

Opening Speech Guide

Overview:

- Now that you have written your Position Paper, it's time to take the most important pieces and create an Opening Speech.
- Your speech is given during formal debate on the Speaker's List and gives the Chair and other delegations your country's basic position on the topic and possible ideas for resolutions
- You should speak for NO LONGER than 90 seconds, and remember to yield your time at the end of the speech

Tips:

- Follow the structure of your Position Paper
- Use clear, concise language
- Practice your speech at home and with your partner

Your opening speech is your introduction of yourself and your country – make it a good first impression!

1. Introduction:

“Good morning Honorable Chair and Esteemed Delegates...”

The country of _____ feels that the issue of _____ is:

- Explain why it is important to the United Nations
- Explain why it is also important to your country
- Talk about statistics that illustrate the problem in your country

2. Domestic and International Action:

This committee should understand that due to these problems the country of _____

- Explain the effects of the problem on your country
- The government of _____ has been trying to deal with the issue of _____ by:
- Talk about actions your country has taken on a national level to address the problem
- Talk about actions your country has taken on an international level

3. Future Action and Resolutions:

- The country of _____ encourages the committee to:
- List your recommendations for the committee, which will be what you want to see in the resolutions at the end of the debate

4. Conclusion

In conclusion, the delegation of _____ believes that:

- Summarize your statements.

“Thank you Honorable Chair and Esteemed Delegates, (We yield our time A: To the chair B: To the delegation of.....)”