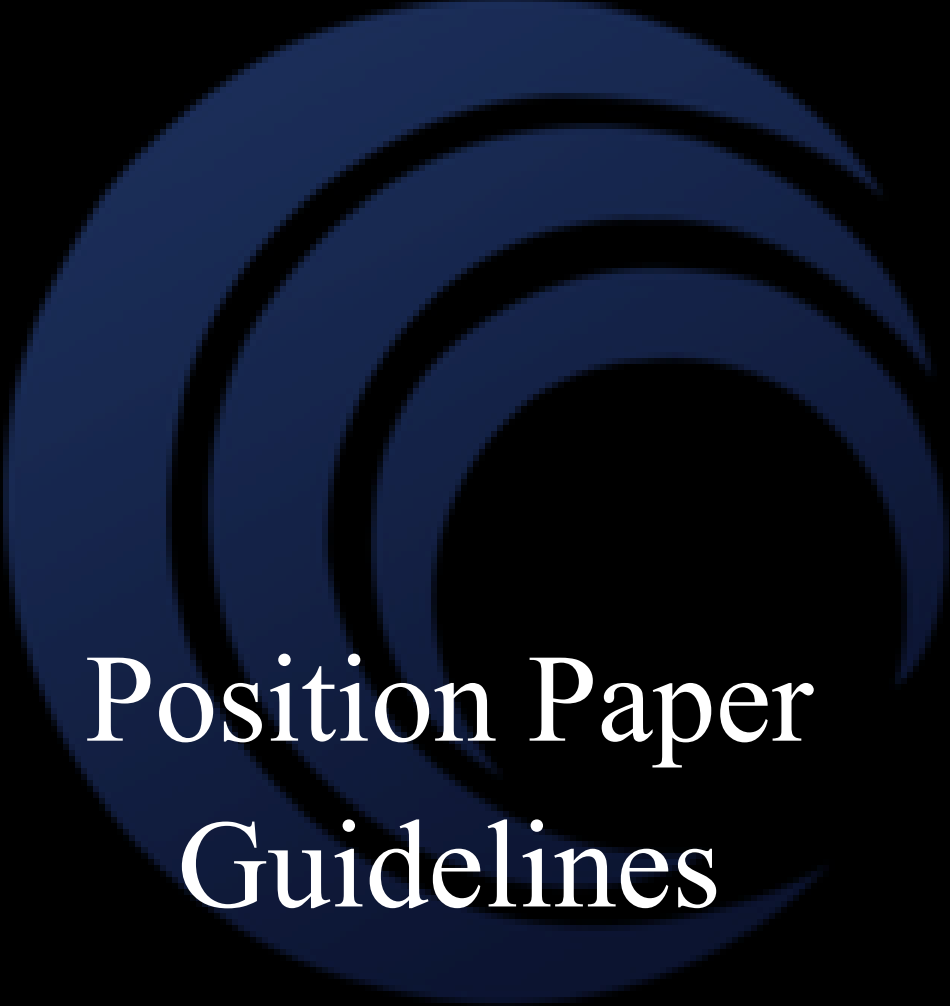




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START THE WAVE

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Position Paper  
Guidelines

## **Introduction and General Guidelines**

A Position Paper is a document that emphasizes a delegation's stance on the topic being discussed. It is a country's formal presentation on their perspective regarding the topic and provides the rest of the delegates with information regarding the country's policies, regulations and approach on severe regional and global issues. It works on convincing delegates that the perspective being presented is a correct path that they can pursue and develop.

Throughout the proceedings of the CancunMUN Conference, the delegates will each present their Position Paper when the motion to open the Speaker's List is made. During this time, delegates must listen and take notes in order to have a rich debate that radiates knowledge. The Position Paper is an essential element for the conference because it determines the country's point of view while also paving the way for future alliances with different delegations.

The Position Papers have a specific structure that should be respected and followed thoroughly. This document should contain the history and current situation regarding the topic, but it should also suggest realistic solutions that the committee has the power to pass and implement. The Position Paper must maintain professional and formal vocabulary since this is a conference for diplomats and the delegates must display knowledge on the topic. Although, delegates should be careful with the information they use and the language they display, especially if the topic is sensitive. Lastly, remember that the Position Paper is one of the most important documents in the conference and should be written with effort.

## Position Paper Writing

In Model United Nations, the elaboration of the Position Paper entails specific and thorough research on the topic at hand and the delegation's position on said topic. The structure of the Position Paper should be followed thoroughly and carefully as it is displayed below.

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Complete Committee Name Country's Flag  
Topic Name (US Senate: US Flag, Senado: Partido Político)  
Chair/Director/President - Director/Presidente  
Co-Chair/Moderator/Vice-President - Moderador/Co-Presidente  
Delegate's Name  
Country being represented  
Delegate's School

### 1st Paragraph:

- The first paragraph must contain a brief history on the topic being discussed. This shows the country's stance, how the issue started, what the country has done to reduce the conflict at hand, and the impact it has had socially, politically and economically.

### 2nd Paragraph:

- The second paragraph should contain the current situation, what the country is currently doing to resolve the issue, the United Nations' involvement on the topic, some information about NGOs and their involvement, and how it is impacting the country in today's world.

### 3rd Paragraph:

- This paragraph should entail the country's proposals to resolve the solution at hand. These should be realistic, congruent and among the capabilities of the committee.

### Content:

- We recommend a maximum of two pages for content.
- One whole page should be dedicated to the sources (sources in MLA Format).
- Sources must be in alphabetical order.
- The Position Paper must be written in MLA Format with each paragraph indented.

**MLA Format:**

- Times New Roman
- Size: 12
- Double Line & Paragraph Spacing
- 1 Inch Page Margins

[Click for more information on MLA,](#)

[Click for assistance on generation citations.](#)

Note: One position paper is REQUIRED per topic. Failure to turn it in in a timely manner will affect your chances at winning awards.

