



**Jeunes néodémocrates du Québec**

RESOLUTION WRITING GUIDE

**Magog 2017**

## Important Information

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1. For all questions and to send in your resolutions: [jndq@npd.ca](mailto:jndq@npd.ca)
2. Deadline to send in your resolutions: November 1st, 11:59pm
3. All delegates for the convention are allowed to submit resolutions. Any member of the NDP in good standing aged 14 to 25 can be a delegate at convention.

## Introduction

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Delegates can submit resolutions during all Jeunes néodémocrates du Québec (JNDQ), aka Young New Democrats of Quebec (YNDQ), conventions. If these resolutions are adopted, they can eventually modify the policy book or statutes of the JNDQ, of the Québec Section, or of the federal Party.

However, the person responsible for resolutions on the executive can refuse to present a resolution at convention if it does not meet one of the below criteria, or if you suggest that it be fused with another similar motion. We thus recommend that you send in your resolutions **as soon as possible** so that we can study them and suggest changes if necessary.

We encourage you to prepare your resolutions after attentively reading the resolutions that have already been adopted under the same theme.

## Documents to Consult

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\*Please note that the JNDQ and Québec Section documents are not currently available in English. However, if you contact [jndq@npd.ca](mailto:jndq@npd.ca) we would be happy to quickly help you find what you are looking for and translate relevant parts of the document for you if necessary.

- JNDQ Statutes: [https://jndq.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Statuts\\_JNDQ\\_Congr%C3%A8s2014.pdf](https://jndq.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Statuts_JNDQ_Congr%C3%A8s2014.pdf)
- JNDQ Policy Book: [https://jndq.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/FondsDePolitiques\\_2014.pdf](https://jndq.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/FondsDePolitiques_2014.pdf)

If your resolution is related to the Quebec Section or the federal Party:

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- Quebec Section Statutes:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9ROR0HBgax6OTA1clpSd3lsQUU/view?usp=sharing>
- Quebec Section Policy Book:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9ROR0HBgax6dTluWG1iMk5PcjA/view?usp=sharing>
- Federal Party Constitution:  
<http://xfer.ndp.ca/2016/documents/NDP-CONSTITUTION-EN.pdf>
- Federal Party Policy Book:  
[http://xfer.ndp.ca/2016/documents/2016\\_PolicyBook\\_EN\\_WEB.pdf](http://xfer.ndp.ca/2016/documents/2016_PolicyBook_EN_WEB.pdf)

## Resolution Format

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Before writing your resolutions, make sure you are aware of the writing principles, the linguistic requirements and the types of resolutions described below. This will increase the chances of your resolutions being accepted as well as the order of priority. You can also contact us at [jndq@npd.ca](mailto:jndq@npd.ca) before writing your resolutions if you're hesitating between two themes, if you want to write a resolution with others, etc.

### Writing Principles:

- Conciseness: At the last federal convention, resolutions surpassing 100 words in whereas clauses and 150 words in be it resolved clauses were judged to be out of order. **We ask that you respect those limits.** However, we will be open to considering longer resolutions that have a national resonance and are supported by a large number of bodies, but we would remind you that such resolutions will likely be rejected later on at the federal level.
- Quality: Quality is the most important principle, which will have the most impact on the acceptance and prioritization of your resolutions. It means both the quality of your writing (spelling, syntax, grammar) and of the substance of your resolution (research, creativity, clarity). **This means not repeating existing policies of the JNDQ, the Quebec Section and the federal party.**
- Limited number: There is no point in submitting a large number of resolutions since that usually results in a lower quality. Prioritize quality. **We strongly suggest limiting yourself to 1 or 2 resolutions per delegate.**
- Language: Resolutions in English or in French are accepted.

You will find an example of a resolution presented in 2016 on page 4.

## Resolution example

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*Presented by NDP McGill*

### REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND MENSTRUAL MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES

#### WHEREAS

1. The NDP is responsible for universal healthcare and champions women's equality;
2. The NDP already advocates to remove Goods and Sales Tax on menstrual products and to establish a comprehensive reproductive health policy;
3. Australia, New Zealand, and more than eleven European Union countries offer universal coverage for contraceptives. Canada doesn't;
4. Low-income people face a particular burden in accessing affordable contraceptives and menstruation products;

#### BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The NDP immediately advocates for the creation of a new federal block grant to the provinces and territories, contingent upon the elimination of fees and costs associated with menstrual products and contraceptives.

#### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

1. The NDP's federal policy 6.1 be amended to read:  
"m. Establishing a federal block grant stipulated upon provincial health programs offering accessible, no-fee contraceptives."

## Other Information

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The finalized booklet of resolutions will be sent to all delegates **a week** before convention.

Emergency resolutions, which must deal with a topical issue that has occurred between the deadline to submit resolutions and the convention, will be received until 9:30am, Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.