

POSITION PAPER

GUIDELINES

SECTIONS (per topic)

BACKGROUND OF TOPIC ~ 15% of the position paper
A survey of the background of the issue you are discussing in committee. Think of answering the basic who/where/what/when/why and how questions. This is also a good space to explore the overall themes that are most relevant to the topic at hand. It should also not replicate the topic synopsis written by the head chairs.

UN & INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT ~ 20% length
This section critically engages with what the international community has done either to intervene with the topic or address it globally. The section should discuss UN resolutions, relevant conferences, and NGO involvement beyond the UN. It should also critique the shortcomings of the United Nations & its shortcomings.

COUNTRY POLICY ~ 30 % length
The bulk of the position paper should revolve around the country's engagement with the issue. Issues are meant to be broad to impact multiple countries' policies. In the event that not enough information can be extrapolated, delegates should draw on reasonable assumptions from UN voting records along with regional policies established by member bodies. The policy should outline past actions along with the country's main concerns about the issues as seen in speeches, programs/laws, events/conferences.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS ~ 30% length
The possible solutions section is meant for delegates to brainstorm their own unique approaches to the topics at hand. While delegates are given the freedom of engaging with the topic as they would like, they should be cautious about replicating real solutions in an exact fashion. Real plans and solutions can be used as inspirations - but delegates must creatively combine various aspects of real solutions to be applied to the contexts specifically highlighted in the topic synopses.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER ~ 5% length
Please respond to at least two of the questions posed by the head chairs in your committee. You may write 3-5 sentences per response. Please answer in the stance of your country and not of your own personal opinion.

FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS:

TIMES NEW ROMAN - 12 PT AND DOUBLE SPACED

5-6 PAGES MAXIMUM PER TOPIC

WORKS CITED IN HARVARD CITATION STYLE STANDARD

HEADER: COUNTRY NAME, COMMITTEE, TOPIC *NO INCLUSION OF PERSONAL NAMES OR SCHOOLS IN PAPER*

