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## Position Papers

**Position papers are due at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, February 15** in PDF form to your committee's email, which can be found in the topic synopsis. **Position papers are only required to be considered for research awards, not committee awards.** Late submissions will not be scored or considered for awards unless the delegation has received an extension. After you submit your position paper, please check your inbox for a submission confirmation from the committee dais. If you do not receive a confirmation within 48 hours of your submission, please reach out to [rosaryacademymun@gmail.com](mailto:rosaryacademymun@gmail.com).

## Requirements

- Proper grammar and style (15% of score)
  - A header on each page with the delegate's committee, topic, and country. Delegate names should not be included anywhere on the paper.
  - Page numbers
  - 12 pt. font (Times New Roman or other clearly legible font)
  - 4 pages maximum (not including Works Cited)
  - Any spacing is acceptable (except for the Works Cited page that should be double-spaced and follow MLA format)
  - Well-written paper with sophisticated sentence structure and few misspellings or grammatical errors
- Four sections (clearly labeled)
  - Background (15% of score)
    - Provide a brief history of the issue, including specific, factual examples or statistics addressing the aspects of the issue that are most important today.
  - United Nations Involvement (15% of score)
    - Describe and analyze the efficacy of UN publications, campaigns, etc. that have intended to address the issue.
  - Country Policy (20% of score)
    - Explain your country's legislation, programs, initiatives, partnerships, and actions (or lack thereof) that demonstrate a clear stance on the issue.
  - Solutions (25% of score)

- Provide multiple detailed, feasible, thorough, and creative solutions that consider the issue on a global scale.
- Use the “Questions to Consider” portion of your background guide to help!
- A Works Cited page in proper MLA format (10% of score)
  - For assistance, use [Purdue University’s Online Writing Lab](#).
  - Avoid common mistakes; make sure to remove hyperlinks, include the date accessed for websites, and alphabetize entries.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any plagiarized or AI-generated position papers will result in ineligibility for *any* awards (not just research awards), and advisors will be informed. RAMUN does not use online detectors that erroneously flag writing for AI.

## **Committee Presentations**

**FOR NOVICE COMMITTEES**, the Speaker’s List has a speaking time of 1:30 min with two comments of 30 seconds each after each speech.

**FOR ADVANCED COMMITTEES**, the Speaker’s List has a speaking time of 2:00 min with two comments of 30 seconds each after each speech.

All opening speeches are **substantive**, meaning that delegates should introduce their country policy and proposed solutions during their speeches rather than speaking generally about the topic’s history. Please note that the chair will not be entertaining formal amendments to resolutions at any time during committee (amendments are sometimes components of substantive debate).

Handouts, inappropriate jokes, videos, slideshows, and tumbling are not allowed during speeches, and using any will result in a deduction of points. If you are questioning whether something is allowed, do not do it or use it. However, creativity is encouraged!

**BOTH NOVICE AND ADVANCED COMMITTEES ARE NO-TECH EXCEPT FOR DRAFTING AND PRESENTING RESOLUTIONS. THE CHAIR WILL INFORM DELEGATES WHEN DEVICES MAY BE USED.**

**RAMUN stresses diplomacy and teamwork above all else.** If a delegate is found to be speaking over other students or cutting others off when they are speaking, an immediate

deduction of diplomacy points will ensue. Everyone should get a chance to speak in unmoderated caucuses; dominating a discussion by speaking the most is not considered leading at RAMUN. Rather, lead by introducing new ideas, expanding on others' points, and by being a kind, diplomatic delegate.

RAMUN does **not** score unmoderated caucuses or presentation of resolutions. Unmoderated caucuses are only evaluated for diplomacy.

RAMUN also encourages quality over quantity; we would rather delegates speak a few times and have something of value to say than speak several times and fumble through their comments. That being said, pre-writing resolutions or comments in collaboration with other delegates from your school is unacceptable and unfair to other delegates.

### **Awards**

In addition to the standard Research, Commendation, Outstanding, and Best Delegate awards, RAMUN gives a Diplomacy award to one delegate in each committee. A delegate may win a maximum of two awards.

Scoresheets will be distributed to advisors two weeks after the conference.

### **Courtesy Expectations**

Due to the sensitive nature of some committee topics and country beliefs, RAMUN expects all delegates to speak and act appropriately; belittling or harassment (especially of any ethnic or religious groups) will not be tolerated, and the delegate(s) at fault will be asked to leave the conference.

For any questions, please contact [rosaryacademymun@gmail.com](mailto:rosaryacademymun@gmail.com).