

UN Speech Outline

Your speech should explain your country's point of view AND convince other countries to agree with you.

1. Greeting
2. Brief history of your country's connection with the resolution
3. Current opinion on the resolution
4. Reason for position (Use logos, pathos and ethos)
5. Possible ideas or goals for a resolution
6. Conclusion

Resolution: A clean, healthy and sustainable environment is a human right—and a right for all, not just a privilege for some.

Example speech:

Thank you, honorable chair. Fellow delegates, I am representing Mexico. In Mexico, we have been working toward a clean, healthy and sustainable environment for a long time. We have tried to find ways to stop the pollution in our largest city, Mexico City, but with a population of 22 million, this is difficult. Of course, we want a clean and healthy environment, but we also want our people to have jobs. The gap between wealthy nations like the United States and Canada is growing. We have 43% of our population live in poverty. Will a clean environment help people who are starving? Will it provide them with jobs?

It is a *privilege* to not consider the basic needs of a person—food, water and shelter. Perhaps in well-developed countries, like Canada where only 13% of people live in poverty, it is easier to expect sustainability to be a human right, but sadly, this is not the case.

I propose that the resolution be amended. A clean, healthy and sustainable environment may be a right but is achievable only if basic needs are met first.

Thank you.