

HERE'S HOW AMENDMENTS WORK:

An amendment is a suggested change to a resolution. Usually it's made to make a resolution more specific, powerful or inclusive. For example, someone might suggest that a resolution be changed to make the scope of a resolution impact all of Africa, not just Sudan, or adjust the amount of money requested.

An amendment must:

- *refer to a specific line in the resolution
- *be called to a vote by the committee
- *must have more yes votes to pass

The person who suggests the amendment needs to write it down on the colored AMENDMENT FORM and give it to the committee chair who will ask the suggester to read it aloud. Be sure you fill in the form, but you can just write line numbers rather than an entire long clause.

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Here's the script for proposing an amendment:

"I propose an amendment to resolution # _____ as follows: (check the one that's correct)

- Change the subject from

To

- Amend line(s) _____ to read as follows:

Then the committee chair says:

“An amendment to this resolution has been proposed. What say the delegates from the nation to whom the resolution belongs?”

Those delegates are given time to respond with an answer or more questions for the suggester. Allow time for discussion about the amendment, then ask,

“Are you ready to vote on the amendment?” *If no, let them have two more minutes. If yes, proceed....*

“All in favor, please raise your hands.....
All opposed, please raise your hands”

Vote tallies:

YES:

NO:

Committee chair: “Having received more yes/no votes, this amendment hereby passes/fails. Let’s proceed with next resolution.”

***Be sure to turn in the completed Amendment form to the officers so they can mark their records.*