## **Instructions for Offering Amendments**

Offering amendments during Model United Nations (MUN) sessions is an essential part of the resolution process. Here's a brief guide to help delegates understand how to propose amendments effectively:

- 1. **Identify the Clause to be Amended:** Specify the exact clause number and text you wish to amend. Then clearly state the changes you propose. This can be an addition, deletion, or modification of the clause. Only operative clauses may be amended (not preambular)
- 2. **Submit the Amendment:** Submit the written amendment to the chair or the designated authority in your committee.
- 3. **Make a Motion to Introduce the Amendment:** Once the chair acknowledges the receipt of the amendment, you may motion to introduce it to the committee for discussion.
- 4. **Debate the Amendment:** If the motion to introduce the amendment passes, the committee will enter into a debate specifically focused on the proposed changes.
- 5. **Voting on the Amendment:** After the debate, the committee will vote on whether to adopt the amendment.

# **Sample Language for Offering Amendments**

#### **Sample Amendment Text:**

## **Proposing the Following Amendment to Clause 3**

Original Clause: "Calls upon international organizations and member states for the funding of robots to clean the ocean."

Amended Clause: "Calls upon international organizations and member states to allocate \$50 million annually for the development and deployment of robots to clean the ocean."

#### Sample Delegate Speech to Offer an Amendment:

"Honorable Chair, distinguished delegates,

[Country x] moves to amend Clause 3 of the draft resolution. The proposed amendment specifies the funding amount for the development and deployment of ocean-cleaning robots. The amended clause would read: 'Calls upon international organizations and member states to allocate \$50 million annually for the development and deployment of robots to clean the ocean.'

This amendment aims to provide a clear financial commitment, ensuring the effectiveness and feasibility of the initiative. [Country x] urges all delegates to consider this amendment favorably. Thank you."

## Sample Chair Language:

"The delegate of [Country] has proposed an amendment to Clause 3. The amendment reads as follows: [Read Amendment]. We will now move to debate on this amendment. Are there any speakers in favor of the amendment? [and after[ Are there any speakers against the amendment?"

### **Sample Voting Procedure:**

"Having concluded the debate, we will now vote on the amendment to Clause 3. Delegates in favor, please raise your placards. Delegates against, please raise your placards. The amendment passes/fails."