



# Position Paper Guidelines

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the position paper is to give a brief explanation about your country's position on the topic and present it to the whole committee. The position paper also helps you organize your ideas and conduct research on the topic. Furthermore, it states the solutions your delegation wishes to implement.

## **Structure**

Position papers contain only three paragraphs. The first paragraph states the problem your committee is discussing, relevant information about your committee and past actions by the United Nations towards this issue. The second paragraph talks about the relationship between your country and the issue. This can include the causes of the problem, actions taken by your nation and/or any other relevant information involving your country. Finally, the third paragraph consists of the solutions that your delegation proposes to address the given problem.

## **Wording**

Keep in mind that personal pronouns such as "I", "you", and "me" are not allowed, instead, delegates should use words like "we", "us", "my country", "my delegation", or your country's name. A position paper should also include your committee's name, the given topic, your delegation, your name, and your school.

## **Sources**

It is only acceptable if a position paper's information is found through reliable sources. For example, the United Nations homepage, Encyclopaedia Britannica, academic journals, newspapers, etc. The sole purpose of this is to ensure that the research used is completely real and backup with reliable data.



# A Good Position Paper Contains:

## **Heading:**

**Committee:** Security Council

**Topic A:** Ensuring the accountability of private security companies operating in conflict areas

**Country:** Mexico

**Delegate:** Guillermo Maldonado Martinez

**School:** San Roberto International School

## **Paragraph 1: Background**

Provide brief and general background information about the topic that is being addressed by the committee. In a very general way, state why the topic is important. Provide some statistics or make reference to reliable documents or authorities on the subject.

## **Paragraph 2: Your Delegation**

Clearly state your country's official opinion regarding the problem or issue. A country's policy on a given issue is best supported by relevant examples of what has recently been done by the government.

## **Paragraph 3: Proposed Solutions**

State proposed solutions or actions that your country would like to see implemented by the committee. The solutions must be appropriate to the country's policy, be realistic given the nation's resources and possible within the scope of the committee and/or the scope and principles of the United Nations.