



ETHS Position Paper Format

Header:

Delegate Name:

Country Name:

Committee Name:

Topic:

Format Your Paper with the Following:

- Closely followed the position paper format: Times New Roman, size 12 font, single-spaced, including header, 1 inch margins
- Left justified, indented paragraphs underneath subheadings
- correct 4-part structure,
- works cited page.
- Chicago-style citations/footnotes or MLA

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- Four sections are clearly labeled:
 - I. Background:
 - Historical background and causes of the problem
 - What nations are directly involved with or affected by the issue?
 - What effect does this problem have on the international community?
 - II. UN Action
 - How is the UN involved? How did it originally become involved, and what actions has the UN taken on this issue? (i.e. resolutions, conferences, aid contributed, etc.?)
 - Organizations, NGO's and other UN-affiliated groups which are involved in the situation.
 - III. Country Policy
 - Section begins with a clearly stated position of your country's government
 - Your nation's involvement (if any) with the topic
 - Your nation's past actions regarding the topic (i.e. voting records, resolutions sponsored, conferences attended, and conventions signed.)
 - IV. Proposals/Solutions
 - Your nation's proposals or plans in dealing with the issue
 - Propose creative ideas that can be physically enacted
 - Include specifics, such as timelines, costs, manpower, etc.

***When emailing position papers, please post the link and include your country in the subject line**



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- **Background:**
 - Fully explored the background of the issue including the nature of the issue,
 - historical background of the issue,
 - the specific causes or contributing factors of the issue,
 - the effects of the issue on the countries involved.
- **UN Action:**
 - Fully contextualized the problem with past UN involvement including past UN documents,
 - the dates of the documents,
 - quoted textual evidence from the documents,
 - explanation of the impact of the documents.
- **Position:**
 - Fully claimed and defended the position of your government by including a stated position,
 - your country's involvement in this issue,
 - evidence of your position from your government as a primary source,
 - and/or direct evidence of your country's position through affiliation with other countries.
- **Solutions:**
 - Fully proposed a solution to this issue that includes practical plans that can be physically enacted,
 - objectives of those plans,
 - plans that are within the capabilities of the UN,
 - plans that are consistent with your country's position.