

THE CLAUSE-BY-CLAUSE DEBATE & HOW TO WRITE A CLAUSE

OPOMUN is a clause-by clause debate, meaning clauses are debated individually in order to arrive at a resolution created by the assembly.

A clause is a text where delegates explain their solution to the issue at hand. In OPOMUN we will only discuss operative clauses. Each operative clause must start with an operative verb which should be in bold and underlined. (a list of verbs is available bellow) Clauses should present a detailed solution of the issue in a coherent way.

They should also be organised in a logical and simple progression. If it is necessary to use bullet punctuation to express details or variants, delegates can use “sub clauses” and “sub-sub clauses”. Sub clauses are lettered in minuscule letters followed by a closing bracket [a), b), c), d)]. Sub-sub clauses are numbered in minuscule roman numerals followed by a period [i. ii. lii. iv. v. ...]. Sub clauses and sub-sub clauses should end with a comma, with the exception of the last one, which should end with a period.

Please bear in mind that clauses CAN'T break the sovereignty a government has over its land, mention specific sources and specific (numbers) amount of funding or be vague with its solutions.

EXAMPLE OF A WELL-STRUCTURED CLAUSE

1. **Suggests** that the Six-Party Talks endorse that an embargo be negotiated where:
 - a) Commodities being sanctioned against DPR Korea be agreed,
 - b) All Six-Party Talks members ensure the lifting of the embargo and then notify DPR Korea of the time lapse of the embargo,
 - c) DPR Korea ends their Nuclear Activity by the set time of the embargo, and if DPR Korea does not comply with the terms of agreement, the embargo will:
 - i. Be extended,
 - ii. Restrict more commodities,
 - iii. Be implemented immediately,
 - iv. The IAEA be given the jurisdiction to disarm DPR Korea under their supervision with the consultation of the Security Council;



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DARE TO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

LIST OF COMMON OPERATIVE VERBS

Accepts	Confirms	Deplores
Encourages	Draws the attention	Expresses its appreciation
Further resolves	Reminds	Supports
Affirms	Congratulates	Designates
Endorses	Emphasises	Expresses its hope
Has resolved	Requests	Takes note of
Approves	Considers	Draws the attention
Expresses its appreciation	Encourages	Further invites
Notes	Solemnly affirms	Transmits
Authorises	Declares accordingly	Emphasises
Expresses its hope	Endorses	Further recommends
Proclaims	Strongly condemns	Trusts
Calls		Urges
Further invites		
Reaffirms		
Calls upon		
Deplores		
Recommends		
Condemns		
Designates		
Regrets		