



HamMUN 2018

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POSITION PAPER GUIDELINES

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These are guidelines to help you write your position paper. A position paper is a document that discusses the topic from perspective of the country that you are representing. A position paper summarizes your country's policy and proposes solutions for the topic that you are discussing in your committee.

CONTENT

The main aim of a position paper is to present how the topic affects your country, what actions your country has taken, and what further solutions your country can offer. Remember that a position paper should always be in relation to your country. This is not a report or a research paper, but rather a presentation of how the issue is important in relation to your country and where your country stands on the issue. The following will present a brief outline of how your position paper should be structured:

SECTION 1: BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE TOPIC BEING ADDRESSED.

- This section briefly discusses the current issue of the topic with some background information to support it. You can reference UN documents or actions that have taken place as well as NGO reports etc. This section is mainly to present the topic in regards to your country and why it is important to your country.

SECTION 2: COUNTRY'S POSITION.

- This section will highlight and explain your country's policies and position on the topic. You may include the actions that your country has taken in response to the topic. These actions may be international or domestic steps. You could include UN resolutions, international treaties or conventions, measures adopted in domestic policy or international actions.

SECTION 3: SOLUTIONS THAT YOUR COUNTRY IS PROPOSING.

- This section will focus on solutions that your country is proposing. It should be specific proposals that can be implemented on an international level. Remember that your country is proposing this to other Member States within their committee. You may also propose solutions that your country may not have developed, but is proposing through the practice of best shared practice or what they think might best be suited to solving the issue.

FORMAT

For HamMUN2018, position papers will be required to be formatted as follows:

- Each topic should be a minimum of two thirds of a A-4 page and a maximum of one A-4 page. The entire position paper should be no longer than two A-4 pages. Position papers should be 1.5 spaced, font size 11, font style Arial.



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TIMELINE

Position papers can be received as of November 20th. Papers that are received until November 25th will be given feedback. Papers received between November 26th – 28th will still be eligible for the best position paper award, but will not receive feedback. Position papers received after November 29th will not be eligible for a position paper award.

SUBMISSION

Position papers must be submitted as a PDF document via email. Committee email addresses for your committees will be updated in the near future.

AWARD POLICY

Position papers will be taken into consideration for outstanding awards in committees, but they will not be required in order to be eligible. Nevertheless, we would strongly encourage delegates to hand in a position paper. HamMUN 2018 will also be presenting Best Position Paper Award in each committee.