

# Amendments

A simple guide for our MUN-ers

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## Introduction

Amendments to a resolution are changes that you propose to be incorporated into the final, official version. They serve to clarify, refine, and appeal to the more skeptical delegates by garnering more favor.

If well-used, amendments can insert some of your own ideas into opposing resolutions, slightly modifying their intentions to better fit your country's foreign policy.

Amendments are only entertained during the debate session for that certain resolution. Once a resolution has been voted on as a whole, it cannot be amended. If you believe the chairs have overlooked your proposal, please raise a question to the chairs or a point of order.

In order to propose an amendment to the committee, you must email the amendment in the correct format to the chairs. The email address will be given the day of the resolution debates.

Once the chairs open the floor to debate on your proposal, you will be expected to present the amendment to the committee, and then to give a speech justifying the need and value of passing the amendment.

For and Against speeches will then be entertained for delegates wishing to persuade the committee of their perspectives. Voting procedures will follow when the proper motion (See the SCIMUN Guide to Common Points/Motions) is raised and passed.

## Types

There are three different types of amendments:

- **Add** - add a clause, sub-clause, sub-sub clause, or phrase

Ex. Add a sub-clause to operative clause 3 that reads "d. compliance with monitoring of all transactions through public documentation and archives;"

- **Strike** - delete a clause, sub-clause, sub-sub clause, or phrase

Ex. Strike operative clause 9, sub-clause c.

- **Modify** - change the wording of a clause, sub-clause, sub-sub clause, or phrase

Ex. Modify operative clause 3 to read "3. Further affirms the requirement of government-approved licenses directed towards parties wishing to export or import small arms or any of their individual components"

## **Format**

You are required to email your proposed amendment to the specified address during the debate session of that particular resolution. You must include:

Email Subject:

Content:

Signature:

Signature refers to your country/delegation. If your proposal does not follow the proper format, the chairs may disregard it entirely.