



STOCKTON MODEL UN CHECKLIST FOR NMUN CONFERENCES

Note: Please use the NMUN website for your city at <https://www.nmun.org/index.html>

Section I: General Information & Key Documents for Conference Work

NMUN & Delegate materials:

- ☐ [How to Do Well at a Model UN Conference](#) - Best Delegate Guide
- ☐ [Background Guide](#) for your committee - have this downloaded from the NMUN website!
- ☐ [NMUN Delegate Prep Guide](#)
- ☐ [NMUN Rules Guide](#) & [Short version](#)
- ☐ [NMUN Conduct Expectations & Formal Dress Code](#)
- ☐ Review before you go: [Model UN 101 Google slide](#)

Speeches

- ☐ THREE Pre-written speeches: Agenda setting speech; Opening speech for each topic; At least 1 solution oriented speech from your position paper
- ☐ Blank speech templates: [Hook speeches](#) and [Framing speeches](#)
- ☐ Review before you go: [Speeches 101 Google slide](#)

Working Papers & Resolutions:

- ☐ [Official list of UN clauses](#)
- ☐ [Basics for UN Resolutions](#)
- ☐ [NMUN Template for Working papers](#) (get the updated one for your conference on nmun.org)
- ☐ Review before you go: [At the Conference: Working Papers & Groups 101 Google slide](#)

Position Papers

- ☐ A copy of your own!
- ☐ Position Papers from key allies (hint: Download and print the position papers from allies, countries with good ideas, and any country you might be interested in working with. Do NOT plagiarize other papers! Use these to quickly forge interests and begin drafting working papers using their ideas + your ideas)

Section 2: Your Country's Positions & Speeches

- ☐ [Country's blocs & allies](#)
- ☐ [UN Members on the Record](#) - website w/ all UN activities for your state
- ☐ Suggested language to use when communicating your country's foreign policy
- ☐ **Copies of recent speeches & press releases from your country on your topics:** speeches are the ways that policy-makers set policy. Be sure to use speeches and press releases from people in the executive branch of your country's current government (President, Prime Minister, Foreign Minister / Secretary of State, Ambassadors).

- ☐ **Voting records of your country for Specific Treaties/Resolutions heavily cited in the Background Guide.** Actions speak louder than words. For example, if your topic includes the Paris Agreement you should know if your country is a signatory and if it has ratified the agreement yet, Signing is NOT the same as ratifying, so you need to know both. You also need to know if your country has voted "yes", "no", or "abstain" on UN resolutions pertinent to your topic. If your country's leaders have not clearly articulated a policy on your topic, then you can infer it from how your country has voted on past resolutions, treaties, and conventions (or whether they were even present). Note that recent speeches may indicate a change in policy away from however your country has voted in the past, especially if your government has changed administrations. Nonetheless, you still want to know how your country's past actions on the topic, for your own knowledge, and in case anyone asks.

Section 3: Research on your Topics

- ☐ **Recent News Articles on your topic.** You want to know the latest news on your topics, as well as your own country. The simplest way to do this is to run searches on Yahoo! News and Google News, and print out the headlines. BBC Online also features easy-to-use timelines and profiles on your issues and country. Large publications like the New York Times and Wall Street Journal also have in-depth coverage on their websites.
- ☐ **Reports & Blog Posts about your topic from think tanks.** Organizations like [Brookings](#), [Council on Foreign Relations](#), [Center for Strategic and International Studies](#) (CSIS), [RAND](#), & others are paid to come up with solutions to the topics you discuss in Model UN. Think tank publications have more depth and evidence than an opinion article, but they're typically not as dense as an academic paper. They might also be pushing a certain agenda, so be aware of that. Otherwise, they are a great starting point for proposing potential solutions.
- ☐ **Select Academic Papers about your topic.** These are tough reads and the information is way too dense for Model UN. But they are probably the most insightful and rigorously edited sources you will find online. You can use Google Scholar to find papers. Don't spent time trying to process a paper the way you would do for a class. Read the abstract and skim the paper for ideas that you can use in committee.
- ☐ **OPTIONAL: Hard copies of select resolutions, treaties, and documents heavily cited in the Background Guide:** Before you can do anything on the topic, you need to know what's already been done (for example, if you're on the NPT committee you should have a hard copy of the actual NPT)