



GAIAMUN 2020 (ONLINE -Special edition)

OnlineGAIAMUN will be a **clause-by clause debate**.

Delegates submit clauses to be debated individually, so as to arrive to a final resolution created by the assembly.

How to write a clause:

A clause identifies the actions, the recommendations to solve the issue at hand.

Each **clause** begins with a verb (called an **operative** phrase) and ends with a semicolon. **Operative clauses** should be organized in a logical progression, with each containing a single idea or proposal, and are always numbered.

Example:

Suggests the creation of an online database under the UNIDIR with all the relevant IGO's and Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) which can be used to monitor the rough diamonds transportation internationally as well as domestically to organize the information and forms collected throughout the importing and exporting process by:

- a) using serial numbers from the KPCS Certificates and other relevant information such as origin, carat weight and grade
- b) considering mining targets and mining capacities from diamond exporting states
- c) verifying that import/export statistics are compatible with each other thereby allowing for the recognition of sources of illegal diamond trade
- d) providing mechanisms for small diamond mining and refining companies to receive low interest loans from local enterprises thereby providing them the with the means to adopt, access, register with, and update the database;



COMMONLY USED DEBATE TERMS:

The submitter: The person who is proposing the motion in the form of a draft resolution for debate.

A motion: A request made by a delegate

To have the floor: To have been given the right to speak in debate before the house.

To yield the floor: To give up

A point of information: A question directed either to the speaker who has the floor or to the chair by a delegate of the house who has been duly recognized by the chair.

A point of order: A question directed to the chair by a delegate of the house who feels that a mistake has been made in the order of debate or who requires clarification of the rules of procedure.

Amendments to the Second Degree: An amendment to an amendment.

Division of the House: Roll call vote during which delegates must, via audio, vote either for or against.

Move to the Previous Question: Calls for the closure of debate and a vote to be taken on the resolution or amendment pending

A point of personal privilege: A question directed to the chair by a delegate who refers to the comfort and well-being of the house (e.g.: audibility only, in the case of O-MUN).



SAMPLE OPERATIVE PHRASES

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

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