

Position Paper Overview

Position Paper Submission

Position papers will be required for all GA/ECOSOC committees in order to be eligible for awards. Crisis committee delegates will not be required to write and submit position papers in order to win awards. All GA committees will be offering one Best Position Paper award. In order to submit your position paper for TMUN 2023, please send an email to delegateaffairs@tmun.ca with the position paper attached as a file.

Definition of a Position Paper

A position paper is a written document that outlines a country's stance on a particular issue. Position papers provide a brief overview of a country's foreign policy, outlining their views and opinions on the topic at hand. Position papers are usually between 1-2 pages in length and are written from the perspective of the country that the delegate is representing.

Structure of a Position Paper

A position paper should consist of four main paragraphs. The first paragraph should include an introduction and unbiased description of the two committee topics. The second paragraph normally includes a description of the topic at hand and how the country the delegate is representing has been involved with the topic in the past. For example, a delegate representing Egypt in a committee with the topic set to water shortages in Africa could write about the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam. The third paragraph should outline the country or delegate's stance on the issue, including any proposed solutions to the issues. Finally, the last paragraph should act as a concluding paragraph to the position paper.

Position papers should be written double-spaced in a 12-pt Sans Serif or Serif font.

Identifying Your Country's Interests and Goals

When writing your position paper, it is important to consider your country's interests and goals within the committee. Consider how the issue at hand impacts your country and what outcomes your country hopes to achieve. For example, a country which benefits from illegal arms smuggling should not support hardline measures to prevent smuggling.

Citations

All sources should be cited in MLA format on a separate page at the end of a position paper.

Example Position Paper

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