



M8: resolution writing

Drawing up a resolution - Vocabulary

This is a working vocabulary on the basic verbs you need to draw up a resolution. All the examples and exercises are taken from a real resolution to give you an idea what one might look like. When asked to either try to fill in the gaps or connect the pieces to construct meaningful sentences.

I. Committee on ...women's rights and equal opportunities

II. Resolution on women and sport

III. The Model European Parliament,

- having regard to Articles 3 and 141 of the Treaty establishing the European Community
- having regard to Articles 21 and 23 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,
- having regard to the declaration on sport annexed to the Treaty of Amsterdam,

Verbs depicting the existing situation

fully aware that
affirming
acknowledging the need of
bearing in mind that
fully believing
deeply/very concerned
convinced that
deeply disturbed by
having regard to
noting with satisfaction/ concern

observing
recalling its view that
recognizing (the importance)
regrets / regretting that
stating that
taking into account that
understanding
whereas ... (this serves as well to introduce the situation)

Example:

A. *whereas sport is one of the main cultural activities among Europeans; whereas in the European Union 29.5% of men, as opposed to 16 % of women, and 63 % of young men aged 15 to 24, as compared to 37 % of young women of that age, say that they regularly take part in physical or sporting activity,*

B. *whereas access to the practice of sport is a right and whereas sport is a means of self-expression and fulfilment, as well as a force for citizenship and solidarity; whereas the regular practice of sport improves physical and mental health, etc.*

Cloze test. Fill in the correct words from this list: and, leisure, may, men, sports, strong, themselves

C. having regard to the _____ disparities in access to _____ activities between women and _____ and also between women _____, based on social background _____ conditions of employment which _____ act as an obstacle to _____ and sports opportunities,

And now try to translate the words in the brackets properly.

D. whereas _____ (körperlich) activity and sport _____ (darstellen) an ideal form of rehabilitation and, _____ (gleichermaßen), a means of social integration for the physically or mentally _____ (Behinderten), and whereas, in particular, steps must be taken to _____ (sicherzustellen) that disabled persons of both sexes can exercise to the full their _____ (Recht) to participate in all forms of sport at their level and in keeping with their own needs,

Verbs indicating the necessary changes

believes	points to / points out that
calls on/ calls for	points to / points out that
recalls that	promotes
confirms	reiterates its call for
considers that / now is the moment for	requests
decides	stipulates that
declares	stresses
strongly emphasises	suggests that
encourages	underlines
will not hinder	underscores
insists that	undertakes to implement
is of the opinion that	urges
instructs its President	strongly welcomes
looks forward to (Verb + -ing form)	proposes that
notes with appreciation	

Example:

1. Declares that women's sport is an expression of the right to equality and the freedom of all women to take control of their bodies and participate in sports publicly, regardless of nationality, age, disability, sexual orientation or religion;
2. Calls on the European Convention to provide a legal basis for sport in the future Treaty of the Union, recognising its cultural, educational and social functions and including a reference to equal access for women and men to participation in sports and related responsibilities;

Verbs suggesting action (e.g. ... calls upon)

to abolish sth	to give so access to	to reaffirm their commitment
to carry out a study	to guarantee sth	to refrain from action/ statements
to comply with	to include In	to restore the (important) role
to contribute to the improvement	to incorporate rule	to provide support/ a legal basis for
to develop policies/strategies	to implement a law/an action	to step up efforts
to devise indicators	to intervene actively	to support the promotion of
to enable so to do sth	to introduce sth	to undertake a wide-ranging study
to encourage activities	to make so aware of sth	
to ensure that	to promote sth	
to examine the issue	to provide so with sth	

IV. Instructs the President to forward this resolution to the European Parliament, the European Commission and the Council of Ministers.

Make meaningful sentences by choosing from both sides. Begin with 1.

1	Stresses that the goal of equal opportunities is	A	to engage in the physical activity of their choice,
2	For gender equality	B	to be open to both sexes
3	be included as an objective	C	by girls and women
4	and that the aim is to encourage all sports	D	for 2006 to 2010.
5	and enable all girls and boys	E	between so-called masculine and feminine sports
6	Calls on the member states and the European Union Proposes that participation in sport	F	In the future Community strategy