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# Position Paper Guidelines

## Introduction and General Guidelines

A Position Paper is a document that emphasizes a delegation's stance on the topic being discussed. It is a country's formal expression of their perspective regarding the topic and provides the rest of the delegates with information about the country's policies, regulations and approach on relevant regional and global issues. It convinces delegates that the perspective presented is a correct path they can pursue and develop.

Throughout the proceedings of the CancunMUN Conference, the Speaker's List serves as an opportunity for delegates to present their Position Papers to the committee. However, it is not necessary to read directly from the Position Papers, and delegates may choose to prepare another speech. During this time, delegates must listen and take notes, contributing to a rich debate.

The Position Paper is essential for the conference because it determines the country's point of view while paving the way for alliances with different delegations. The Position Papers have a specific structure that should be respected and followed comprehensively. This document should contain the history and current situation regarding the topic, but it should also suggest realistic solutions that the committee has the power to pass and implement. The Position Paper must maintain professional and formal vocabulary since this is a conference for diplomats, and the delegates must display knowledge on the topic.

Delegates should be careful with the information they use and the language they display, especially if the topic is sensitive. Lastly, remember that the Position Paper is one of the most important documents in the conference and should be written with effort.

- [Click here](#) for the video guide on how to write position papers

## Position Paper Writing

In Model United Nations, the process of writing a Position Paper entails specific and thorough research on the topic at hand and the delegation's position on said topic. The structure of the Position Paper should be followed thoroughly and carefully as it is displayed below.

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Complete Committee Name

Country's Flag

Topic Name

US Senate=US Flag

Name of Chair/Director/President - Director/Presidente

Senado=Logo de Partido

Name of Co-Chair/Moderator/VP - Moderador/Co-Presidente

Delegate's Name

Official name of country being represented

Delegate's School

### 1st Paragraph:

- The first paragraph must contain a brief history on the topic being discussed. This shows the country's stance, how the issue started, what the country has done to reduce the conflict at hand, and the impact it has had socially, politically and economically.

### 2nd Paragraph:

- The second paragraph should contain the current situation, what the country is currently doing to resolve the issue, the United Nations' involvement on the topic, some information about NGOs and their involvement, and how it is impacting the country in today's world.

### 3rd Paragraph:

- This paragraph should entail the country's proposals to resolve the solution at hand. These should be realistic, congruent and among the capabilities of the committee.

### Content:

- We recommend a maximum of two pages for content.
- One whole page should be dedicated to the sources (works cited in MLA format).
- Sources must be in alphabetical order.
- The Position Paper must be written in MLA Format with each paragraph indented.

**MLA Format:**

- Times New Roman font.
- Size: 12 pt.
- Double line & paragraph spacing (heading can be single-spaced).
- 1 Inch page margins.
- No page numbers required.
- **White** background with black text.

[Click here for more information on MLA.](#)

[Click here for assistance generating citations.](#)

Note: One position paper is required for each topic.

**Failure to turn them in in a timely manner will disqualify you from winning awards.**