

# Finding UN Draft Resolutions & Other Documents

## FIRST - Use the UN Thesaurus!

Search or browse the UN Thesaurus to find the proper terms for the topics you are interested in. Write down the terms you find.



Thesaurus

Search

Search Tips :: Advanced Search :: Authority Search

Narrow by collection:

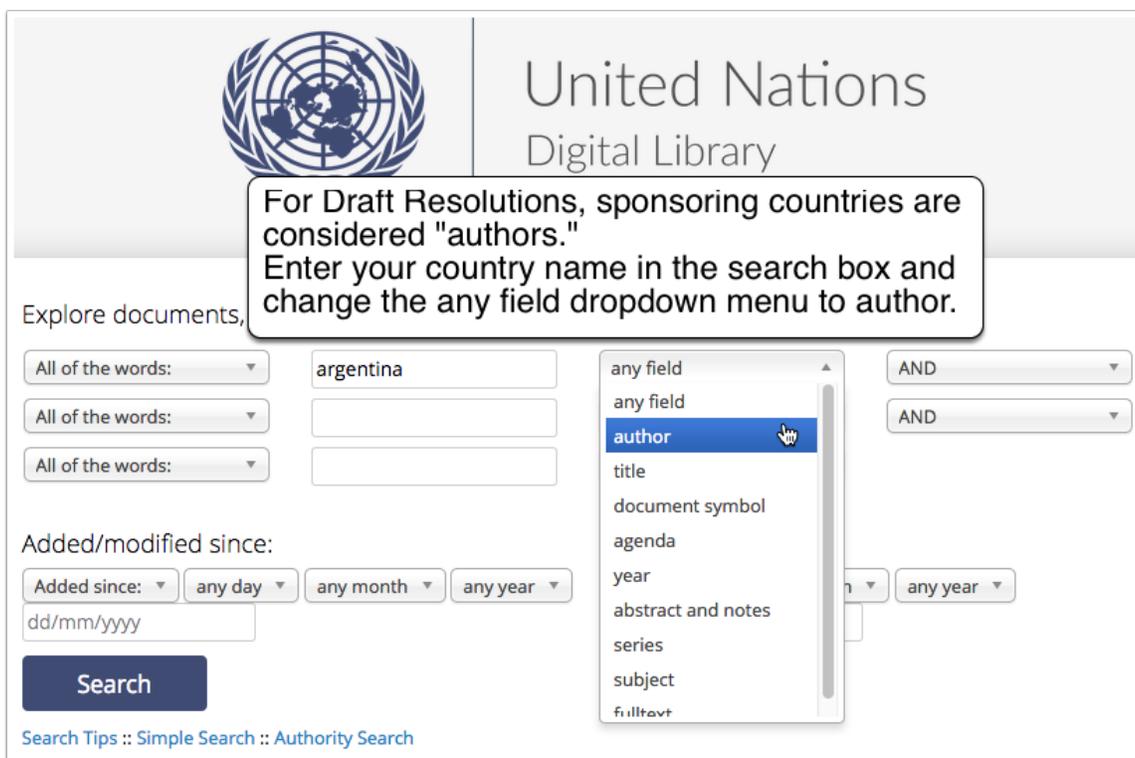
- Topical (7,215)
- Geographical Terms (1,287)

Search to find the proper terminology for topics.

## SECOND - Use the UN Digital Library to search for draft resolutions and other documents.

If you are looking for **draft resolutions sponsored by a particular country**, enter the country name in the first search box and change the field dropdown menu to **"author."** The sponsoring countries are considered the authors of the draft resolutions.

**Remember that only draft resolutions have sponsors.** Resolutions do not have country sponsors.



United Nations Digital Library

Explore documents,

For Draft Resolutions, sponsoring countries are considered "authors."  
Enter your country name in the search box and change the any field dropdown menu to author.

