

The Delegate's Guide to Position Papers

Position Paper Structure:

PP1 - Introduction: Introduce the topic briefly: how is it relevant to the world and your nation?

PP2 - National: Include what your nation has done domestically to combat the issue (i.e. governmental programs, laws, government sponsored projects, subsidies on certain industries etc.)

PP3 - International: Include what your nation has done internationally with other nations to combat the issue (i.e. UN projects, allied projects, foreign direct investments/providing direct humanitarian aid, military training programs between nations etc.)

PP4 - Statistics: Include any relevant statistics you might have regarding your nation and the topic

PP5 - Quotes: Include relevant quotes from revered political leaders (i.e. prime minister, ambassador, president, provincial leaders etc.) regarding your nation and the topic

PP6 - Conclusion/Resolution: Include how you are planning to resolve the issue by using the UN as your platform.

Importance of the Position Paper:

1. Your introduction can be modified and used as your opening speech at the conference
 2. It sets the basis for your research for the conference. It helps you research the topic in a structured and systematic way that will benefit you in the long run.
 3. Your position paper, if written well, provides you with a rich resource you can mine for information for speeches at conferences.
 4. You can win an award if it's great: Best Position Paper Award!
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Fill in the Blank Paragraph – When No Information for the Int'l Paragraph is Available:

Nation X acknowledges that issue X is a salient issue that affects people not only within in its own borders, but people within other nations as well. Nation X supports W, Y, Z organizations that are committed towards relieving issue X worldwide through Y means. But Nation X is severely distressed by other domestic issues such as W, Y, Z Problems to effectively combat Issue X on an international scale. But Nation X commends Ally Nation Y for its work towards resolving the issue through Y means and supports Ally Nation Y on its ventures. Nation X hopes to soon be able to internationally combat the issue after we have dealt with other more pressing domestic issues.

Historical Committee Position Papers:

These position papers must be written from the perspective of your country from your given time period. You have to imagine yourself in 1947 (or whatever date your committee is set in) and ignore all recent developments or agreements following your committee's set timeline. Only use historical examples, and the political climate of that specific time to formulate your position paper. Your research will be heavily based on historical documents.

Avoid Using Emotional Language!

Avoid injecting emotional diction into your writing. It detracts from your arguments and lowers your credibility as a diplomat. Use solid logic and evidence to back your country's claims. We aren't trying to win over the hearts of people as delegates. We are trying to logically argue why nations should take a specific course of action.