

POSITION PAPER



A position paper is a document presented by each delegate in which they portray 3 main things:

1. An introduction to the topic.
2. The position their delegation has regarding the topic
3. A proposal to address the issue based on their country's/delegation's position.
It is built in 3 paragraphs + works cited.

In the first paragraph, the following questions should be answered:

- What is the topic?
- Why is the topic important or relevant to the international community?
- Has this topic been addressed so far by the international community? How?

In the second paragraph, there should be a focus on their particular country, regarding the topic:

- Is your country involved or affected by the topic? How?
- What has your country done so far to address this topic? Internally and internationally.

In the third paragraph, delegates should use their creativity and analytical skills to present a proposal to address the topic from an international perspective, while keeping in mind the position their country holds within the topic.

Things to remember:

- The UN cannot get involved in internal policies (it cannot create or remove laws, or alter the internal systems of any country, because it would violate the principle of sovereignty.)
 - The only way it can affect policy is through a treaty that has to be ratified by the signing countries to include them in their legal framework.
- Avoid personal pronouns- I, you, he, she, it, we, they, me, him, her, us.
 - For example: instead of saying: "I think, I propose, I consider..." it should be substituted with: "My delegation thinks, The Russian Federation proposes, The Republic of France considers.."
- NO PLAGIARISM- make sure to cite properly- even when you paraphrase. (This includes in-text citations).
- It must be written in FORMAL language.
- Students should try to use their country's official name.

These links contain helpful information about researching and writing a position paper:

<https://bestdelegate.com/how-to-write-a-winning-position-paper/>

<https://bestdelegate.com/researchmap/>



FORMAT OF THE POSITION PAPER



The format of the document must be:

- Times New Roman
- Letter Size 12
- Single Spaced
- Citations in MLA Format
- The document must be justified.
- Each paragraph must begin with an indent.

A position paper is structured as an essay, which has an special heading which must include:

1. Delegate's Name
2. School's Name
3. Delegation
4. Committee Name
5. Topic

On the right side of the heading there must be the flag of your delegation.

On the next page there is going to be a position paper as an example.



Delegate: Oscar Andre Cervantes Cortez
School: The American School of Durango
Delegation: United States of America
Committee: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Topic: Displacement of Armenian and Azeri civilians
in the ongoing Nagorno-Karabakh conflict



The Nagorno-Karabakh conflict has taken place for a prolonged amount of time. This situation needs a resolution presented by the committee based on the high-value damages that are being made, this displacement conflict has caused civilians and military demise derived from the armed conflicts that have been taking place over time. On August 9, 2022, the Chargé d’Affaires Courtney Austrian stated to the Special Permanent Council in Vienna, “As we have said many times at the Permanent Council, the United States emphasizes the importance of a negotiated, comprehensive, and sustainable settlement of all remaining issues related to or resulting from the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict”. Furthermore, the delegation of the United States establishes itself as a neutral country in this conflict.

These misfortune events can have a great scale impact on the Middle East if the Azerbaijan invasion of Armenia takes place, based on this information, the delegation of the United States of America has taken action to try and address the issue by having a roundtable in 1988 with the United States Institute of Peace, in which area-studies specialists, academics, foreign-policy officials and representatives from both parties communicated to arrive to a settlement with common interests between the two countries. As to the mentioned international actions taken, the Minsk group led by the United States, Russia, and France tried to assemble negotiation talks that had no progress regarding the objective to come to a peaceful resolution.

The delegation of the United States proposes the committee consider Baku’s Five-Point Peace Proposal and the Armenian response which has been proven that both nations can get to agree as they had previously mentioned. The first consideration to be made is the recognition that the Republic of Armenia has never had and doesn’t have territorial claims against Azerbaijan, this can be ensured if the delegation of the Republic of Armenia makes an official declaration with the previous information. The second matter is the protection of the rights and freedoms of the Armenian people in Nagorno Karabakh, this can be ensured by keeping the Russian peace forces in the territory for a debatable amount of time and if both sides agree, there is the possibility to send more peace forces into the territory. The third attribute is the return of the Armenian prisoners of war and the unblocking of roads, which can be confirmed by a signed treaty with sanctions and supervision from the United Nations. The last information to consider is the refusal to use force and threats between the nations, which can also be secured and confirmed by a signed declaration from the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The United States of America is open to debate to accomplish a successful peace treaty between the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan with the support from the rest of the delegations in the committee to bring this conflict to an end.

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