All of the words:  AND

All of the words:

All of the words:

any field  
any field  
**author**  
title  
document symbol  
agenda  
year  
year  
abstract and notes  
series  
subject  
fulltext

Added/modified since:  
Added since:  any day  any year

Search

Search Tips :: Simple Search :: Authority Search

To find draft resolutions on a particular topic, add the topic word(s) you found in the UN Thesaurus to the second search box. Click Search.

Explore documents, votes, speeches, public domain publications and more!

All of the words:	argentina	author	AND
All of the words:	small arms	any field	AND
All of the words:		any field	

Added/modified since:

Added since:	any day	any month	any year
dd/mm/yyyy			dd/mm/yyyy

**Search**

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*Note: A red arrow points to the 'small arms' search box, and a callout box says: 'Enter topic word(s) you found in the Thesaurus in the second search box.'*

### If you get only a few results or zero results:

- Try a different topic term from the thesaurus.
- It is possible that this country has not authored any documents on this topic. To find all documents on the topic regardless of author country, remove your country name from the search box and search again with only the topic words.
- Ask for help!

### THIRD - Filter and sort the search results.

Check the box next to Draft Resolutions and Decisions under Resource Type to show only those kinds of documents. (If you don't see these filters on the left side of the screen, make your browser window wider.)

Optional: If you are interested in Security Council draft resolutions, you can also check the box next to Security Council under UN Body.

Resource type:

<input type="checkbox"/> Documents an...	69
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Draft Resolutio...	56
<input type="checkbox"/> Speeches	
<input type="checkbox"/> Letters an	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reports	

UN Body:

<input type="checkbox"/> General Assem...	70
<input type="checkbox"/> Security Council	13
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic and ...	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights ...	1

*Note: A red arrow points to the 'Draft Resolutio...' checkbox, and a callout box says: 'Limit search results to Draft Resolutions. If desired, limit to a particular UN Body.'*

To further limit or sort the search results, click the Options button.

**Search**

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United Nations Digital Library System

56 records found 1 - 50 ▶

**Options**

Fulltext Search: Off On

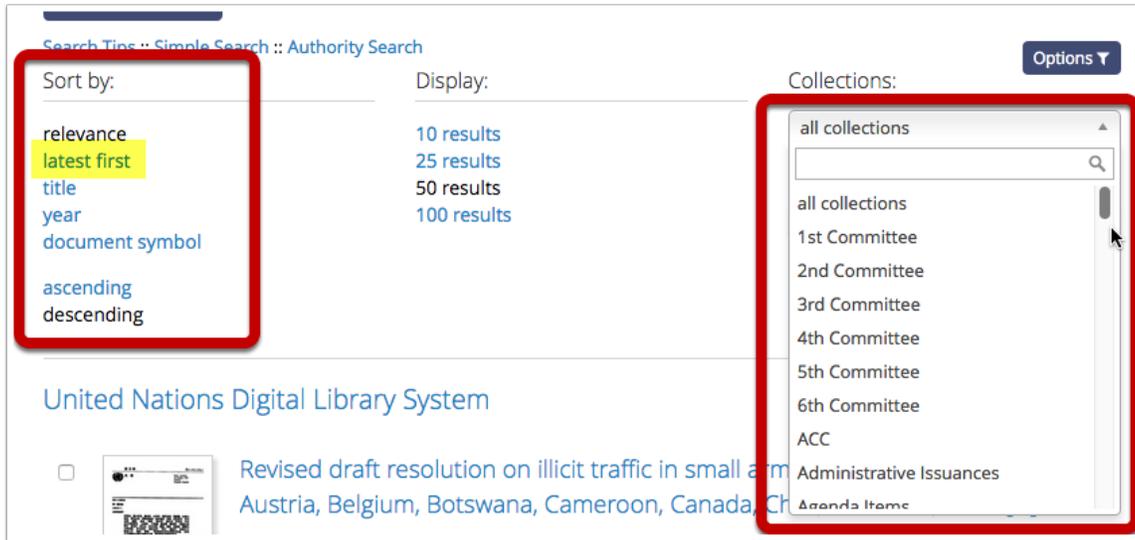
Resource type:

<input type="checkbox"/> Documents an...	56
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Draft Resolutio...	56

Revised draft resolution on illicit traffic in small arms / Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa[...]

