

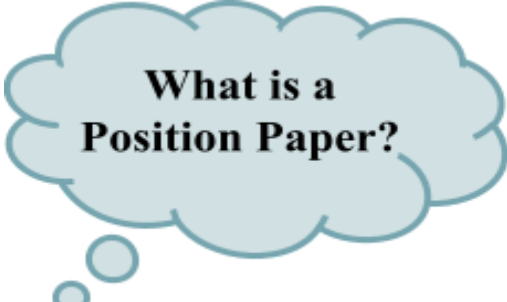
Position Paper, Speech, and Resolution Guide

Position Papers Summary

- Three paragraph essay
- A way to organize and streamline your research pre-conference
- Outlines the situation, stances, and solutions
- Preparation for the conference
- A place to brainstorm
- Part of award considerations

PRO TIPS

- The background guide is the best starting place
- When struggling, use the guided questions
- Give yourself time to read & research
- Print TWO copies out before conference
 - One turned in to chair, the other to use for debate
- Length: One page, typed, single-spaced page for each topic, and MLA formatting
- Don't forget a works cited



What is a Position Paper?

A position paper is a three paragraph essay that you will write simply outlining the situation in your specific conference room as a whole. The paper will go into depth on the situation in your specific country, and solutions that your country would agree with. The third paragraph of this paper is very similar to what your speech should look like. In order to write this paper, it is very important that you first conduct research on your country using the Background Guide and outside resources. Having this understanding of your topic and country will make it much easier when it comes time to write. Start by referencing the Guided Questions portion below the and use the other resources provided as needed to complete your paper.

Writing a Position Paper

What should each paragraph include?	Our answer/guiding questions:
<p>Paragraph #1 History of the Topic</p>	<p>The first section of your papers should discuss the background of the topic. This section should NOT merely be a re-statement of your background guide. Instead, it should elaborate on the issue on a global scale. This paragraph should be a general summarization of your nation's GENERAL point of view, but should not be country-specific.</p> <p><u>Guiding Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What are the fundamental issues at hand? ● Why have these problems arisen? ● What is the history of this issue on a global scale?
<p>Paragraph #2 History of Your Country's Position on the Topic</p>	<p>The second paragraph is where you begin to be <u>country-specific</u> in terms of summarizing information. You should address the history of your topic and how it has specifically impacted your delegation as well as what your nation has done in order to combat the issue. You should also expand on what your country has done on an international level and elaborate on what nations your delegation has worked with and had conflicts with.</p> <p><u>Guiding Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Is the topic an issue in your country? ● What actions has your country done to address the issue on a national level? ● What general positions have you taken in the past? ● Which actions have been successful for your nation, and in what areas is further improvement needed?
<p>Paragraph #3 Proposed Solutions to the Topic</p>	<p>The final portion of your paper should discuss the various solutions that your nation would like the UN to consider. Remember, this solution should aim to target as many other delegations as possible. You should not solely be focusing on the gain of your own nation, but on something that would be a suitable solution for a variety of different nations with differing opinions as well.</p> <p><u>Guiding Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How do you feel the UN should address this issue? ● What specific actions would you like to see taken? ● What solutions would you support in a resolution? (Broad concepts) ● What remedies does your country oppose? ● Furthermore, how will your nation's specific stance on this issue match up with other countries' positions?

Position Paper Example:  United Arab Emirates- COPUOS

Speeches

Writing a Speech

FAQs	Answers:
What is a speech in Model UN?	In Model UN, a speech is one of the first things to take place in the schedule of a conference. It is an opportunity to not only introduce your delegation's stance on the topic at hand, but hear other nation's perspectives on the issue as well. A minute long speech is recommended for this conference, but will vary depending on the conference/motion
What should my speech include?	In general, your speech will be a restatement/summarization of your third paragraph. A speech is optional, but we strongly recommend that you prepare one. You can begin your speech with a formal greeting and brief introduction (2-3 sentences) of your delegation's stance on the issue. Then you will jump straight into the restatement of your <u>third paragraph</u> where you will introduce your idea of a solution. Look on https://freshmun2021.weebly.com/all-about-freshmun.html for additional resources on writing a speech.

Basic Speech Format:

Esteemed chairs and honorable delegates,

[Insert a hook, or a compelling statement]

[Make your point, do so by using a modified version of your position paper's 3rd paragraph]

[Close your speech with a call to action, urge your audience to do something. EX: Write a note, create a resolution, consider your point.]

I yield my time to the chair.

Resolution Guides

Resolution guides are written during the conference

Understanding that (Write problem)

Bearing in mind that (Name any issues other countries might have)

This committee suggests that the United Nations pass a resolution to (Write solution to problem)

Keep in Mind: The United Nations can not force any country to do anything it merely suggests solutions

Possible Phrases for Resolutions AKA Operative Phrases

- Calls upon
- Confirms
- Condemns
- Encourages
- Endorses
- Expresses its hope
- Considers