

Global Energy Parliament Submission Writing Guide

Introduction

The passage of written resolutions is the ultimate aim of the sessions of Energy Parliament, critical to advancing the goals set forth by the Energy Parliament to bring about a new standard in society, moving toward balance and harmony, and relying on scientific evidence for the same—preferably, the science of energy.

Members of Parliament or Committees have the opportunity to make their submissions at a session of Parliament, as in the stipulated procedure. Those that are passed by voting become Resolutions of the Global Energy Parliament, and are submitted to the recommended international body/ government/ organization.

When drafting submissions, provide clear answers to questions such as: What action is being called for? Why is this action being suggested? To whom is it suggested? The more you have thought about these concerns, the more fully the other Members can understand it, and once the resolution is passed, the more prepared a government or body may to accept the proposal.

Submissions have two major parts: History of the Problem and Proposed Solutions.

History of the Problem

The first section should briefly outline the history of the problem, show that the topic fits with the purpose of the GEP, and demonstrate that there is a need for a resolution--preferably referring to scientific evidence or other major international documents.

Common first words include but are not limited to: affirming, bearing in mind, having studied, confident, declaring, fully alarmed, noting with regret, recalling.

Proposed Solutions

The next portion of the resolution is a list of proposed solutions to the problem. Each item on the list must call for a specific action.

Common first words of operative clauses include but are not limited to: *accepts, emphasizes, supports, recommends, calls for, condemns, deplores, solemnly affirms.*

Appendices

Supporting documents such as tables, reports, etc., can be provided to give more detail to the problem and proposed solutions. They should not be in the body of the submission but instead listed as Appendices.

Amendments

Usually amendments are required to be made to a draft resolution before enough

votes can be garnered to see it passed. Remember that a Resolution, once passed, does not belong to a single person or committee but the entire body of Parliament. An amendment is a clarification or a change to a draft resolution that incorporated new information or identified concerns.

Final Thoughts

Concision is emphasized, but not at the expense of specificity. Keep in mind that resolutions seek to provide suggested actions to the national body (or bodies) in question.

Please also see the sample submission.