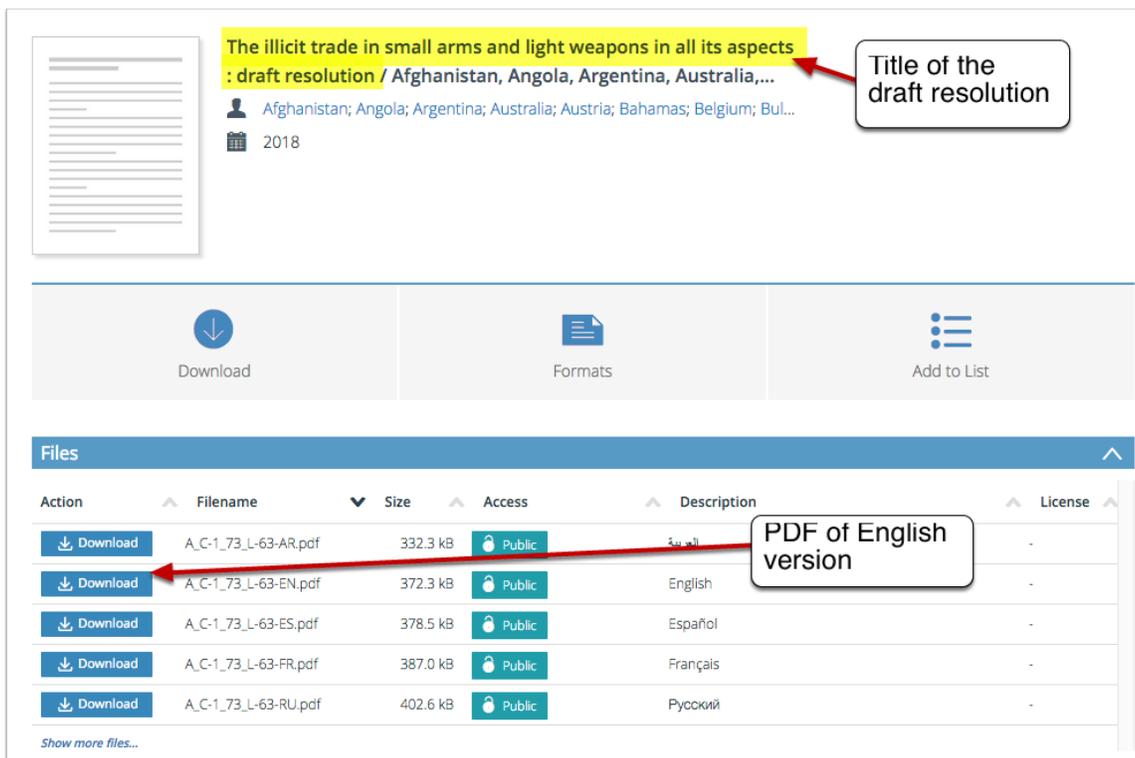
*Note: A red box highlights the 'Options' button.*

**Change the order of the search results** to display the newest documents first. (Optional: You can filter the search results to only show documents from a particular UN Main Committee.)



**FOURTH - Read through the search results and investigate the relevant documents.**

Click the title of a document on the search results page to find out more about it.



## Understanding & Using the Document Details

Don't just look at the document PDF! The details about the document are very helpful to understanding the document in context and finding related documents.

