



## Position Paper

A position paper is a document that reflects the situation of the country a delegate is representing (the course it is taking, how it is being affected, and the actions it is taking to solve the problem). In it, it is important to mention the historical support, or the background that the country has regarding the subject.

The guidelines that are followed to write a proper position paper are the following:

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<p>Committee's complete name</p> <p>Topic</p> <p>President</p> <p>Delegate's full name</p> <p>Country's official name</p> <p>School</p> <p>Date it was written</p> <p>Brief introduction to the topic. It does not exceed more than 5 lines. Why is it important to solve it?</p> <p>Position of the country regarding the topic. It has to be objective. Write facts, examples, percentages and statistics to support your position. What has been done so far in the country? Does the problem affects it directly? It must be the largest paragraph.</p> <p>Proposals. They can be created by the delegate, as long as they are realistic. They can also be the country's current solutions (if they are working) or even from other countries with their consent. It is important to be convincing.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> paragraph</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph</p>	<p>Bibliography:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> </ol> <p>(In APA format)</p>
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Important elements that must be taken into consideration to write a good position paper:

- Do not forget the position of your country - this implies that, even if the delegate has a different opinion from its country, he always has to stick to its country's position. It is important that delegates know that having no coherence with the ideologies of their country could cost them their performance in the model.
- Take into consideration the time of the speaker's list - the delegate should consider that, if its position paper is too long to finish it in the established time (time does not exceed 1.30 min in ULSACUNMUN), it is helpful to underline the essential and only read that. ONLY if the time is not enough. It is recommended that the delegate practice his time before the model.
- Quantity - it is important to remember that it is ONE position paper FOR TOPIC.
- Position paper's delivery - when the delegate is assigned with a country, it is informed when it must be delivered (via email). The delegate must be organized to have their investigations and their position papers ready by that date. If this is not the case, the delegate will be no longer able to win prizes.
- Printed position papers - when printing position papers, it is important to print 2 of each one. This, because in the registration day of the event, the chair will receive a set of copies of the two position papers that the delegate should have. The other set of copies is for the delegate to have in its folder and he/she can read it in the speaker's list.
- Paraphrase - when finding useful information, it is necessary to paraphrase it, otherwise it is considered plagiarism.
- Reliable sources - when researching and obtaining information, it is essential to make sure that it is taken from true and reliable sources. The most suitable for this are: almanacs, dictionaries, specialized books on the topic, encyclopedias, scientific journals (printed sources). BBC News, Times, UN, official committee page, CIA Fact Book, fosigrid, websites ending in .org (electronic sources).
- APA bibliographies - a very useful website to generate this type of bibliography is "citation machine".

*Format:*

- Font: Times New Roman
- Size: 10-12 (left to the delegate's consideration)
- Line spacing of 1.15
- Normal margins
- Bibliography in APA format (place them in the second page, as seen in the diagram on the previous page)
- It must be an information page and the other one of bibliographies.

The <b>deadline</b> to submit the position paper is <b>May 1th, 2025</b>
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