# Codebook

# UNSC Resolution Corpus (UNRESO)

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Note: This codebook accompanies the manuscript **"Acting under Chapter 7": Rhetorical Entrapment, Rhetorical Hollowing, and the Authorization of Force in the UN Security Council, 1995-2017**. It features an original UNSC Resolution Corpus (UNRESO). These data are available as two "R"-Data-frame objects. The two objects are similiar *except for two variables* (and a different timespan). The first variable that distinguishes the two is called "SPV". It is a running number the UN assigns to Security Council Meetings. It was introduced in the 1990s and does only feature from 1995 onwards. The second variable that is unique in the UNRESO object is called "topic". Since 1995, the UN has been listing the topic agenda (under which the Resolution was authorized) in its actual resolution. Lastly UNRESO is a shorter version of UN_RESO (note the underscore)—ranges only from 1995 to 2018—but with more information.

Additionally, all resolutions are available as **machine-readable PDF copies** provided in year folders (note that resolutions before 1995 are hand-typed by myself because input text quality was too low for OCR; therefore, their formatting is different compared to the ones released from 1995 onwards).

Data used for this Corpus stems from the UN Library:
https://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2021

## UN_RESO – "R" Data.frame – 1,783 obs. of 8 variables

**doc_id –** name of PDF file containing the resolution text.

**text –** extracted resolution text.

**text2** – cleaned and harmonized copy of text.

**year –** year in which the resolution was passed (ranges from 1990 to 2018).

**resnum** – running number of UNSC resolution (note that only successfully passed resolutions get a number assigned by the UN).

**docnum** – running number of documents in Corpus.

**resnum2** – combination of year and resnum.

**scmeeting** – running number of the Security Council meeting (note that this will only be available from 1995 onwards; identical to SPV).

## UNRESO – "R" Data.frame – 1,472 obs. of 10 variables

**SPV –** running number of Security Council meeting (can be used to merge resolution data with speech data; for example with **Schönfeld et al. 2019**.)

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**text –** extracted resolution text.

**text2** – cleaned and harmonized copy of text.

**year –** year in which the resolution was passed (ranges from 1995 to 2018).

**resnum** – running number of UNSC resolution (note that only successfully passed resolutions get a number assigned by the UN).

**docnum** – running number of documents in Corpus.

**resnum2** – combination of year and resnum.

**scmeeting** – running number of the Security Council meeting (identical to SPV).

**topic** – topic of agenda under which resolution was authorized.

**Missing Data:** Note that at the time of data collection Resolution 902 (1994), and Resolution 1452 (2002) were not available from the UN Dag Hammarskjöld Library nor the UN Digital Archive.

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