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## **Policy Resolution, Position Paper, Technical Paper and Non-policy resolution Definitions**

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*Policy Resolution* - A WFPHA policy resolution is a concise statement of the Federation's stance on a particular policy issue affecting the health of the world's people. It describes and endorses a defined course of action, directed toward a particular individual, organization, or event. A resolution is differentiated from a position paper by its limited focus on a particular issue, and its succinct call for defined action toward a specific objective.

*Position Paper* - A WFPHA position paper is a major exposition of the Federation's viewpoint on a broad policy issue affecting the health of the world's people. It may call for action, although it need not do so. A position paper is differentiated from a resolution by the more general nature of the issue considered, the broader audience addressed, the more extensive elaboration and documentation presented, and the lesser emphasis upon defined action.

*Technical Paper* - A WFPHA technical paper is a statement of the WFPHA's position on technical standards, professional qualifications, evaluation criteria, or other non-policy issues. It thoroughly examines and documents the issue, utilizing and referencing existing scientific literature. It describes and endorses goals and methods for achieving them. It may call for action, although it need not do so.

*Non-policy resolution* - A WFPHA non-policy resolution is a concise statement on non-policy matters, such as the commemoration of a significant event.