



WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL
of Philadelphia

2009 – 10 Model Senate Foreign Relations Committee Hearing

PROPOSED RESOLUTION TEMPLATE

Below please find a proposed resolution template. Pay careful attention to the notes in parentheses as well as the formatting of each section.

U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
111th Congress
1st Session
S. RES. # (*will be numbered later*)

Urging/Expressing . . . (*summary sentence of entire resolution*)

Example: Expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should support independence for Kosovo.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

December 10, 2009

Whereas . . . (*reasons why you came to this resolution [at least four reasons]*)

Examples:

Whereas in March 1999, the United States, along with other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), commenced military action aimed at ending Slobodan Milosevic's brutal campaign of ethnic cleansing against the people of Kosovo;

Whereas military action resulted in the defeat of Serb forces and the creation of the United Nations Mission in Kosovo, an interim United Nations administration that governs Kosovo, and which ended, de facto, the sovereignty that was previously exercised by the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia over Kosovo: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that . . . (discuss proposed action [at least four proposed actions])

example:

(1) the United States should support the independence of Kosovo in accordance with its currently constituted borders, a resolution that represents the only just, sustainable solution for an economically viable and politically stable Kosovo;

(2) the United States should, in consultation and cooperation with its allies, vigorously and promptly pursue a United Nations Security Council resolution that endorses the recommendations of United Nations Special Envoy for Kosovo, Martti Ahtisaari.