

Position	For	Against	To
<b>Overview</b>	If you want to speak <i>for</i> a resolution, you don't only want to be for the idea, but also for the actual text itself. Sometimes your country is for the idea which is talked about, but the text of the resolution could actually hurt you. You should really be sure that you are both for the idea as a whole, and also the fine points of the text if you want to speak here. Also, make sure you are here for your country's position rather than personal beliefs; remember who you are representing.	You hate the idea or the resolution. If you are against the idea of the resolution you fit in this category, hands down, but you can also fit in this category if you just don't like the text of the resolution. Perhaps the resolution is calling for your country's sovereignty to be violated, or for your country to bare most of the burden. In those cases, you may not be for the resolution even though the overall idea behind it seems good. If you like the idea, but feel the text hurts you, and will continue to hurt you even with an amendment, than you are against.	You like the idea, but not the resolution, or you have some dirty laundry you don't want to share. The most obvious reason to speak <i>to</i> a resolution is that you don't want to take a position and get yourself caught up. Taking a definite stand also puts you in the position for definite attacks, something avoided by speaking to a resolution. But you can also like the idea of a resolution, but be against it for the details. A rule of thumb that you may use, is that if you like the idea and not the resolution, but are optimistic that it can be changed by a simple amendment, then speak <i>to</i> . If you don't believe an amendment will fix things, speak <i>against</i> .
<b>Brief</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the Idea/For the Details</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hate the Idea</li> <li>• Like the Idea/Hate the Details</li> <li>• No room for an Amendment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Love the Idea/Don't Like the Details</li> <li>• Optimistic it can be Amended</li> <li>• Want to remain neutral</li> </ul>
<b>Associated Phrases</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My country supports...</li> <li>• My country agrees...</li> <li>• We feel the issue of...is a pressing issue...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My country is against...</li> <li>• This resolution fails to...</li> <li>• This resolution in no way fosters the goal of....</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We understand that the issue of...is pressing, but feel that this resolution is not an adequate approach.</li> <li>• My country desires to remain neutral...</li> <li>• We cannot support the resolution as it is currently written, but feel that with amendments to...</li> </ul>

### Questions to ask yourself when taking a position on a resolution:

1. Who bears the burden of the resolution? In other words, who is paying for it? Are you? If so do you have the capability to meet the demand?
2. Are the expectations realistic? Can they be met without hurting your country? Or, do the goals need to be ideal in order to get things done?
3. How does this affect my sovereignty?
4. Who will be implementing this resolution? Is the best group of people responsible for carrying out the resolution? Should it be implemented on a local level or transnational level? Should things go through individual governments, NGO's, UN organizations, or should military force be used?
5. Are parts of the resolution vague, and if so, could they be interpreted in a way that may hurt you?

6. Do aspects of the resolution act outside of your culture or religion? Is the resolution written in such a way that it represents one type of country over another?
7. Is this the best way to approach the situation?