

Very General Position Paper Guidelines

* Always write a position paper whether it is required or not! It gives you an early look at the research and what direction the committee might be headed in.

**Remember: Write from your nation's position!* You represent that country so only say what the government would support throughout the paper (as well as in debate!)

General Outline: (by paragraph)

I. Introduction of your nation's history with this topic:

- Very **brief** background
- Don't elaborate on every event that occurred possibly relating to the topic
- It should be an overview of major historical involvement

II. Steps your nation has already taken in regard to this topic:

- What has been done in previous years to deal with this issue
- What legislature is currently in place or supported by your nation
- May also include some effects these policies have had in past years

III. Solutions for this committee session:

- Very specifically what your nation's next steps will be which are based on:
 - o Research on country
 - o Past steps taken with the topic
 - o Feasibility
 - o Steps taken by regional bodies in regard to the topic
- How your committee will reasonably be able to address the issue at hand – elaborate on solutions as much as possible
- What should be accomplished and what your nation will look forward to writing up into a resolution during the committee sessions

*** This is a vital part of your paper! This should also be the *LONGEST* part of your paper!!!

Research:

- Your paper should be composed of statistics and facts, not necessarily opinions. **You should not have any “filler” sentences.** (All non-facts/ opinions should be backed up by research)
- Always start on your nation's website
- Check CIA Factbook for basic statistics if necessary
- Use the UN.org site to go in depth on actual topics
- Past resolutions from UN bodies or regional organizations
- Press releases from your nation
- News events directly related to both the country and the topic

* Don't forget: while you do not need to include end notes, footnotes, or bibliography, it is a good idea to always give credit where credit is due! You can easily use in text citations or just reference the source throughout the paper ☺

*Always check the position paper **formatting** and **guidelines** for **each conference**, as they do vary.*

* One page per topic generally – may also be 3 pages total for both topics plus committee introduction