



## How to Find General Assembly and Security Council Resolutions and Voting Records

### Introduction

United Nations resolutions are formal expressions of the opinion or will of United Nations organs. The full text of all Security Council and General Assembly resolutions is available online.

More information on resolutions is available in the [United Nations Documentation: Research Guide](#)<sup>1</sup>.

### Finding Resolutions by Date

If you know the year of a Security Council or General Assembly resolution, you can search for it by browsing the [Quick Links](#)<sup>2</sup> of the [United Nations Documentation: Research Guide](#).

You can access the [United Nations Documentation: Research Guide](#) from the [Documents link](#)<sup>3</sup> on the [UN home page](#)<sup>4</sup>.



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**Quick Links** allow you to browse for resolutions...

**Quick Links**

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[GA Resolutions \(64th sess.\)](#)  
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[GA Resolutions--International Instruments \(1946 onwards\)](#)

**Security Council**

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◆ Overview:

... by body...

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... and then by session or year.

[62nd \(2007-2008\)](#)

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**Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its 62nd session :**

NOTE: General Assembly resolutions are not published in sequence and may be issued weeks after being adopted. - Once published, the resolutions are available in "portable document format" (pdf) through links from this file. The Adobe Acrobat Reader, which can be downloaded for free from the [Adobe](http://www.adobe.com) website (<http://www.adobe.com>), is required for viewing of the full text.

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**Comprehensive table linking to all resolutions adopted at the 62nd session.**

<b>A/RES/62/1-A/RES/62/278</b> (numerical sequence in reverse order)					
Resolution No.	Plenary or Cttee.	Agenda Item No.	Meeting Record/ Date/ Press Release/ Vote	Draft	Topic
<a href="#">A/RES/62/278</a>	Plen.	116	<a href="#">A/62/PV.122</a> 15 Sept. 2008 <a href="#">GA/10743</a> without vote	A/62/L.52	Mandate review
<a href="#">A/RES/62/277</a>	Plen.	116	<a href="#">A/62/PV.122</a>	A/62/L.51	System-wide coherence

## Finding Resolutions by Number or Symbol and Title or Subject

If you know the number of a resolution, e.g. General Assembly resolution 62/24, you can locate it by accessing the **United Nations Bibliographic Information System (UNBISnet)**<sup>5</sup>.

To search for the resolution, you will need to build a UN Document Symbol:

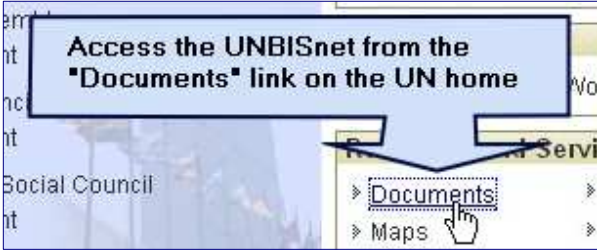
- For **General Assembly** resolutions place **A/RES/** before the resolution number, e.g. **A/RES/62/24**.
- For **Security Council** resolutions place **S/RES/** before the resolution number, e.g. **S/RES/1801**.


You can also search for resolutions by **title or subject**, e.g. "Multilingualism".


You can access [UNBISnet](#) from the [Documents link](#) on the [UN home page](#).