Details	
Symbol	<a href="#">A/C.1/73/L.63</a> <span>← This is the document symbol of this document.</span>
Title	The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects : draft resolution / Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Namibia, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay
Access	English: <a href="#">A_C-1_73_L-63-EN - PDF</a> ; Español: <a href="#">A_C-1_73_L-63-ES - PDF</a> ; Français: <a href="#">A_C-1_73_L-63-FR - PDF</a> ; Русский: <a href="#">A_C-1_73_L-63-RU - PDF</a> ; العربية: <a href="#">A_C-1_73_L-63-AR - PDF</a> ; 中文: <a href="#">A_C-1_73_L-63-ZH - PDF</a> ;
Resolution / Decision	<a href="#">A/RES/73/69</a> <span>← This is the final resolution related to this document, and the committee report that was sent to the plenary with the votes taken on the draft resolution. These links go to those documents.</span>
Committee report	<a href="#">A/73/510</a> <span>←</span>
Authors	<a href="#">Afghanistan</a> <a href="#">Angola</a> <a href="#">Argentina</a> <a href="#">Australia</a> <a href="#">Austria</a> <a href="#">Bahamas</a> <a href="#">Belgium</a> <a href="#">Bulgaria</a> <a href="#">Chile</a> <a href="#">Colombia</a> <a href="#">Costa Rica</a> <a href="#">Croatia</a> <a href="#">Cyprus</a> <a href="#">Czechia</a>

These lists of sponsoring countries are the same. They are the countries initially signed on to sponsor the draft resolution.

	<a href="#">Spain</a> <a href="#">Sweden</a> <a href="#">Switzerland</a> <a href="#">Trinidad and Tobago</a> <a href="#">Uganda</a> <a href="#">United Kingdom</a> <a href="#">Uruguay</a>
Agenda information	<a href="#">A/73/251 101q The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects. SMALL ARMS--ILLCIT TRAFFIC</a> <span>← This is the agenda item this document belongs to. Clicking on this link gives a list of all documents related to this agenda item in this particular UN session.</span>
Imprint	[New York] : UN, 22 Oct. 2018
Description	5 p. <span>← These are countries who signed up to sponsor the draft resolution after it was initially printed. These countries are also considered sponsors.</span>
Notes	Additional sponsors: Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Finland, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovenia, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine (A/73/510).
Collections	Resource Type > Documents and Publications > Draft Resolutions and Decisions UN Bodies > General Assembly > 1st Committee
<b>Browse Subjects</b> <span>← These are links to general searches for all UN documents that address the same topics.</span>	
<a href="#">UN Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (4th : 2024 : ###)</a>	<a href="#">Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (2001)</a>
<a href="#">International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons (2005)</a>	<a href="#">SMALL ARMS</a>
<a href="#">ILLCIT ARMS TRAFFICKING</a>	<a href="#">CAPACITY BUILDING</a>
<a href="#">TECHNICAL COOPERATION</a>	

## Other Ways to Search for UN Documents...

### Search by UN Document Symbol

This is a great way to pull up that specific document *and* related documents and voting data.

Search

All of the words:	A/C.1/54/L.44	any field
All of the words:		any field

### Search by partial word using an asterisk (\*)

Using a \* is a way to search for various word forms. In the example below, *environ\** returns results for any word that begins with *environ* regardless of the ending. This search will include results that contain the words *environs*, *environmental*, *environmentalism*, etc.

Search

All of the words:	chile	author	AND
All of the words:	environ*	any field	AND
All of the words:		any field	

## If you're stuck, try searching the full text of documents.

By default, the UN Digital Library search engine searches the information *about* the document (title, author, publication date, etc.) rather than the document itself. To search within the document itself, toggle the Fulltext Search on.

This will expand your search results and may include irrelevant results, but it can be a helpful strategy if you haven't found the documents you are looking for.

Fulltext Search:

Off  On

Resource type:

<input type="checkbox"/> Speeches	79
<input type="checkbox"/> Documents an...	14

## Need Help?

Have questions about UN documents research or about finding information about your country? I'm here to help. Send me an email at [lacey.mamak@normandale.edu](mailto:lacey.mamak@normandale.edu) and we can set up a time to consult over Zoom or in person.

If you need immediate assistance, try using the 24/7 chat service accessible from the Research Guide or the library website: <https://www.normandale.edu/library>.