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# 7 WAYS TO AMEND

A DRAFT RESOLUTION - GA, UNEA, CPD, UNFF, HRC, OPCW

# 7 Ways to Amend a Draft Resolution

**General Assembly, United Nations Environmental Association,  
Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, United  
Nations Forum on Forests, Human Rights Council, Organisation  
for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons**

## 1) DELETE A WORD, PHRASE, SECTION IN A PARAGRAPH

With amendment to delete a word:

PP 7 Emphasizing the need to link policies on economic, social and environmental development to ensure that all **[CAN DEL: ~~people~~]** benefit from economic growth...

With an amendment to delete an entire paragraph:

OP 3 Requests the Secretary-General to submit a concise report on the implementation of the present resolution, which neither duplicates nor summarizes other reports, and decides to include in the provisional agenda the item entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conferences on Financing"; **[CAN DEL OP3]**

## 2) ADD A WORD, PHRASE, SECTION IN A PARAGRAPH

With amendment to add a word proposed by Canada and co-sponsored by Italy:

PP8 Emphasizing the need to link policies on economic, social and environmental development to ensure that all benefit **[CAN, ITA ADD: equally]** from economic growth...

## 3) REPLACE A WORD, PHRASE, SECTION IN A PARAGRAPH WITH NEW TEXT

With amendment to replace:

PP7 Emphasizing the need to link policies on economic, social and environmental development to ensure that all **[CAN, ITA REP: women and men ~~people~~]** benefit from economic growth...

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## 4) ADD A COMPLETELY NEW PARAGRAPH

PP3 Reaffirming its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,” recognizing that it builds on the Millennium Development Goals...

A new paragraph is indicated in the following manner:

**PP3 bis THAI Reaffirming also its resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, supports and complements it,**

If additional new paragraphs were added immediately after this one the sequence would be marked as follows:

**PP3 ter**

**PP3 quater**

**PP3 quinquies**

## 5) ADD AN ALTERNATE VERSION OF A PARAGRAPH

There are different types of alternated paragraphs.

One type of alternate paragraph occurs when a delegate wants to delete a paragraph and replace it with a new paragraph.

A second type of an alternate paragraph maintains some of the wording of the original paragraph but makes some revisions in how the idea is expressed. See example below:

OP 3 Requests the Secretary-General to submit a concise report on the implementation of the present resolution, which neither duplicates nor summarizes other reports, and decides to include in the provisional agenda the item entitled “Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conferences on Financing”

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## 5) ADD AN ALTERNATE VERSION OF A PARAGRAPH (CONT.)

**OP 3 ALT Norway: Requests the Secretary-General to submit a note at its seventy-second session on the implementation of the present resolution and decides to include in the provisional agenda the item entitled “Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conferences on Financing,” unless otherwise agreed in the revitalization of the Second Committee;**

If the paragraph that is being proposed is completely different and adds new content that is not replacing an existing paragraph to the resolution, it should be entered as a new paragraph as illustrated in example #4.

## 6) MOVE A PARAGRAPH TO ANOTHER PLACE IN THE RESOLUTION

**PP6 Emphasizing the need to link policies on economic, social and environmental development to ensure that all people benefit from economic growth... [PERU MOVE PP6 between PP1 and PP2]**

## 7) MERGE TWO PARAGRAPHS INTO ONE

**OP25 Recognizes the need for the international financial institutions to promote gender mainstreaming in their programs including job creation in accordance with national priorities;**

**OP26 Urges donors and invites international financial institutions, within their respective mandates, and regional development banks to ensure that a higher proportion of resources reaches women and girls; [US MERGE OP 25 and 26]**

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### GENERAL NOTE

While the line by line review is designed to allow delegates to propose changes to the text of an outcome document, delegates can indicate if they agree or disagree with the amendment that is being proposed. If a delegate agrees with an amendment that is proposed, their country will be listed as a co-sponsor.

If we take the example of PP8 above, you will notice that Italy is listed as a co-sponsor of the amendment proposed by the CAN:

PP8 Emphasizing the need to link policies on economic, social and environmental development to ensure that all benefit **[CAN, ITA ADD: equally]** from economic growth...

If they disagree, we will indicate their disagreement by putting the initials of the country along with the letters RET in brackets as follows:

PP8 Emphasizing the need to link policies on economic, social and environmental development to ensure that all benefit **[CAN ADD: equally][ITA RET]** from economic growth...

The letters RET stand for RETAIN or keep the original language as it was before CAN proposed its amendment. It is just another way of saying the Italy disagrees with the amendment proposed by Canada.

It is important to remember, that although delegates can indicate if they agree or disagree with an amendment during the line by line review, they do not need explain why. The debate on each amendment will take place at a later time.