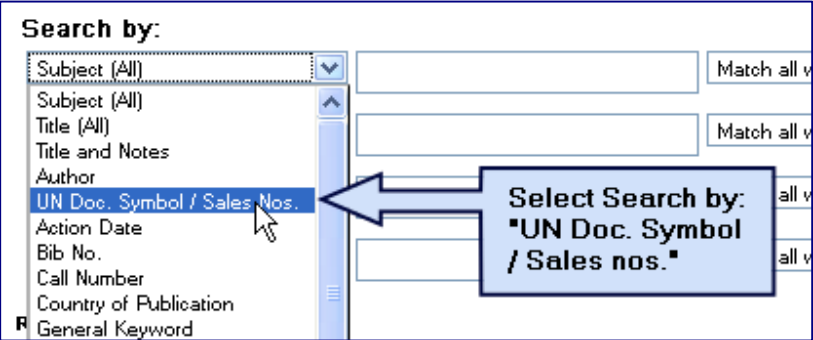
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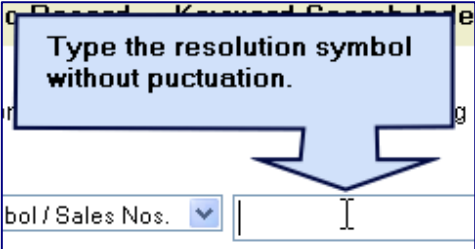
1. Access the UNBISnet from the "Documents" link on the UN home
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2. Search UNBISnet
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3. Click "New Keyword Search" under Bibliographic Records.

  - [New Keyword Search](#)
  - [New Browse List Search](#)
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4. Search by:

Select Search by: "UN Doc. Symbol / Sales nos."
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5. Type the resolution symbol without punctuation.
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6. Click "Go."

7. UN Document  
 Issuing Body /  
 Title: ... and links to the full text in all available languages.  
 to the Treaty of Non Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons : resolution / adopted by the General Assembly  
 Imprint: [New York] : ... 2008  
 Link To: العربية 中文 English Français Русский Español Other  
 Description: 3 p.  
 Author / Contributors: UN. General Assembly (62nd sess. : 2007-2008)  
 Related Document: A/C.1/62/L.8  
 A/62/391  
 Notes: ... GAOR, 62nd sess., Suppl. no. 49.  
 Voting S... 9-55-15, 61st plenary meeting  
 Vote / Ad...  
 Subjects: ... DISARMAMENT\*  
 ... symbol of the draft resolution...

The resulting record will give you the title, subject information, ...

8. In UNBISnet you can also...

9. Search by:

Subject (All)  
 Subject (All) ← Search by Subject...  
 Title (All)  
 Title and Notes

or

Subject (All)  
 Title (All) ← ... or Search by Title.  
 Title and Notes  
 Author  
 UN Doc. Symbol / Sales Nos.

10. Search by:

Title (All) multilingualism Match all words and GO

Title (All) Match all words and

11. Under Type of Material...

Type of Material  
 (A01) addresses, essays, etc.,

12. ... choose : (B01) resolutions/decisions.

(A20) declarations (multilateral)  
 (B01) resolutions/decisions (UN)  
 (B02) resolutions/decisions (UN)  
 (B03) resolutions/decisions (UN)

13. Click "Go."

and GO

14. Search: Title (All)

The result page gives you a list of resolutions with "multilingualism" in the title.

8 titles matched: multilingualism

\* means this library owns a copy

1. Title: Multilingualism : resolution / adopted by ...

## Finding Voting Records

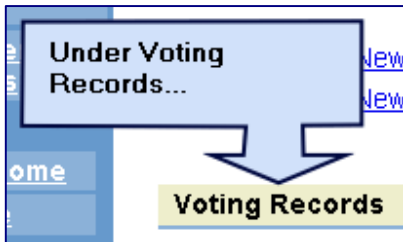
Once you know the UN Document Symbol for a resolution, e.g. **A/RES/62/24**, you can use the [Voting Records database](#)<sup>6</sup> in the United Nations Bibliographic Information System ([UNBISnet](#)) to discover which countries voted for that resolution.

You can also search the Voting Records database by keyword, e.g. "Human Rights".

