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| Preambulatory and Operative Clauses |

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| Preambulatory ClausesThe preamble of a draft resolution states the reasons for which the committee is addressing the topic and highlights past international action on the issue. Each clause begins with a present participle (called a preambulatory phrase) and ends with a comma. Preambulatory clauses can include:* References to the UN Charter;
* Citations of past UN resolutions or treaties on the topic under discussion;
* Mentions of statements made by the Secretary-General or a relevant UN body or agency;
* Recognition of the efforts of regional or nongovernmental organizations in dealing with the issue; and
* General statements on the topic, its significance and its impact.

Sample Preambulatory Phrases

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