



Resolutions Committee Terms of Reference

ANNEX 2A - Rules of Procedure

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Languages

The official languages of WOSM are English and French. The World Scout Bureau will make all Conference Documents available in both languages. When possible, it will aim to also make them available in Arabic and Spanish. In the event of a conflict arising out of the interpretation of this Conference Document or any other official document of WOSM, the English text prevails.

According to the Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the 43rd World Scout Conference, the Resolutions Committee is established for the purpose of advising and assisting Member Organizations, the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Conference (Conference) on issues related to the submission of Draft Resolutions, Amendments and Emergency Resolutions.

A. Composition

1. The Resolutions Committee is composed of six members, including a Chairperson, who are appointed following the process outlined in the RoP.
2. The term of the Resolutions Committee is from the moment of provisional appointment until the closing of the Conference.

B. Functions

1. To provide support to Member Organizations in drafting proposals as well as facilitating discussion on proposals prior to and during the Conference, specifically

- a) To assist Member Organizations in drafting proposals to ensure that the Draft Resolutions, Amendments and Emergency Resolutions comply with the Resolution and Amendment Guidelines.
- b) To encourage discussion and debate among Member Organizations, the World Scout Committee and Youth Advisors. The intention of the discussions is to increase understanding, build consensus on proposals and encourage any appropriate Amendments to be submitted ahead of the Conference.
- c) To work with the World Scout Bureau to ensure that all proposals are translated into English and French and made available to Member Organizations on the World Scout Conference website. The Resolutions Committee will also work with the World Scout Bureau to translate proposals into Arabic and Spanish if technical and financial resources are available.

2. To deliver a report to the Conference

The report will include all Draft Resolutions, Amendments and Emergency Resolutions submitted to the Resolutions Committee, in their final form, which have not been subsequently withdrawn by the proposer.

The report will be split into four sections:

- a) Draft Resolutions, Amendments and Emergency Resolutions that comply with the Resolution and Amendment Guidelines. These will be put to the Conference for its consideration.
- b) Draft Resolutions, Amendments and Emergency Resolutions that do not comply with the Resolution and Amendment Guidelines will not be recommended by the Resolutions Committee for consideration by the Conference.

The Resolutions Committee will inform the Conference of proposals that do not comply with the Resolution and Amendment Guidelines. The Conference will vote whether or not it wishes to consider them.

- c) Draft Resolutions consolidated by the Resolutions Committee which are consensual in nature, do not propose new policies or do not request specific actions to be taken by the World Scout Committee or Member Organizations, can be considered by "declaration" or another form of endorsement of the Conference.
- d) Draft Resolutions of courtesy, congratulations and condolence, and messages of good wishes.

3. Other functions of the Resolutions Committee

- a) To issue, when requested by the Conference Chairperson, an opinion whether or not an Amendment to a proposal requiring two-thirds majority (RoP Rule 6.b) represents an intermediate position between the proposal and the current position or policy.
- b) To group proposals from a Select Committee for voting purposes prior to resuming the Plenary Session.

C. Working Methods

1. The Resolutions Committee meets at the Conference and conducts its business in advance of the Conference by electronic correspondence and other available means as needed.
2. The Rules of Procedure, as approved by the Conference, govern the functioning of the Resolutions Committee.
3. The Resolutions Committee will take decisions by simple majority. In the event of a tie, the motion shall be considered defeated. The Chairperson will not have a casting vote.
4. Ensure that in its support, that all Draft Resolutions are concise, relevant, in plain language and easy to understand.
5. The World Scout Bureau will provide support staff to the Resolutions Committee so it can fulfil its functions and duties.