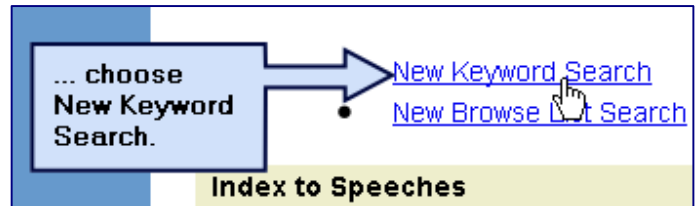


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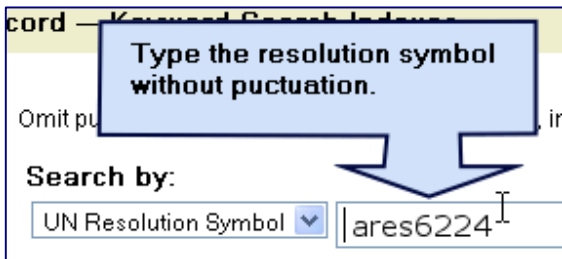
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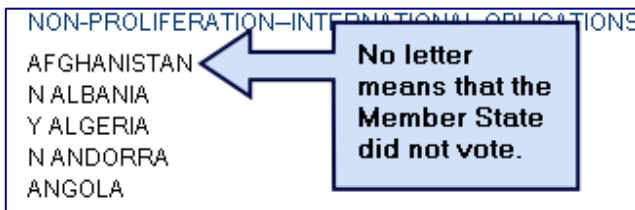


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5. In the resulting record, under detailed voting, you will find a letter before the name of each Member States.

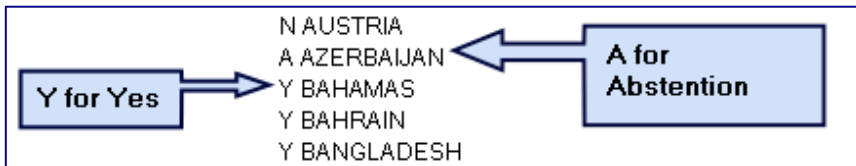
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## 9. Voting records can also be retrieved by keywords

Search by:  
Keyword



## 10. Besides you can limit your search by body

Limits  
Action Body  
Security Council Resolutions  
General Assembly Resolutions (ALL)  
General Assembly Resolution Adopted With Vote  
General Assembly Resolution Adopted Without Vote

## 12. To access voting records, in the Result page click on the title of the resolution.

5. Title: [Security Council resolution 1077 \(1996\) \[on establishment\]](#)  
UN Resolution Symbol: S/RES/1077(1996)

## Take the Test

1. What is the Symbol of the General Assembly resolution that established the Human Rights Council on 15 March 2006 (60th session)? Find it using the [Research Guide Quick Links](http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/quick.htm) (<http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/quick.htm>).

- a) S/RES/1211
- b) A/RES/60/251
- c) A/RES/61/251
- d) A/RES/60/15

2. Using [UNBISnet](http://unbisnet.un.org/) (<http://unbisnet.un.org/>), find the voting records of the resolution establishing the Human Rights Council. Which of the following States abstained?

- a) Belarus, Venezuela and Iran
- b) Belarus, Venezuela and Iraq
- c) Chad, Liberia and Georgia
- d) United States, Israel and Iraq

3. Using UNBISnet (<http://unbisnet.un.org/>), find resolutions entitled "System-wide coherence". What is the symbol of the oldest one?

a) A/RES/63/311

b) A/RES/61/277

c) A/RES/62/212

d) A/RES/62/277

4. . Using UNBISnet (<http://unbisnet.un.org/>), find the voting records of resolution adopted by the Security Council about Cyprus in May 2009. Which of the following countries voted against the resolution?

a) Russia

b) Turkey

c) Croatia

d) Greece

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1. (b)

2. (a)

3. (d)

4. (b)

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations Documentation: Research Guide - <http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/index.html>

<sup>2</sup> United Nations Documentation: Research Guide Quick Links - <http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/resguide/quick.html>

<sup>3</sup> Documents link - <http://www.un.org/en/documents/>

<sup>4</sup> UN home page - <http://www.un.org/>

<sup>5</sup> UNBISnet - <http://unbisnet.un.org/>

<sup>6</sup> UNBISnet Voting Record database  
<http://unbisnet.un.org:8080/ipac20/ipac.jsp?profile=voting&menu=search&submenu=power#focus>