**Guidelines for Position Papers**

Each delegate must submit a position paper that addresses his/her committee topic. Position papers help you organize your ideas and bring a focus to your work. By completing the position paper, you will have a clear sense of what your delegation seeks to accomplish.

Your paper should consist of 3 essential elements:

**1) Paragraph One: Issue and your country’s position**

Use this paragraph to clearly outline the main problems associated with your topic. The point of the paragraph is to provide a basic foundation as to the current situation associated with your topic. After generally describing the issue, give your country’s policy regarding the issue, and state specifically why your country supports that policy. Policy statements can often be as short as stating your country supports a certain action followed by a detailed qualification regarding this policy decision. This section of your position paper should not exceed five to six sentences.

**2) Paragraph Two: Your country’s history relating to the issue**

This paragraph is an opportunity for you to show the depth of your knowledge about the past and current situations regard your topic. Be sure to discuss:

* Why did the problem arise? Why is this issue an international concern?
* What are previous actions taken to solve the problem? Success/failure?
* Problems that continue to exist or ones that have not yet been addressed

**3) Paragraph Three: Your country’s proposed solutions and recommendations**

Use this paragraph to list your solutions to all the problems you listed above.

* Specific proposals regarding how to solve specific issues
* How each individual proposal will be implemented, including the feasibility and cost
* Global impact of solving the problem or implementing these solutions

These papers should be brief but clear, and **only one page in length**. Keep in mind, these papers are here so that you know what you are trying to accomplish in your committees.

Format:

* No longer that 1 page for each committee topic
* Single-spaced, 11 or 12-point font, Times New Roman, 1 inch margins
* Indent each new paragraph and do not skip lines between paragraphs.
* Citations are optional; if citations are provided follow MLA Guidelines
* First line: Include the country name
* Second line: “Position Paper for (insert name of committee)”