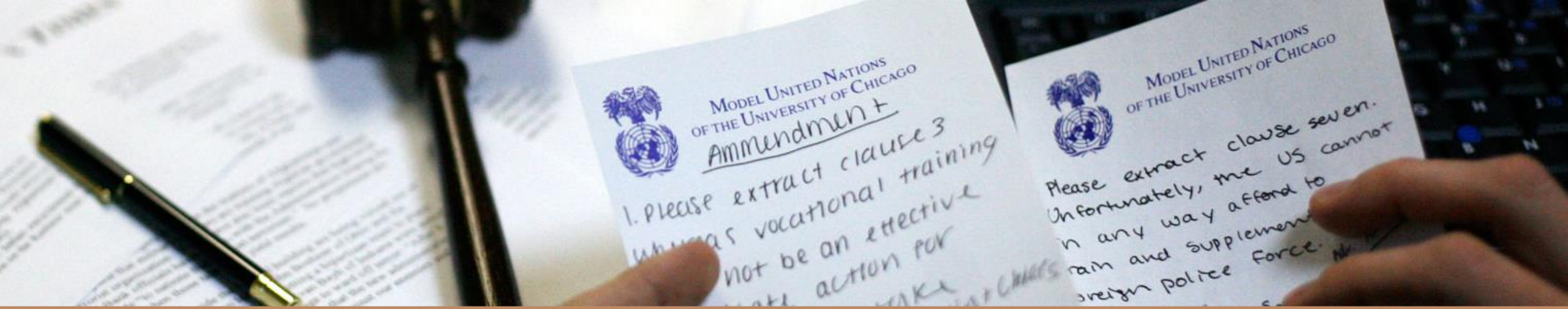
Formatting & Amending a Resolution

Amend: to change or make better



When to Amend a Resolution

- Only **operative clauses** can be amended
- Amend a clause if it need to be more:
 - Specific
 - Agreeable to other countries
 - Clear



How to Amend a Resolution

- Add words or phrases
- Delete words or phrases
- Combine operative clauses



Let's Try It!

Practice Reviewing Formatting Errors & Amending a Resolution

- In your small groups, **discuss formatting errors & amend at least one operative clause** from the Example Resolution (Handout #5) in **10 minutes**.
- Choose one **NEW** group leader and one **NEW** group writer.
- At the end, some **leaders** and **writers** will come to **podium** to share.

Students' Names:

Students' School: World Affairs Council Middle School

U.N. Committee (either 1 or 2): 1

Topic: Clean Water and Sanitation

Sponsor (country delegation): Dominican Republic

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned that 250 million children worldwide are out of school,

Fully aware that Latin America and the Caribbean had some of the longest school closures due to Covid-19,

Keeping in mind that in the Dominican Republic, school drop out rates are twice as high in rural areas,

1. *Suggests* that the United Nations build schools in rural areas of the Dominican Republic

2. *Suggests* that the United Nations help more children go to school

3. *Suggests* that wealthy nations give money to countries in Latin America and the Caribbean to help their schools



Final Review:

Q: What are the 3 main parts of a resolution?

A: Heading, Preambulatory Clauses, Operative Clauses



Final Review:

Q: Which **punctuation marks** are used in preambulatory & operative clauses?

A: **Commas** in preambulatory clauses, **semicolons** and **1 period** at the end operative clauses.



Final Review:

Q: True or False: Preambulatory and operative clauses need to match.

A: True! Your clauses must show "cause and effect"



Final Review:

Q: When you write a Model UN resolution, who are you writing to?

A: The UN General Assembly – NOT your country's government!

MOTION FOR BREAK (10 MINS)





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