Background

Resolutions constitute a fundamental outcome of meetings within the United Nations principal organs. The diplomat or representative new to any multilateral posting must be able to manage the specialized nature and volume of work involved in such UN meetings, especially the processes of drafting, negotiating and adopting resolutions.

Course Objectives

This course will allow participants to build the requisite knowledge and skills to draft and adopt UN resolutions. A detailed study of the content, structure and processes involved in passing resolutions will reinforce an understanding of decision-making at the UN. Drafting assignments will demand an application of the learned material enabling the participant to more effectively articulate and communicate his/her governmental or organizational interests within UN processes.

Expected Results

At the end of the course, participants should be able to:
- Draft the preamble and operative parts of a resolution;
- Explain the structure of UN resolutions and the functions specific to its constituent parts;
- Identify and describe the various phases and evolution of a resolution text before adoption, including consultations, drafting, and voting;
- Recognize the status and category of any UN document based on the numbering system.

Target Audience

The course targets mid to senior-level government officers in line ministries preparing for and/or taking part in UN meetings as well as staff of intergovernmental / non-governmental organizations. It is also open to entry-level and mid-career diplomats working in a multilateral setting. Private sector specialists and students whose work or studies are related to this subject are equally encouraged to apply.

Organization and Methodology

The course will be conducted in English over a four-week period and consists of two modules focusing on a different topic. The course will be delivered via UNITAR’s e-Learning platform. This pedagogical tool will help the student meet the course’s learning objectives through a self-paced study routine supported by multimedia, optional and required readings, discussion forums, assessment quizzes, drafting exercises, and a wealth of other information.

Registration and Course Fees

A fee of 600 USD is applicable to participate in this course. Participants from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) are eligible to apply for a fellowship. Please consult the Multilateral Diplomacy Programme website for more details.

Registration will be closed as soon as the course is full and your place will be secured once your payment is confirmed. Information about dates, registration and fees are available on:

http://www.unitar.org/event/by/mdp

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