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BIBLIOGRAPHIC SEARCH

There are a total of 23 search options available. The five most frequently used options are those listed first on the drop-down arrow. These are:

- **UN Document Symbol**
  Type the symbol (document number) in the search box.
  **NOTE:** You must cut the slashes when inputting document symbol unless you are using the browse list option where slashes are required.

- **Title (ALL)**
  Use this search when you know the title or parts of a title of the document.
  **Example:**
  Search for the report of the Secretary-General entitled “In larger freedom”
  Enter: Report secretary general larger freedom
  Result: 5 titles (A/59/2005 and Add. 1-3 and a press release)

- **Subject (ALL)**
  Use this option when you have an idea of the subject area you want.
  **Example:**
  Enter: gender mainstreaming
  **NOTE:** use the UNBIS Thesaurus to determine what subject terms to use.

- **Author**
  Use the author search when looking for documents by a particular author, whether it’s a person, entity or a country
  **Example:**
  Enter: Ki-moon, Ban or India, or UNDP Administrator

- **Title and Notes**
  Allows searching in the title and notes fields. Especially useful in cases where communiqués, declarations, etc. are submitted as annexes to a letter.
  **Example:**
  Find the symbol for a letter from Jamaica transmitting a final communiqué of the Group of 77 in 2005.
  Enter: Letter Jamaica Group of 77 communiqué 2005
  Result: A/59/767

**TIP:** If you are searching by multiple criteria, choose the Or, And, or Not operators from the drop-down lists to include or exclude certain criteria from your search.
**Refining and Limiting Searches:**

Use the Type of Materials drop-down box to limit search to type of document. Some of the commonly used ones include:

- **A20** – Declarations
- **B01** – Resolutions
- **B02** – Draft resolutions
- **B03** – Meeting records
- **B04** – Texts of annual and sessional reports of committees, etc
- **B15** – Letters and reports of the Secretary-General
- **B16** – Reports, also SGs
- **B18** – Letters and note verbales

**TIP:** You can type in the content code with your search term in the search box, for example, Subject (ALL): *gender mainstreaming B01* to retrieve just the resolutions adopted on gender mainstreaming.

You can further limit your search by date.

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**VOTING RECORDS**

This database allows you to see the voting records of resolutions, either by vote or without a vote. Search by:

- **UN resolution number**
  *Example:*
  
  *ARES59* and limit by Vote type: Resolutions adopted with a vote will retrieve all resolutions adopted with a vote in the 59th session of the General Assembly. ARES59222 will retrieve the voting record for this resolution whether adopted with or without a vote.

- **Keyword**
  Use keyword search if you're searching for voting records of a particular subject
  *Example:*
  
  Weapons of mass destruction in the General assembly
  Territories occupied by Israel in the Security Council

- **Vote date**
  Use the format: YYYYMMDD. For example: 20050525 represents May 25, 2005.

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**INDEX TO SPEECHES**

Allows to search speeches made in the General Assembly, Security Council and the Economic and Social Council. Search by:

- **Name**
  *Example:*
  
  *mandela* - To find citations to speeches made by Nelson Mandela.

- **Country/organization**
  *Example:*
  
  *azerbaijan* - To find citations to speeches made by Azerbaijan.

- **Topic (Subject)**
  *Example:*
  
  *terrorism* - To find speeches made in UN on the terrorism issue.