



Shishukunj Model United Nations 2017 Conference Information

Position Paper Guidelines

Writing a position paper will help one organize ideas so that one can share his/her country's position with the rest of the committee. The format of a position paper is as follows:

School: _____

Committee: _____

Agenda: _____

Country/Position: _____

Content: _____

Points To Remember -

The content must be divided in at least three paragraphs. It should not exceed 600 words and should compulsorily include the following information:

a. History of the Topic:

The first section of the position paper should discuss the background of the topic. This section should NOT merely be a re-statement of the background guide. Instead, it should elaborate on the issue as one's country sees it. According to one's nation, what are the fundamental issues at hand? What are the major problems that need to be discussed? Why have these problems escalated?

b. Country's Position on the Agenda:

The next section should explain nation's specific history with the topic, explaining and assessing the various solutions that the country has explored. What actions has the country taken to address this problem? How has one's country voted on previous UN resolutions on this topic? What general positions have the nation taken in the past? Which actions have been successful for one's nation and in what areas is further improvement needed?

c. Proposed Solutions to the Agenda:

The final portion of one's paper should discuss the various solutions that one's nation would like the UN to consider. How does one feel the UN should address this issue? What specific actions would one like to see taken? What solutions would one support in a resolution? What remedies does one's country oppose? Furthermore, how will nation's specific stance on this issue match up with other countries' positions?

- To maintain uniformity, we expect the position papers to follow certain rules with regard to the presentation. One must use **Times New Roman** font, with **font-size 11**, the line and paragraph spacing should be 1.5. Also, the position paper must not occupy more than one page.
- The deadline for submitting the position papers is **July 10, 2017**. The timely submission of position paper is expected if you wish to be considered for an award.
- Originality of the position paper must be maintained. Plagiarism is strictly prohibited. Delegates with plagiarized position paper will NOT be eligible for an award.
- Please name your file "**[Committee name]_[Position name]**" and submit as a .doc or .pdf.
- Delegates are required to email the position paper to their respective Executive Boards.

