



How To Write Position Papers

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What is a position paper?

A position paper is a document that introduces an opinion on a particular topic based on a delegate's country/person assignment. Each position paper should include a brief introduction followed by a comprehensive breakdown of your country's/person's position on the topics that are being discussed by the committee.

A good position paper will not only provide facts but also make proposals for resolutions. *Position papers are usually one page in length.*

Essentials For Writing a Position Paper

- Write your paper from the POV of your country/person

- Hype yourself up!!
Don't mention anything negative about your position - focus on the positives

- Include very detailed solutions in P3. This will benefit you greatly in committee

- Keep your paper short and concise/no need for unnecessary fluff

Structure of a Position Paper

- Paragraph 1:
 - **Citation from major documents** such as the UN Charter and other treaties. (legal basis for the issue) If your committee is a non-UN committee then cite your country's constitution or relevant legal document that relates specifically to the committee itself.
 - **Why this issue is important** to this committee particularly and to the global community – this can include some examples or statistics if appropriate which should be cited.

Structure of a Position Paper

- Paragraph 2
 - **How the issue affects your country;**
 - Possible quotes from your country's leaders about the issue;
 - **Statistics** to back up your country's position on the issue;
 - **Actions** taken by your government with regard to the issue;
 - Conventions and resolutions that your country has signed or ratified;

Structure of a Position Paper

- Paragraph 3
 - What your country believes should be done to address the issue
(what actions would your country like the global community to take to address this issue);
 - What your country would like to accomplish in the committee
 - **YOUR IDEAS!!!**

Internal Citations (Footnotes)

- <https://my.noodletools.com/logon/signin>
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/101ma1egdAVeEvH21bSLxzWeuzN2zMqDfYmzJmgr4-WY/edit>

Sample Position Papers

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TJP2C1VcBH1uKKUfipVCBLuFzGsIKfUJjsFy1Dnlnac/edit>
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jvBly_buqAXEcTJKcaRMdnSoAWK7emGPrsDb08QiDC4/edit