

## Guide to creating a proper position paper.

A position paper is in its nature a short document (between 250 – 400 words), which encapsulates the position of a delegate's country upon the topic discussed at the conference. It is written in similar format to an essay using facts and well researched arguments supporting the country's policy. When writing the document, it is best to approach it as if it were an official press release from the country itself addressing the topic. In its essence, the position paper functions as a tool which allows delegates to organise their research into a brief document. As such, the position paper provides a basis for the development of relevant clauses and is useful for other delegates to review policies of other countries.

### What should a position paper include?

1. A provision of context and relevant background information on the topic discussed, which shows that the delegate has a basic understanding of the topic. This part should not be quite short. A clear statement about the country's position on the topic. Use treaties, UN
2. resolutions, legislation, and statistics to explain in what ways your country is involved and what it has done in the past to resolve the issue. This is the main part of the position paper and should be elaborated on the most. A proposal of possible solutions or actions which may resolve the issue. Explain how your country believes the issue should be addressed. A brief
3. conclusion.
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### Writing rules

1. Use formal language. The position paper is basically imitating a press release upon the topic by your country. Don't make it too long. No one wants to search for relevant
2. information about your country in a 2000-word long essay. Remember to keep a specific structure. Don't jump from one point to the next without context, make sure you separate
3. them into paragraphs and adhere to a comprehensible order of contents. USE EVIDENCE! Make sure to support your statements with evidence. This will make your claims much more believable and comprehensive.
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### Further resources

Included below are links to helpful websites and other resources, which will aid you in writing your position paper.

- The Best Delegate website (<https://bestdelegate.com/how-to-write-a-winning-position-paper/>)
- The Wise Mee website (<https://www.wisemee.com/how-to-write-a-mun-position-paper/>)
- The NMUN position paper guide (<https://www.nmun.org/assets/documents/nmun-pp-guide.pdf>)
- Episode 2: How to Make a Position Paper in MUN? video by International Global Network (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yf7qeOeaMrw&t=109s>)
- Position Paper example (<https://www.ipmun.cz/documents/position-paper-example.pdf>)