



Dear HAMMUN Delegates,

The goal of writing a position paper is to show your chairs (and yourself) that you have researched your committee topics, and have a general understanding of how your country intends to handle the various dilemmas that will be touched on in your committee sessions.

Content

A position paper should accomplish three goals: (1) it needs to show your countries unique understanding of the problem at hand, (2) it needs to show your countries previous relationship to the topic (preferably with relevant examples), and (3) it needs to show policies and ideas that you, as a delegate of your country, would like to promote and implement, in order to improve the status quo.

A minimum of one paragraph should be devoted to each of the aforementioned goals, and there should be clear transitions from paragraph to paragraph. The policy outlined in the final section of your position paper should show your ideas as to how to solve the problem associated with the committee topic (as you should have specified in your first paragraph), and should be justified by your country's past history and relation to the topic. All of the sections of your position paper should show how your additional research furthers your understanding of what was written in committee the study guides (the common starting point, but by no means the only research necessary, for all delegates in a committee).

Formatting

While there are many ways to write a position paper, and position paper guidelines vary from conference to conference, the HAMMUN position paper requirements are as follows: **Each topic's position paper take up no less than two-thirds of an A4 page, and exceed no more than a full A4 page for each of the two topics.** This means roughly a page and a half to two pages overall. Position papers should be 1.5 spaced, font size 12, font style Times New Roman.

Timeline

Position papers can be received as of November 15th. Papers sent until November 25th will receive feedback from the chairs. Papers received between the 26th – 28th will still be eligible for the best position paper award, though receiving feedback will be up to your chairs. Position papers received after November 29th will not be eligible for any awards.

Submission

You must submit your position paper as a PDF document via e-mail. The e-mail addresses for each committee can be found below.

Award Policy

Please be aware that awards for outstanding performance in a committee can only be given to Delegates' who have handed in a position paper by November 28th. Furthermore, the best position paper in each committee will be lauded.



To conclude, while you do not need to fully commit yourself to what you write in your position papers, it is important that you show the chairs the general direction from which your policies will be operating. It is thus strongly advisable that you do not write something that will end up contradicting your actions or the speeches you give during the committee sessions.

I wish you all the best of luck for these final days of preparation and cannot wait to meet you all in Hamburg this December!

Good luck and see you at HAMMUN 2017!

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