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How to Write a Position Paper

Writing a position paper is one of the first challenges of participating in a Model UN Conference, and one that many new delegates find daunting. However, if you follow these directions, you will find that writing a position paper is a useful way to organize your thoughts and prepare for the conference.

A position paper is 1 to 2 pages long at most, and its purpose is to serve as a clear and concise reference for your country's position on the agendas at hand. A well written paper will include a brief introduction, a comprehensive fact-based synopsis of the country's position, and suggestions for a resolution.

Elements of a Good Position Paper

A well written position paper has three important elements:

1. **Clear and concise language.** The primary use of your position paper is to serve as a succinct but comprehensive reference for yourself and fellow delegates. It must be easy to read.
2. **Thorough overview of your country's stance.** What has been your country's historical stance on the agenda? How do these issues affect your country, and what are your country's policies?
3. **A statement of what your country proposes for the resolution.** Given your country's position on the agendas, what does it propose for the resolution? A clearly organized outline of your country's goals will help you during the conference.

Form and Format

Organization is crucial for distilling the complicated issue of the agenda into about one-and-a-half pages. While it may be simpler to think of your position paper as an essay, perfect wording and flowery prose is not required -it is much more useful to include important facts, quotes, and statistics. You will want to reference your position paper during speeches and debates -try to keep it simple and easy to scan. Simple and concise paragraphs will be more helpful than overly dense writing. While relevant and informative statistics are crucial elements of a position paper, graphs and charts should not be included. Your position paper should be sent as an attachment in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format to pp@kmun.net. The subject line should include your name, name of your committee, and country (ex. Hong Gildong -UNDP-ROK).

Things to Remember

- *Send the Position Paper by January 18, Monday, 11:59PM (KST) to kmun@kmun.net
- *Any plagiarism will result in an automatic zero for the entire paper.
- *Graphs and charts are not allowed; the pertinent information should be paraphrased.
- *The only file formats accepted are .doc, .docx, and .pdf. .hwp is **not accepted**.
- *The file name should be in the format of "Hong Gil-dong -UNDP-ROK".