

Sample Position Paper

Delegation

Name of Student, School

Position Paper for XY (forum/committee/commission)

*At hand you will find how to write a Position Paper which is a document you have to write in order to prepare yourself for the upcoming conference. A position paper mainly consists of three aspects: summary of the issue, your country's opinion including measures that have already been taken and possible as well as realistic solutions in accordance with your country's opinion. Your prepared Position Paper will help you during the debate as you are fully aware of your country's position. Furthermore, you are required to send your Position Paper to your Student Officers before the conference. The respective deadline will be announced. This Position Paper document is the official format to be used. Thus, you are to use 'Times New Roman' as font featuring a font size of 12. The document requires a **headline** (as above including your delegation, name and school) and a **title** stating your forum (e.g. Position paper for the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly). Afterwards, the issues of the forum have to be presented and you may include your country's aim for the debates, e.g.:*

The issues before the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly of the Model United Nations of Hamburg conference 20XX are: Discussing the reformation of the Security Council; Finding measures to ensure equal contribution of manpower to the peace keeping forces of the United Nations from all member states; The question of diplomatic immunity. Fully aware of the importance of the given issues, the delegation of XX will remain diplomatic and negotiate peacefully.

Now you will write the 'actual' Position Paper starting with a sub-title followed by your researched information:

I. Discussing the reformation of the Security Council

Start by giving a brief introduction to the named issue and shortly elaborate its importance to be debated. Next, introduce your country and explain its connection to the topic. Therefore, take into account actions that have already been taken on national level. Afterwards, list measures taken on an international level, including resolutions, conventions, declarations that your country support. Moreover, answer the question of what your country's most important goal is in regards to the given topic. Additionally, you may include quotes taken from speeches delivered by government officials, government representatives and/or heads of governments. You may also point out statistics regarding the issue. Finally, develop suggestions of solving the issue in accordance with your country's interests. Repeat the procedure for all issues of your forum.

II. Finding measures to ensure equal contribution of manpower to the peace keeping forces of the United Nations from all member states

And so on...

III. The question of diplomatic immunity

And so on...

