

Writing an Agreed Conclusion

The Commission on the Status of Women is marked by one great difference to the other committees simulated at MUIMUN 2012. Since a *Model* United Nations should try to be as realistic as possible, we decided to follow the model of the real Commission on the Status of Women concerning the outcome of the debate. Therefore, the CSW will not adopt a resolution, like the other committees, but rather present its substantive work in the form of an 'Agreed Conclusion'.

Similarly to resolutions, Agreed Conclusions represent the formal recommendation and/or decision of the committee on the agenda topics at hand, in the same manner as resolutions, but. However, they differ in format and structure.

While resolutions consist of one long sentence, Agreed Conclusions are a series of complete sentences. Thus, where the clauses of a resolution each contain one whole concept, an Agreed Conclusion is composed of paragraphs, each constituted by a sentence or a few sentences which contain one whole concept. Hopefully, one advantage of this method is that it is easier to get the desired meaning across as you don't have to spend as much time trying to fit your thoughts into the tight rules of a resolution.

However, if you take a look at an example of an Agreed Conclusion (http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/csw55/agreed_conclusions/AC_CSW55_E.pdf), you may notice that, besides the format, it doesn't differ that much from a Resolution. Usually all sentences in the Agreed Conclusion start with 'The Commission on the Status of Women' or 'The Commission', followed by one of the words which usually start an Operative Clause (see: Formal Requirements for a Resolution). The first sentences are in a more general sense the preconditions for the following approaches to the problem at hand, much like the preambular clauses which are followed by the operative clauses. Please have a look at the example, and familiarize yourself with the structure and format of an Agreed Conclusion. If you have any more questions, do not hesitate to contact us.