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Position paper guidance:

What is a position paper?

- It is an outline of your country's position on a topic
- It should be around one side of A4, around four paragraphs long
- Your ticket to Model UN!

Why do you need one?

- Position papers demonstrate the research you have done in preparation for the conference
- It will help you throughout the day as you can use your research in the debates
- There is also an award for the best position paper in each committee



How to write a position paper

STEP 1 – Read the briefing paper

- The directors and chairs of your committee will have prepared a briefing paper, found on the HWS MUN website (www.hwsmun.org)
- It will outline the role of your committee and give you guidance on what research you will need to do, but only use it as a guide, remember, it is for the whole committee, your position paper is just for you!

STEP 2 - Research

- After reading your briefing paper you should know what you will be discussing in debate, which will help you know what areas to cover in your research
- On the HWS MUN website and at the end of your briefing paper there are a number of links to useful websites and ideas for research areas to help begin your research

STEP 3 – First draft

PARAGRAPH 1: INTRODUCTION

- How the issue effects your country?
- Your country's policies with respect to the issue and its justification for the polices
- Quotes from your country's leaders about the issue (optional)
- Statistics to back up your country's position on the issue

PARAGRAPH 2: ACTIONS TAKEN BY YOUR GOVERNMENT ON THE ISSUE

- Conventions and resolutions that your country has signed or ratified that relate to this issue
- Legislation within your country relating to the issue

PARAGRAPH 3: SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

- What your country believes should be done to address the issue in the future

PARAGRAPH 4: WHAT YOUR COUNTRY WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE IN THE COMMITTEE'S RESOLUTION

- How the position of other countries affects your country?

STEP 4 – Send it to us!

- Send your position paper to your director (email admin@hwsmun.org and it will be forwarded to them), and bring a printed copy with you on the day
- Remember to use the information and research that you have found on the day!

